

ACTIVITY - 1

Are you interested in animals? Here are some facts. Why not surprise your friends with all the animal knowledge you gather from here. May be you can quiz them and show them how smart you are...

- A rat can survive longer than a camel without water.
- Sharks are very healthy, as they are immune to all known diseases.
- Insects and fish have no eyelids. Hardened lens protect their eyes.
- The spine-tailed swift is the fastest bird, flying at the speed of 170 km/h.
- Squirrels accidentally plant millions of trees, as they bury their nuts and forget where they are.

Which of these animals do you think is best? Give them numbers 1 to 5. Then compare your list with your friends.

Rats Sharks Fish Swift Squirrels **ACTIVITY - 2**

Read the following poems. Guess who the animal is.

Who Am I?

White is my colour.
My fur is so fluffy
like no other.
Tail so bushy; nose
so pink.
Whiskers so long,
they make me
unique.
Pointed ears on top
of my head,
I can't wait until I am
fed
Who am I, What can
I be?

I am _____

I am an animal, you
really like the most.
The biggest on land,
You can truly boast.
With huge floppy ears,
a super long snout.
Wait till you hear me
SHOUT!

I am _____

Let's take a trip, just you
and me,
Through the blue and
sparkling sea.
I'll give you a ride upon
my tail.
You'll see what it's like to
be a blue _____.
We'll leap and dive and
chase the fish,
Then swim and splash as
long as we wish.
And when we're done and
playing in the icy deep,
We'll let the waves rock us
to sleep.
I am _____

Want to meet these three animals in a story? Here they are :

ACTIVITY - 3

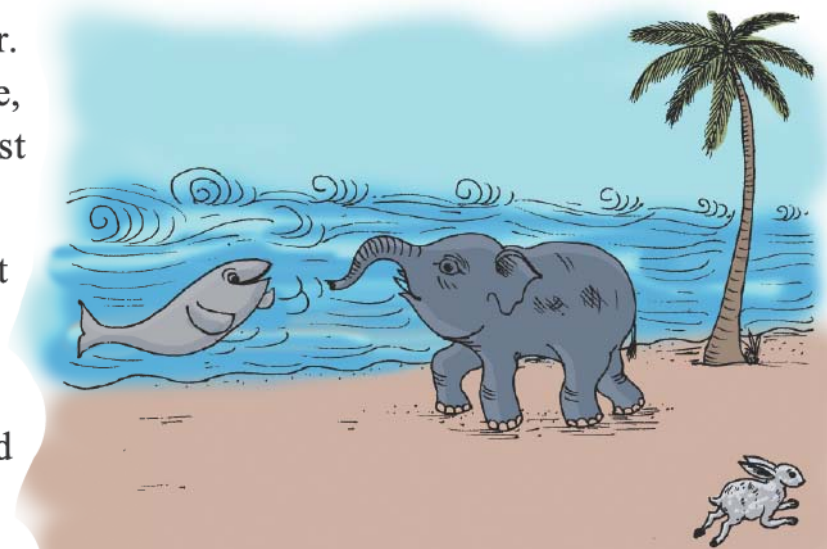
MR. RABBIT PLAYS A PRANK

One day little Mr. Rabbit was running along the beach, lippety, lippety, when he saw Mr. Whale and Mr. Elephant talking together.

"You are the biggest creature on land, Mr. Elephant," said Mr. Whale, "and I am the biggest creature in the sea."

"Yes, and we are best friends."

Little Mr. Rabbit was watching them. He wanted to have some fun. So he decided to play a prank.



He ran away and got a very long, very strong rope. Then he brought out his big drum and hid it in the bushes.

