

Class - II

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Topic :: Lesson - 17, The Crocodile's Secret

Summary :- It is a very interesting story of school going crocodile, giraffe and other animals.

Croc, a crocodile lived near a swampy jungle. He used to go to school through the muddy, marshy jungle everyday. One day he saw a bush covered with purple berries. The berries were very delicious so he ate as many purple berries as he could.

Suddenly his friend giraffe, Spotty called him and laughed a loud seeing crocodile's purple face.

Croc washed his face but still the purple colour inside his mouth had not gone. Croc started crying and did not know what to do. Spotty had an idea. He covered croc's mouth with leaves and tied it up. And told croc not to open his mouth in school. And he gave a sheet of paper to show everyone. It said - 'Can't talk, have flu!'

Now Croc and Spotty went to school. The other animals felt sorry for the crocodile. Croc found hard to keep his secret as he couldn't smile or talk to anyone.

Suddenly a fly buzzed past Croc's nose,

Croc sneezed so loudly that the leaves covering his mouth fell apart. Now his purple mouth was visible to all. They all laughed and said, 'So that was the secret behind your flu'. Everybody made fun of him but his teacher took him to the dentist, Woody Woodpecker and got his teeth cleaned. Croc thanked the dentist and apologised to his teacher for telling a lie. He was happy now that he had no secret to keep.

I Difficult Words

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| 1. swampy | 9. rinsed |
| 2. juiciest | 10. stained |
| 3. delicious | 11. sneezed |
| 4. munching | 12. straight |
| 5. suddenly | 13. pretending |
| 6. exclaimed | 14. apologised |
| 7. reflection | 15. favourite |
| 8. laughing | 16. relieved |

II Word Meanings

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| 1. swampy | - wet and muddy. |
| 2. delicious | - tasty |
| 3. rinsed | - washed lightly |
| 4. stained | - coloured |
| 5. cross | - angry |
| 6. apologised | - said sorry |
| 7. relieved | - was free from anxiety, relaxed |

III Who said to whom.

1. 'Yummy!'

Ans. Croc said to himself

2. 'Croc, good morning! Aren't you getting late for school?'

Ans. Spotty, the giraffe asked Croc, the crocodile.

3. 'What shall I do?'

Ans. Croc asked Spotty.

4. 'So that was the secret behind your flu!'

Ans. Croc's classmates said to Croc.

stained	coloured
cross	angry
apologised	said 'sorry'
relieved	was free from anxiety; relaxed



A. Read Aloud

<u>rel</u> ieved	bel <u>ie</u> ve	ch <u>ie</u> f	g <u>rie</u> f	ber <u>rie</u> s
<u>sw</u> amp	<u>swe</u> et	<u>swe</u> ep	<u>sw</u> im	<u>sw</u> ear
<u>squ</u> elch	<u>sque</u> al	<u>squ</u> irrel	<u>sque</u> ak	<u>sque</u> eze

B. Understanding the Text

1. Rearrange the sentences in the correct sequence.

- a. Spotty covered Croc's mouth with leaves. 4
- b. The dentist cleaned Croc's teeth. 3
- c. Croc ate lots of delicious purple berries. 1
- d. Croc sneezed loudly and his mouth opened wide. 6
- e. Croc sang the loudest in the music class. 7
- f. Croc carried a sheet of paper, which said, 'Can't talk, have flu!' 5
- g. Spotty made fun of Croc. 2

2. Answer the following questions.

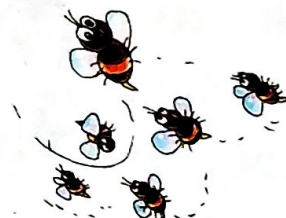
- Did Croc enjoy his walk through the marshy land? How can you tell?
- What did Croc do when he saw the bush of purple berries?
- Why did Spotty laugh at Croc?
- What was Spotty's idea?
- Why was everyone at school sorry for Croc?
- How did everyone discover Croc's secret?
- How did Woody Woodpecker help Croc?

C. Vocabulary Enrichment

- Croc picked a *bunch* of berries.

What do we call a collection of the following?

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| a. cards | d (i) shoal |
| b. keys | e (ii) library |
| c. bees | f (iii) fleet |
| d. fish | a (iv) pack |
| e. books | b (v) bunch |
| f. ships | c (vi) swarm |



- Make a list of words from the story that denote some sound.

Example. squelch.

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