

4. The Old Lion and the Fox

Once upon a time, there was a lion. He grew very old. He was not able to hunt any animal for his food. So, he said to himself, "I must do something to satisfy (સંતુષ્ટ કરવું) my hunger (ભૂખ) otherwise I will die." He thought for a long time and at last he had an idea. He decided to lie down (અડા



પડવું) in the cave (ગુફા) acting to be ill. Any animal that came to see his health would become his food. The old lion put his wicked plan into practice and it started working. Many of his well-wishers got killed. One day, a fox came to visit the lion. We know that the foxes are clever by nature; the

fox stood at the entrance (પ્રવેશદ્વાર) of the cave and looked around. His sixth sense (ઈન્દ્રિય) worked and he came to know the reality. So, he called out to the lion from outside and said, "How are you, sir?" The lion replied, "I am not feeling well at all. But why don't you come inside?" Then the fox replied, "I would love to come in, sir! But I can see all foot prints are going to your cave and none is coming out. I would be very foolish to come in." Saying so, the fox went to alert (ચેતવણી) the other animals. All the animals thanked the fox.



PRACTICE

Read the sentences and write 'True' or 'False':

1. The fox was clever, so he did not enter the cave. _____
2. The lion was really ill. _____
3. The fox did not inform other animals. _____
4. The lions are clever by nature. _____

Answer the questions:

1. Did the lion's plan work ?

2. Write the names of animals from the story.

3. What happened to the animals that went to see the lion ?

Match 'A' with 'B':

A	B	Answers
house of a lion	sick	1.
not clever	aware	2.
ill	foolish	3.
alert	door	4.
entrance	cave	5.

