

Unit 2: How the Dog Found Himself a New Master!

NCERT · Class 6 · English

Working with the text

Question 1

Why did the dog feel the need for a master? (1, 2)

Solution

Answer: The dog felt the need for a master because he was tired of wandering about all by himself and being scared of those who were stronger than him. So, he decided to have a master who was stronger than anyone on the entire earth.

Question 2

Who did he first choose as his master? Why did he leave that master? (3)

Solution

Answer: He chose the wolf as his first master. He left the wolf as his master because the wolf was scared of the bear. The dog wanted to serve a master who was stronger than anyone on the earth. So, he left the wolf.

Question 3

Who did he choose next? (5)

Solution

Answer: He chose the bear as his master.

Question 4

Why did he serve the lion for a long time? (8)

Solution

Answer: He served the lion for a long time because he had no complaints. He was safe as the lion was the strongest beast and no one dared to touch the dog.

Question 5

Whom did he finally choose as his master and why? (9, 10)

Solution

Answer: He finally chose man as his master. This is because even the lion, who was the fiercest beast, was scared of humans. This convinced the dog that man was the strongest of all.

B. A summary of the story is given below. Fill in the blanks to complete it taking appropriate phrases from the box.

a dog, stronger than anyone else, the strongest of all, a wolf, the bear, afraid of man, his own master, a lion

This is the story of _____, who used to be _____. He decided to find a master _____. First he found _____, but the wolf was afraid of _____. The dog thought that the bear was _____. After some time the dog met _____, who seemed the strongest.

He stayed with the lion for a long time. One day he realized that the lion was _____. To this day, the dog remains man's best friend.

Answer: This is the story of **a dog**, who used to be **his own master**. He decided to find a master **stronger than anyone else**. First he found **a wolf**, but the wolf was afraid of **the bear**. The dog thought that the bear was the **strongest of all**. After some time the dog met **a lion**, who seemed the strongest.

He stayed with the lion for a long time. One day he realized that the lion was **afraid of man**. To this day, the dog remains man's best friend.

Speaking

Question 1

Here are some points from a similar story that you might have heard in another language. Dividing the class into two groups try and tell the story in English. One person from each group can speak alternately. Your teacher will help you. As you tell it, one of you may write it down on the board.

A Mouse Maiden

- mouse changed into a girl by a magician...
- wants to marry the strongest person...
- asks whether sun or cloud stronger (why?)...
- but mountain stronger than clouds (how?)...
- but mouse stronger than mountain (how?)...
- girl asks to marry mouse, becomes a mouse again.

Solution

Answer: Do it yourself.
