

The Cub and the Leopard

Before you read the story

- How do young animals learn about the world?
- What happens when young animals do not listen to their parents?



Now read the story

How much did you understand?

On the first day of the story, the cub and the kid met.

Read the sentences and put them in the right order.

The cub said he had found a new friend.

They rolled in the grass and tried to catch butterflies.

The mother leopard said, "All leopards eat goats."

The leopard cub ran out to play.

The mother goat said, "When you see the leopard's cub you must run away."

The leopard cub said, "The kid is my friend!"

B. Describe the leopard cub and the kid goat

Make three complete sentences for the cub and three complete sentences for the kid.

Choose the endings from this list of six:

The cub.....

The kid.....

1 _____ liked
to run and jump.

2 _____ had
black spots.

3 _____ was
strong.

4 _____ had
bright eyes.

5 _____ had
golden fur.

6 _____ had
a long tail.

C. Who said what?

Match the mother leopard and the mother goat with the sentences they said.

The mother leopard said ...

The mother goat said ...

1 ... "Be careful. You must run away."

2 ... "Leopards eat goats."

3 ... "Bring him home and we will eat
him for dinner."

4 ... "Are you a leopard or a fool?"

5 ... "The goat's meat tastes good."

Did you find the ending that you can use twice?

D. Where? What? When? How?

Try to give your answers first from memory before you check with the story.

1. Where did the kid and the cub first meet?
2. Where did the cub want the kid to go on the second day?
3. What did the cub think when he first saw the kid?
4. What did the kid think when he first saw the cub?
5. When did the cub and the kid go to their homes?
6. When did the kid run away on the second day?
7. How did the mother leopard feel when her cub told her about his day?
8. How did the mother goat feel when her kid told her about his day?

E What do *you* think?

Think about the mother leopard and the mother goat.

Did they stop the kid and the cub being friends?

Did the mother goat want to protect her kid?

Did the mother leopard want to show her cub his true nature?

Was the mother leopard right to do this?

Which of the four animals did you like the most? And the least?

F. Now you retell the story.

Choose the animal that you liked the best. You could be the kid or the cub or the mother leopard or the mother goat. Retell the story from their point of view. Find a classmate or a friend to tell the story to.

You can start the story like this.

I am the ...

Hint: You may like to say what happened to you on the first day, and then what happened to you on the second day

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