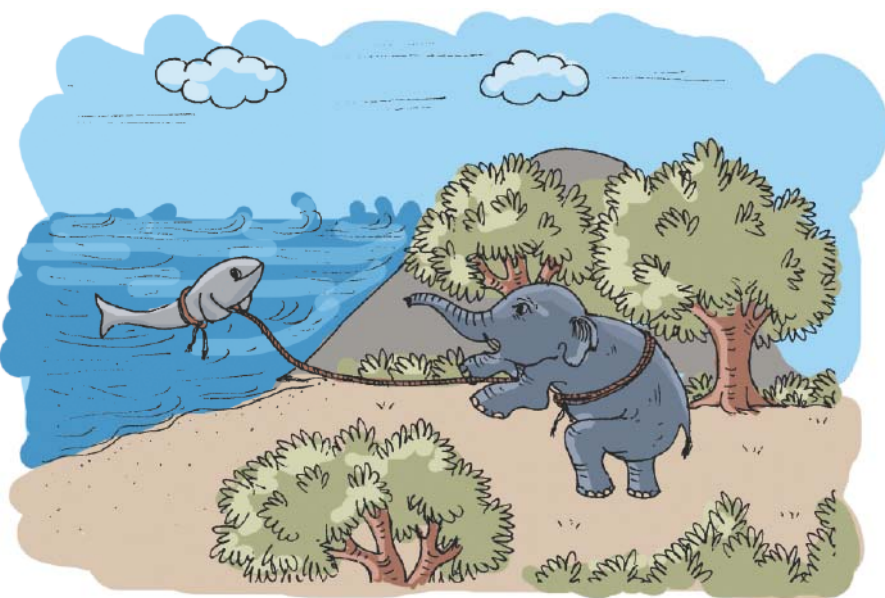
He took the rope in his hand and went to the beach where Mr. Whale was swimming.

"Oh please, dear Mr. Whale," he said, "will you please help me?"

"What is it, Mr. Rabbit?" Mr. Whale asked. "You look worried. What happened?"

"Oh, Mr. Whale," said Mr. Rabbit, "my cow is stuck in the mud, near that hill. Will you please help me pull her out? I asked so many animals, but no one is as strong as you. None of them could pull her out. Please, please help me."

Mr. Whale was so pleased, he smiled and said, "Yes," at once.



"Thank you, Mr. Whale," said Mr. Rabbit. "This is what I'll do. I have this strong rope, I'll tie one end around you and the other end around my cow. Then when I'm ready I'll beat my drum. When you hear the sound, pull very, very hard, for my cow is stuck deep in the mud."

"Huh!" said Mr. Whale, "I'm strong enough to pull out even twenty cows from the deepest ocean."

Little Mr. Rabbit tied one end of the rope around Mr. Whale, and ran off, lippety, lippety, to the hill where Mr. Elephant was eating some juicy leaves.

"Oh, Mr. Elephant," he said, "will you please help me?"

"What is it?" asked Mr. Elephant.

"My cow is stuck in the mud, near the beach," said little Mr. Rabbit, "and I cannot pull her out. I'm sure you could, since you are so big and strong. No one is as strong as you."

"Certainly," said Mr. Elephant, "I'll help you."

"Thank you, Mr. Elephant," said Mr. Rabbit. "This is what I'll do. I have this strong rope, I'll tie one end around your trunk and the other end around my cow. Then when I'm ready, I'll beat my drum. When you hear the sound, pull very, very hard, for my cow is stuck deep in the mud."

"Huh! Don't worry," said Mr. Elephant, "I could even pull out twenty cows."

Mr. Rabbit tied the other end of the rope tightly round Mr. Elephant's trunk, and ran away into the bushes. There he sat down and beat the big drum.

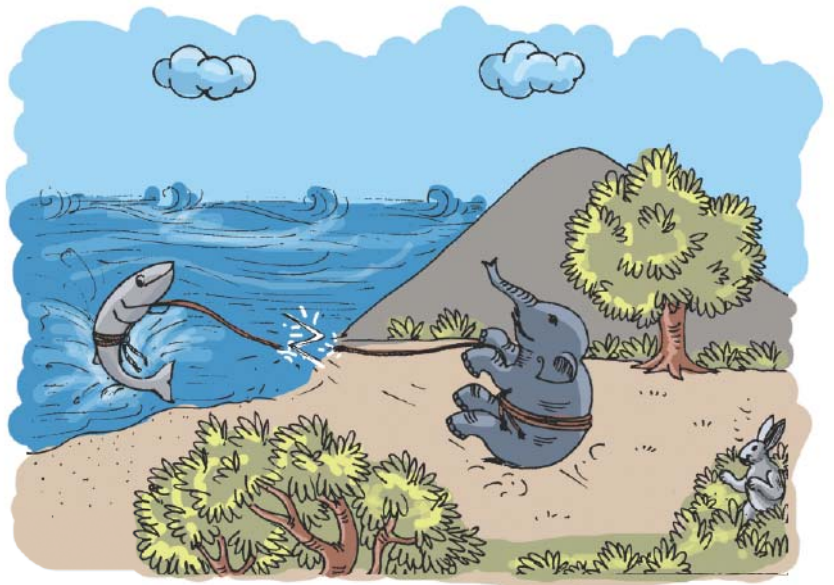
"This seems to be a very heavy cow," said Mr. Elephant. "But I'll pull her out. After all, I am the mighty Mr. Elephant!" And he dug his feet into the ground, and gave a big pull.

