

# The Monkey and the Crocodile – Important Questions

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**Q. Where did the monkey live?**

**Ans.** Monkey lived in a tree laden with fruits, on the bank of a river.

**Q. When he saw a crocodile what did he say?**

**Ans.** He asked crocodile if he lived in that river.

**Q. What did crocodile reply?**

**Ans.** Crocodile replied that he had come there in search of food for himself and his wife.

**Q. What did crocodile say to the monkey?**

**Ans.** The crocodile asked the monkey if he would get some more on his next visit.

**Q. What did crocodile finally decide?**

**Ans.** The crocodile finally decided to side with his wife as she was his life-partner.

**Q. What did the monkey say, where the heart was?**

**Ans.** According to monkey the heart was on the tree.

**Q. What did monkey suggest?**

**Ans.** Monkey suggested that they should go back to the tree to get the heart.

**Q. How did crocodile feel when this friendship was cropped?**

**Ans.** The crocodile felt very sad and shed some tears which were genuine, and turned to go back home.

**Q. What did the crocodile's wife do to get her illogical and unreasonable demand accepted by her husband?**

**Ans.** The crocodile's wife was very angry and she dived deep inside the water to hide herself at the bottom of the river. She even left her little ones to trouble their father.

**Q. What was the monkey's reaction?**

**Ans.** The monkey was scared and distressed. He knew his life was in danger. But he was very wise. He kept his cool and quickly thought of a plan.

**Q. What advice did the monkey give to the crocodile on reaching back to his tree?**

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**Ans.** On reaching back to his tree, the monkey plucked a few fruits and threw them down towards the crocodile telling him to go and give them to his wife. Fruits are good for the mind and body more than a monkey's heart. He bade him good bye and told him never to meet again.

**Q. What did crocodile says to the monkey when they reached in the middle of the river?**

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**Ans.** The crocodile could not hide his intention and when they reached in the middle of the river he said, "I have to go underwater now, I've brought you here to kill you. My wife cannot survive without eating your heart."

**Q. Describe in your own words the fight between the crocodile and his wife.**

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**Ans.** The crocodile's wife was angry when he had overstayed with the monkey and she had to look after the baby crocodiles alone. She asked him who this friend was. The crocodile told her about the monkey and said that he was very nice as he used to send fruits for her. She then demanded to eat his heart. The crocodile shouted at her and refused to deceive his friend. She asked the crocodile to bring the monkey to her but he refused. She got angry and dived deep into the river.

**Q. The monkey decided to discontinue his friendship with the crocodile. Do you think he is justified in this action?**

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**Ans.** Yes, the monkey is completely justified in his action as he was deceived by his friend, the crocodile, that is why he decided to discontinue his friendship with him. The crocodile invited the monkey for a meal to his home with an evil intention, but the monkey did not know about it so he agreed, but the crocodile told him in the middle of the river that his wife wanted to eat his heart. The monkey was scared. but he kept his mind cool. The monkey made a plan at once and said he was ready to meet the demand, but he had left his heart on the tree. So they would have to go back to get the heart from the tree. The foolish crocodile turned back and reached the tree on the river bank. At once, the monkey jumped on the tree and saved his life. He broke his friendship with the selfish crocodile. Now, they were no more friends at all.

**Q. What is your opinion about the crocodile's decision to kill the monkey? Support your answer logically.**

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**Ans.** In my opinion, the crocodile took the wrong decision when he decided to be on the side of his wife. He must not have done so. He decided to kill the monkey just because she was his life-partner and wanted to eat his heart while monkey was his true friend, but he was ready to commit a crime to kill his friend for his wife. The crocodile must have discussed the issue with his wife and made her realise the importance of friendship in

one's life before taking the extreme step. He must have not taken such step even if she was not ready at any cost. The crocodile lost his friend forever after the incident. Thus, the monkey was quite right to break the friendship.

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