

Class 6th English Chapter 1 A Tale of Two Birds

I.SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1.How did different company affect the character and behaviour of the two birds?

Ans: The two birds were brothers. But they got separated when a storm blew. One came down near a cave where robbers lived. The other landed outside a rishi's ashram. The former learnt the language of the robbers. The latter learnt to welcome the strangers sweetly. Thus, their company shaped their behaviour.

2.What amazed the king as he stood near the cave?

Ans: The king heard a big brown bird on the tree, calling out to the robbers to come and loot the stranger.

3.How did the other bird greet the king?

Ans: The other bird welcomed the king to the ashram. Gently he requested the king to make himself comfortable in the ashram.

II.LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Narrate the tale of two birds in your own words.

Ans: Once there lived a mother bird in a forest. She had two new-born chicks. One day a storm came with thunder and lightning. The mother bird was killed. But the baby birds were blown away to the other end of the forest. One lived in the company of robbers. The other stayed with a rishi. One day a king heard them speak. The one asked the robbers to loot and kill the king. The other noble bird welcomed him sweetly in the ashram. They behaved differently because of the company they kept.

2. How did the king reach the rishi's ashram? Why did the two birds behave with the king differently?

Ans: The king came to the forest to hunt a deer. He rode after the game and lost his way. Tired, he stood near a cave. One bird informed the robbers to rob the traveller of his jewels and his horse. The king sensed danger and rode away. Soon he came to a rishi's ashram. He sat down in a tree's shade. He was amazed to hear another bird's voice. It requested him to enter the ashram and rest. The two birds were real brothers, but one became a crook in the company of robbers. The other became gentle in the company of the rishi. The holy man told the king that one's good or bad company makes one noble or wicked.