



LITERATURE

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CHAPTER NAME :DAD AND THE CAT AND THE TREE
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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



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.

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

Nationality: English

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 onto the tree the cat jumped to the ground, safe and sound.

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



https://youtu.be/D-ZIK_hj_c4

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 1ST STANZA

“This morning a cat got; Stuck in our tree.

Dad said, “Right, just; leave it to me.”

- The poet showcases how the narrator’s father takes the responsibility of dealing with the cat.
- The narrator discusses that one morning a cat got stuck in the tree.
- His father told him that he will manage to drive away the cat.

EXPLANATION OF THE 2nd STANZA

“The tree was wobbly, The tree was tall.
Mum said, “For goodness’ Sake don’t fall!”

- The poet describes the narrator’s mother’s concern for her husband.
- Since the tree was unstable, the narrator’s mother was full of doubts as to how easy would it be for her husband to climb the tree.
- Therefore she warned him that he might fall.

EXPLANATION OF THE 3rd STANZA

“Fall?” scoffed Dad, “A climber like me?
Child’s play, this is! You wait and see.”

- The poet discusses how the narrator’s father laughed away his wife’s warnings.
- Listening to his wife’s warnings, the narrator’s father was quite surprised.
- He dismissed away these warnings by saying that he was a good climber and climbing the tree was as easy as a child’s play.

EXPLANATION OF THE 4th STANZA

“He got out the ladder; From the garden shed.
It slipped. He landed; In the flower bed.”

- The poet highlights how the narrator’s mother’s fears prove to be true.
- The narrator’s father brings out a ladder from the garden shed.
- But, it slipped and father fell on the ground.

EXPLANATION OF THE 5th STANZA

“Never mind,” said Dad, Brushing the dirt
Off his hair and his face
And his trousers and his shirt,”

- The poet describes the father gathering back his energy.
- The narrator’s father brushes off the dirt from his hair and clothes, cleans his face and begins to think about another plan to drive away the cat.

EXPLANATION OF THE 6th STANZA

“We’ll try Plan B. Stand; Out of the way!”

Mum said, “Don’t fall; Again, O.K.?”

- The poet shows how the mother seems to be dissatisfied with the Plan B as well.
- The narrator’s father decides to try Plan B.
- His wife, however, again warns him, that he might fall again.

EXPLANATION OF THE 7th STANZA

“Fall again? Said Dad.; “Funny joke!”

Then he swung himself up; On a branch. It broke.”

- The poet showcases how the narrator’s father again dismisses his wife’s warning.
- The narrator father muses away his wife’s warning.
- Still laughing, he swung himself on a branch, but the branch broke and he again fell on the ground.

VOCABULARY

- GLOSSARY
- Stuck: unable to move, or set in a particular position, place
- Climber: a person who climbs mountains as a sport
- Ladder: a piece of equipment used for climbing up and down, that consists of two vertical bars or pieces of rope joined to each other by a set of horizontal steps
- Slipped: to slide suddenly and without intending to
- Dirt: dust, soil, or any substance that makes a surface not clean
- Swung: to move easily and without interruption backwards and forwards or from one side to the other, especially from a fixed point, or to cause something or someone to do this
- easy as winking: Extremely easy, simple, requiring very little skill or effort.
- Crook: a bent part of something, esp. the inner part
- Yell: to shout something or make a loud noise, usually when you are angry, in pain, or excited

Home Assignment: Reading A, Page 40, one page handwriting

Activity: Recitation of the Poem



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