

## DAD AND THE CAT AND THE TREE

### Get Going

1. Let us find the answers from the poem.

1. Match the plans that Dad hatched with the fate they met.

Ans: Plan A: fell in the flowers bed

Plan B: branch broke, fell on his back

Plan C: landed on the cat and got stuck on the tree.

2. How did dad try to save the cat first time?

Ans: Dad tried to save the cat the first time by using a ladder to reach it.

3. What was Plan B?

Ans: Plan B was to swing himself up on a branch and reach the cat. However, the branch from which he was trying to swing broke and he landed back on the deck.

4. Describe Plan C. Why did it fail?

Ans: Plan C was to climb the garden wall and jump onto the crook of the tree trunk where the cat was stuck. He executed the plan successfully and landed in the exact spot. In fact he got on the cat. The cat yelped and jumped off the tree. Dad, however, got snuggled in the crook and got stuck there.

B. Let us read between the lines.

1- What kind of a person do you think Dad was? Substantiate your answer with lines from the poem.

Ans: I think that was an overconfident person because every time mum warned him against doing something he boldly answered back using phrases like "child's play this is!" and "Easy as winking". At the same time Dad is persistent because every time he fails he makes a different plan and tries to execute it.

2- What was mum's role in this narrative? Why did dad heed her advice?

Ans: Mum repeatedly tried to warn Dad of the possible dangers of climbing the tree but Dad did not pay attention and held to it.

c. Let's us go beyond the poem.

1- Which of three plans do you think was the best? Why?

Ans: That's plan C seems to be the best as he was almost able to execute the plan successfully. It couldn't be through because he banded directly on the cat which made the cat yelp and jump off the tree.

2- What would you do if you had to help the cat.

Ans: I would have probably arranged for a ladder to reach the branch where the cat was stuck.

A, 5- Find an idiom from the poem that means 'extremely delighted'.

Ans: An idiom is a word or phrase which means something different from its literal meaning. Idioms are common phrases or terms whose meaning is changed but can be understood by their popular use. Please as punch is an idiom used in the poem that means 'extremely delighted'!

## No. \_\_\_\_\_ Vocabulary Junction.

1. Read these lines from the poem

1. Identify the two-part verbs in the following sentences.

- a- Jackhammer, back,
- b- looking for
- c- opting for
- d- catch on

2. Choose the correct two-part verbs from the box to complete the sentence.

Put on brought up put off take down tried on

- a- Put on
- b- Brought up
- c- Put off
- d- Take down
- e- Tried on