

DAD AND THE CAT AND THE TREE

QUESTION BANK

1. What were the narrator's father plan to try to climb the tree?
2. Where was the ladder kept?
3. What was the plan A?

4. Was the plan B successful?
5. How was the plan C foiled?
6. Why did the narrator's father dismissed his wife's warnings every single time.
7. Who finally saved the cat?
8. Why was Dad sure he wouldn't fall?

9. Which phrase in the poem expresses Dad's self-confidence best?
10. Describe Plan A and its consequences?
11. Plan C was a success. What went wrong then?

12. The cat was very happy to be on the ground. Pick out the phrase used to express this idea.
13. Describe the cat and Dad's situation in the beginning and at the deft of the poem.
14. Why and when did Dad say each of the following?
(i) fall?

- (ii) never mind
- (iii) funny joke
- (iv) rubbish

15. Do you find the poem humorous? Read aloud lines which make you laugh.

Reference to Context

Question 1.

This morning a cat got
Stuck in our tree.
Dad said, "Right, just
Leave it to me."
The tree was wobbly,
The tree was tall.

Mum said, "For goodness'
Sake don't fall!"

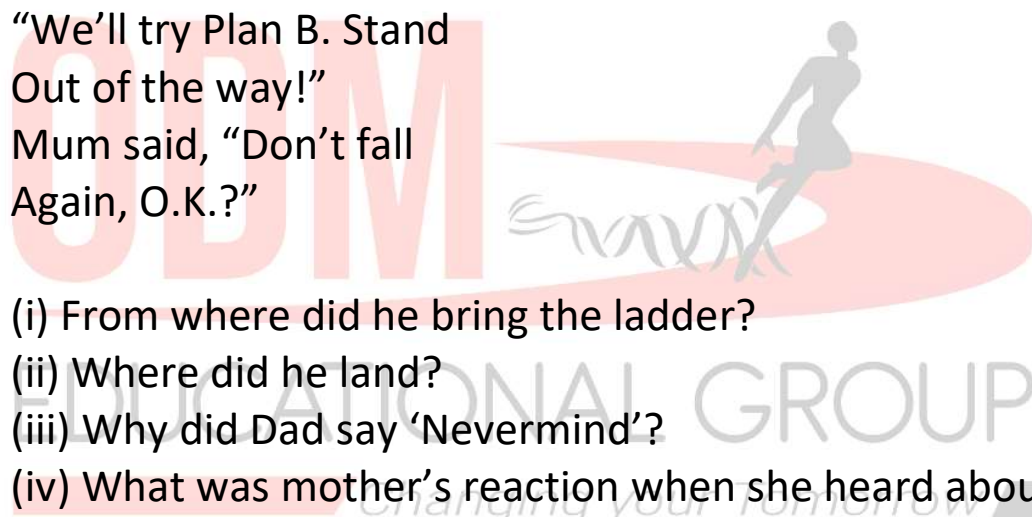
"Fall?" scoffed Dad,
"A clipiber like me?
Child's play, this is!
You wait and see."

- (i) Who is 'me' in the above lines?
- (ii) What was the information given about the tree?
- (iii) Why was the mother scared?
- (iv) How can you say that father was confident?

Question 2.

He got out the ladder
From the garden shed.
It slipped. He landed
In the flower bed.
“Never Mind,” said Dad,
Brushing the dirt

Off his hair and his face
And his trousers and his shirt,
“We’ll try Plan B. Stand
Out of the way!”
Mum said, “Don’t fall
Again, O.K.?”

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- (i) From where did he bring the ladder?
(ii) Where did he land?
(iii) Why did Dad say ‘Nevermind’?
(iv) What was mother’s reaction when she heard about plan B?

Question 3.

“Funny joke!”
Then he swung himself up
On a branch. It broke.
Dad landed wallop
Back on the deck.

Mum said, “Stop it,

You'll break your neck!"
 "Rubbish!" said Dad.
 "Now we'll try Plan C.
 Easy as winking
 To a climber like me!"

- (i) What was 'Funny joke' for dad?
- (ii) What happened when he climbed again?
- (iii) What was mother's reaction when he fell?
- (iv) How much easy was the 'Plan C'?

Question 4.

Then he climbed up high
 On the garden wall.
 Guess what?

He didn't fall!

He gave a great leap
 And he landed flat

In the crook of the tree-trunk
 Right on the cat!

The cat gave a yell
 And sprang to the ground,

Pleased as Punch to be
 Safe and sound.
 So it's smiling and smirking,
 Smug as can be,
 But poor old Dad's
 Still Stuck Up The Tree!

- (i) Why do you think he climbed on the garden wall?
- (ii) Where did he land?
- (iii) What did the cat do to save itself?
- (iv) Who turned out to be victorious?

