

Tender Heart School, Sector 33B, Chandigarh
Class V Subject: Eng. Literature

Good Morning Students

Let us understand Chapter 4 (Poem)
"The Mouse and the Lion" written by
'Julia Donaldson',

Poem:- The Mouse and the Lion (Summary)

The lion and the mouse is a fable (A story which teaches a moral lesson and often has animals as the main characters).

The story in the poem is about a lion who catches a mouse in the forest and is about to eat it when the mouse begs for his life, promising to repay the lion's kindness some day. The lion amused by the mouse's bravery, lets him go. After a few weeks, the lion falls into a net laid by a hunter and is trapped. The mouse hears the lion's roar and helps him by cutting out the net with its sharp teeth. The moral of the story is that we should never look down upon the weak. Even the strongest may need the help of the weak.

Answer the following questions briefly:

Q1. Name the poem and the poet

Ans. The name of the poem is "The Mouse and the Lion." The poetess is Julia Donaldson.

Q2. Who lay down for a doze?

Ans. The lion lay down for a doze.

Q3. Quote the line which suggests it is summer?

Ans. The line which suggests it is summer is "In the hottest sun of the longest day."

Q4. What did the mouse offer to do^o if he was set free by the lion?

Ans. The mouse offered to help the lion whenever he needed.

Q5. What is the famous saying and what does it mean?

Ans. The famous saying is that "One good turn always deserves another" which means that kind acts never go unnoticed.

Q6. What is the moral of the story?

Ans. The moral of the story is that we should never look down upon the weak. Even the strongest may need the help of the weak.

Q7. What is a fable poem?

Ans. A fable poem tells a story with a moral lesson.

Q8. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

Ans. The rhyme scheme of the poem is
ababcb.