

field. He made them take their position in such a way that there was a hedgehog at both the ends of each row of barley plants.

At mid-day, the hedgehog and the ostrich met at the barley field and the race started. The ostrich began at the first row. He took long strides and soon reached the end of the row. He was surprised to see a hedgehog already there, waiting for him.

‘So you have reached,’ said the hedgehog to the ostrich.



The ostrich was so surprised that he did not reply. He ran back along the next row.

Again when he reached the end, he found a hedgehog waiting for him.

The ostrich could not tell the difference between one hedgehog and another and believed that he had been beaten. This happened several times.

When he reached the end of the last row, he found a hedgehog sitting there also.

The hedgehog was fresh and smiling.

The ostrich could not understand how he had been beaten by a stumpy little hedgehog. He went away on his tired, sore feet and buried his head deep in the sand.

—Adapted

D.3. On the basis of your reading the story, complete the following statements.

- (i) One beautiful morning, a hedgehog met an _____
- (ii) The ostrich did not greet the hedgehog because he _____

- (iii) It was decided to run the race at mid-day because _____

- (iv) Every time the ostrich reached the end of the barley row, he found _____

- (v) The hedgehogs at the end of barley rows were actually the original hedgehog's _____
- (vi) The last hedgehog was fresh and smiling because _____

- (vii) On the other hand, the ostrich was tired and had sore feet because _____



D.4. The story brings out different characteristics of the ostrich and the hedgehog. Draw lines to match their qualities.

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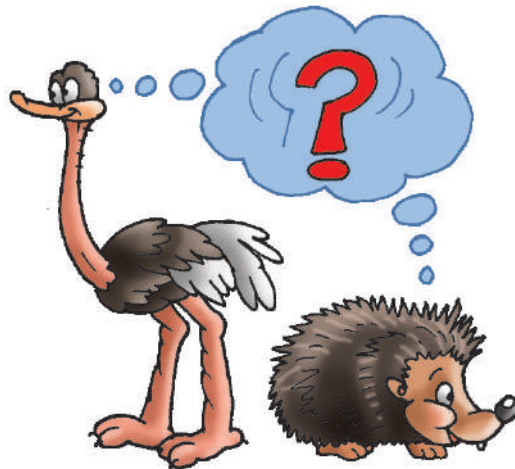
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Write below the qualities along with sentences from the text that prove that the hedgehog and the ostrich possess these qualities.

Ostrich	Hedgehog

D.5. Find words from the story which mean the same as the following:

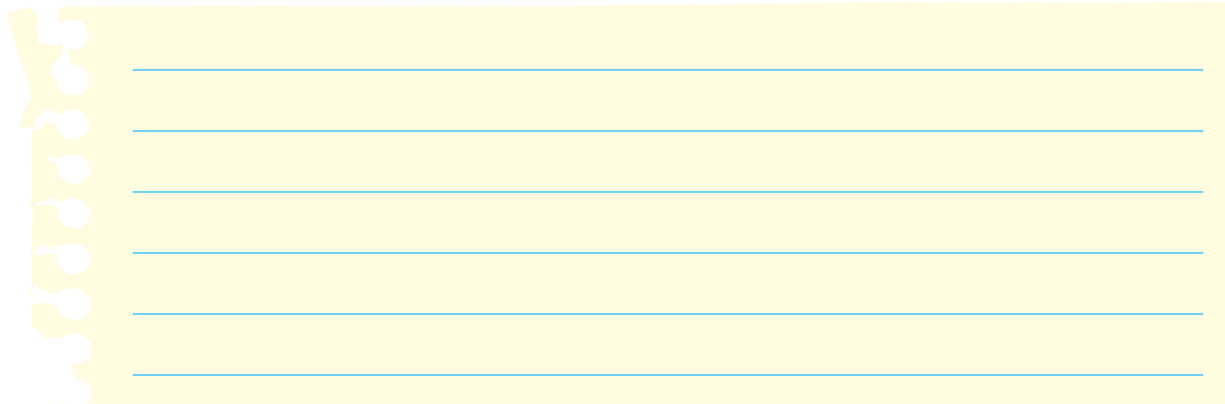
- (i) a cereal plant _____
- (ii) border _____
- (iii) short and thick _____
- (iv) noon _____
- (v) long steps _____
- (vi) pain from injury _____



D.6. Use the above words to fill in the blanks.

