

LITERATURE

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH
CHAPTER NUMBER: 3
PERIOD NUMBER : 2
CHAPTER NAME :DAD AND THE CAT TREE
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CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Recitation of the poem
- Being acquainted with poem and poet's biography
- Understanding the idea
- Appreciate the language of the poem
- Developing LSRW Skills

INTRODUCTION TO THE POET



Born: 17 June 1944 (age 76 years),
Crockham Hill, United Kingdom

Nationality: English

Kit Wright (born 17 June 1944 in Crockham Hill, Kent) is the author of more than twenty-five books, for both adults and children,[1] and the winner of awards including an Arts Council Writers' Award, the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize, the Hawthornden Prize, the Alice Hunt Bartlett Prize and the Heinemann Award. After a scholarship to Oxford University, he worked as a lecturer at Brock University, St Catherine's, in Canada, then returned to England and a position in the Poetry Society. He is currently a full-time writer.

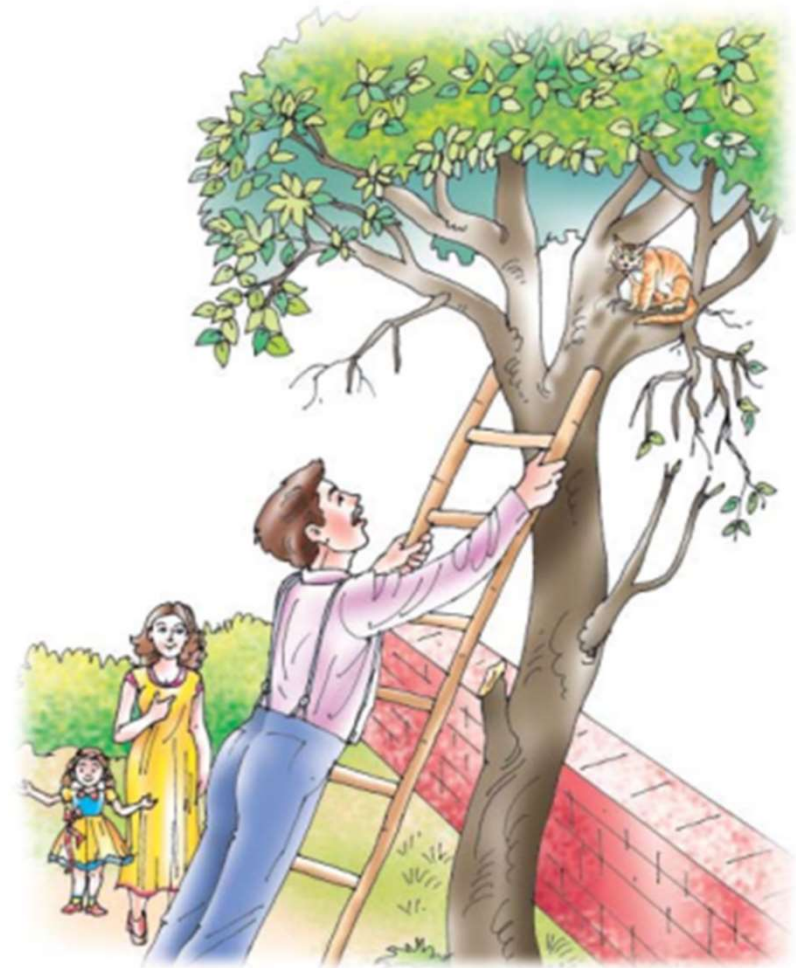
THEME OF THE POEM

One morning, a cat got stuck in the tree. The narrator's dad decided that he will easily be able to take care of it. Narrator's father decided to climb the tree. His wife warned him that he might fall, but ignoring her warnings he climbed the ladder, slipped and fell.

Having fallen once, he thought of trying again, another way. Yet again ignoring his wife warnings, he swung himself up on a branch. The branch broke and again he fell. Not giving up still, the father climbed up the garden wall. Luckily this time he did not fall.

However, the moment he sprang unto the tree the cat jumped to the ground, safe and sound.

Poor father, on the other hand, got stuck in the tree.



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Have you ever seen a cat climbing a tree? Sometimes a cat may climb too high and get stuck in the tree. The poor thing can't come down without help. How would you help it? Surely, not like Dad in the poem. Is Dad a good climber? What were his plans? Read the poem to find out.



EXPLANATION OF THE 8th STANZA

“Dad landed wallop’ Back on the deck.

Mum said, “Stop it, You’ll break your neck!”

- Poet reiterates the narrator’s mother’s intervention.
- The narrator’s father again fell on the ground.
- The narrator’s mother begged him to stop as he might break his neck from falling again and again.

EXPLANATION OF THE 9th STANZA

“Rubbish!” said Dad. “Now we’ll try Plan C.
Easy as winking; to a climber like me!”

- The poet highlights how the narrator’s father refuses to give up.
- The narrator’s father, then, decided to try Plan C.
- He was still confident that being a great climber he would succeed.

EXPLANATION OF THE 10th STANZA

“Then he climbed up high; on the garden wall.

Guess what? He didn’t fall!”

- The poet shows the father trying yet another plan.
- The narrator’s father climbed up the high garden wall and this time he did not fall.

EXPLANATION OF THE 11th STANZA

“He gave a great leap; and he landed flat
In the crook of the tree-trunk- Right on the cat!”

- The poet describes that finally the narrator’s father succeeds.
- The father, with a great leap, finally landed on the tree top, right on the cat.

EXPLANATION OF THE 12th STANZA

“The cat gave a yell; and sprang to the ground,
Pleased as Punch to be; Safe and sound.”

- The poet humorously ends the poem.
- The moment the father landed on the cat, the cat screamed with fear and sprang to the ground. Landing smoothly on the ground, it seemed content with itself.

EXPLANATION OF THE 13th STANZA

“So it’s smiling and smirking,
Sung as can be; But poor old Dad’s
Still; Stuck; Up; The: Tree!”

- The poet describes the father’s poor state.
- The narrator describes that having safely landed on the ground, the cat was smiling arrogantly, while his father got stuck on the tree
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VOCABULARY

- GLOSSARY
- wobbly: unsteady
- for goodness' sake: an exclamation expressing protest
- scoffed: laughed mockingly
- child's play: very easy to do
- landed wallop: fell heavily
- pleased as Punch: very pleased
- safe and sound: unhurt

Home Assignment: Pronunciation Junction. Page 44,one page handwriting

Activity: Recitation of the Poem

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