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Subject: English Literature

Class: VI

Chapter: 10 “Clever Tortoise”

Good morning students,

Today let us read and understand “Clever Tortoise” Chapter -10 in your English Reader.

In *The Clever Tortoise*, the animals living by Lake Nyasa, including Rabbit, Warthog, Lizard, and others, are disturbed by the boastful Elephant and Hippopotamus. One day, Elephant claims to be the strongest and begins trampling and damaging the bushes. The next day, Hippopotamus also boasts of her strength and causes chaos in the lake. Their behaviour frightens the smaller animals, who hold a meeting to find a solution to deal with the two bullies.

This is how a clever tortoise solved a problem between two big animals, the Elephant and the Hippopotamus. The story starts when Elephant and Hippopotamus both begin showing off how big and strong they are, which frightens the smaller animals. Elephant stomps around the bushes, and Hippo churns up the water, causing trouble.

The animals gather to discuss what to do about these two bullies, and Clever Tortoise comes up with a plan. He challenges both Elephant and Hippo to a tug-of-war, but tricks them by secretly tying the two ends of the same rope to each other, not to him.

The next morning, Elephant and Hippo both think they are pulling against the tiny tortoise, but in reality, they are pulling against each other. The tug-of-war lasts all day, and both animals struggle, surprised by the "strength" of the tortoise.

Finally, Tortoise cuts the rope, and Elephant falls, bumping his head, while Hippo splashes into the lake, scaring the fish. Tortoise then visits both of them, teasing them for thinking they could easily beat him.

The story ends with the smaller animals celebrating Tortoise's clever trick, and peace is restored among the animals.