- (i) The baby sleeps from _____ to evening.
- (ii) The boy was standing at the _____ of the mountain.
- (iii) Ravi saw a _____ field in the village.
- (iv) After the fight, the boxer had _____ muscles.
- (v) The giant took long _____ to catch the naughty dwarf.

D.7. Imagine that you are the hedgehog. In a short paragraph describe how you fooled the ostrich.



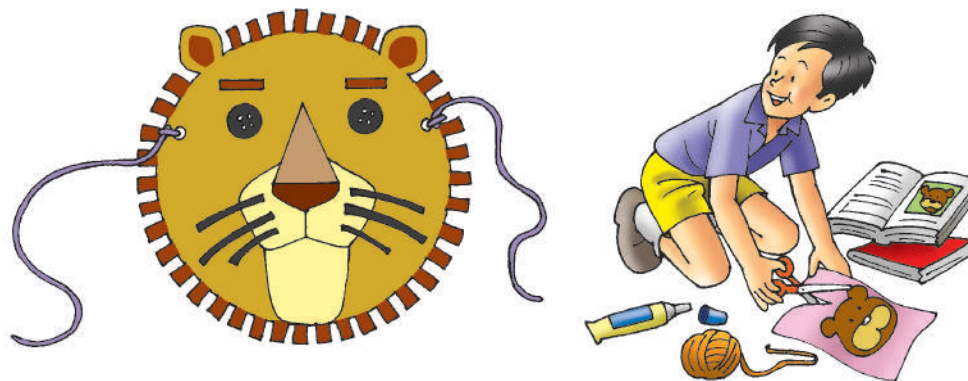
D.8. Value Based Question

What lesson do you learn from the story? Choose from the following:

- We should not look down upon others.
- We should make fool of others.
- It is important to be clever.
- We should love our family.

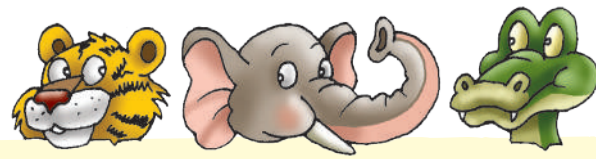
Give reasons for your choice.

D.9. Find pictures of your favourite animals. Look in books, magazines and encyclopedias. Prepare the mask of an animal you like with the help of these pictures. You may use buttons, stiff card, yarn or other materials to make it.



D.10. Prepare a small speech to be given in the school assembly on WILDLIFE DAY on 'Live and Let Live'. You can consider the given points.

- We share the same planet.
- We have no right to harm them.



Dear Friends



Listen to the audio CD, titled *Listen & Comprehend* (Class-III). After listening, answer the questions verbally. Thereafter, complete the given questions. The tape script is also given on page no. 30.

E.1. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements.

- (i) Bats are mammals that can fly.
- (ii) Bats eat food during the day.
- (iii) Owls cannot see clearly at night.
- (iv) The mother kangaroo feeds its babies with fish.
- (v) Crocodiles eat birds called water dikkops.

E.2. Tick (✓) the correct option.

- (i) The baby of a kangaroo is called—
 calf joey cub
- (ii) Dwarf goby is about _____ centimetre long.
 one three two
- (iii) The whale shark is the _____ fish.
 smallest biggest longest
- (iv) _____ eats insects that disturbs crocodiles.
 dwarf goby whale shark water dikkop



Read it Yourself

▶ ARJUNA'S FRIENDS OF THE FOREST

Arjuna, the best warrior among the Pandavas was looking for some peace and quiet.

There are too many of us in the palace. It's so peaceful here in the forest. I can be alone and think.

If only these mosquitoes would leave me alone!

I'll break off that branch and use it to drive them away!

In addition to his 100 Kaurava cousins, he had four brothers who were rough and tough.

But

Don't break this branch, brother! It supports my nest.

Nest? where?

Oh, there it is! I can see now!

It shelters my three little ones!

Don't worry! You and your little ones are safe! I wouldn't dream of hurting you!

Thank you! Someday I will return the favour!

Arjuna reached for a branch on another tree....