"Dear me !" said Mr. Whale. "That cow must be stuck really deep," and he pulled with all his strength.

Mr. Whale pulled harder, and Mr. Elephant pulled harder. 'This must be a very huge cow,' thought Mr. Whale. And he jumped deep into the sea pulling the rope with him. The pull was so strong, Mr. Elephant came slipping and sliding towards the beach. Now Mr. Elephant was terribly angry. 'How could the cow pull me so far?' he thought.

He pulled with all his might and up came Mr. Whale out of the water.

"Who is pulling me?" shouted Mr. Whale.



"Who is pulling me ?" trumpeted Mr. Elephant.

They began to pull again. But this time the rope broke, Mr. Whale turned a somersault and landed deep into the water. Mr. Elephant fell over backwards and landed plop on the hill.

Little Mr. Rabbit sat in the bushes and laughed, and laughed and laughed.

Key Words :

creature – a living thing

hid – put out of sight

stuck – caught, jammed

pleased – happy

certainly – surely

mighty – powerful

slipping – moving smoothly over something by mistake and fall

sliding – move smoothly across something

terribly – dreadfully

trumpeted – announced / cried loudly

somersault – a movement when you turn your body with your feet going over your head, flip over

plop – put down, place, fall with a thud

ACTIVITY - 4

Find the sentences with the following phrases from the story. Guess their meanings. Then match A with B.


A	B
play a prank with all his might have some fun	

ACTIVITY - 5

A) What happened when? Write numbers 1 to 8 in the space as they occur in the story.

_____ Mr. Rabbit asked for help to Mr. Elephant and Mr. Whale.

_____ Mr. Rabbit ran into the bushes and beat the drum.



_____ Mr. Rabbit tied another end of the rope around Mr. Elephant's Trunk.

_____ Mr. Elephant and Mr. Whale talked about their size.

_____ Mr. Rabbit laughed a lot on seeing them fallen.

_____ Mr. Whale and Mr. Elephant pulled each other with all their strength.

_____ Mr. Rabbit tied one end of the rope around Mr. Whale.

_____ Mr. Elephant fell over backward and Mr. Whale turned over in the air.

(B) Answer the following questions.

1. What are the special physical characteristics of the animals of this story?
2. Why did the Rabbit play a trick?
3. Did Mr. Rabbit really have a cow?
4. What happened when they pulled each other?
5. Who was the strongest, Mr. Rabbit, Mr. Whale or Mr. Elephant?

ACTIVITY - 6

Read the sentences about the steps taken by Mr. Rabbit.

- Mr. Rabbit got a very long and a strong rope.
- Mr. Rabbit bought a big drum and hid it in the bushes.
- Mr. Rabbit asked Mr. Whale to help him bring out the cows stuck in the mud.
- Mr. Rabbit pleased Mr. Whale by saying that no one is as strong as Mr. Whale.
- Mr. Rabbit pleased Mr. Elephant by saying that he is strong and big.
- Mr. Rabbit asked both of them to pull the rope when he beats the drum.

Now answer these questions.

1. Did you like the prank played by Mr. Rabbit ?
2. What did you like most about Mr. Rabbit ?

ACTIVITY - 7

(A) Work in groups. Collect some objects like pencils, erasers etc. from all the group members and compare their sizes. Use expressions like “as long as”, ‘longer than’, ‘the longest’, ‘as big as’, ‘bigger than’, ‘the biggest’.

(B) Read the following sentences about Laura and then answer the questions about her family



Hello, my name is Laura. I'm eleven years old. This is my family. My mummy is taller than my dad. My uncle Pablo, is 35 years old and my aunt Betty is 30 years old. They are both shorter than mummy. I also have a little cousin Bang- Bang, and he is older than my little sister.

Answer the questions.

1. Who is the tallest?

2. Who is the youngest?

3. Is Laura's dad taller than her mummy?

4. Who is older: Betty or Pablo?

ACTIVITY - 8

Read the following article and answer the questions about the CD_ROM and the books.

TRULY AMAZING !!!

All the information in the enormous Encyclopaedia Britannica now comes on one small disk. Which do you prefer – the CD-ROM or the set of 30 books? Let's compare them.

The CD-ROM is smaller and lighter than the books and it is cheaper. We think it's more interesting, too, because it has video and sound – you can hear animals, musical instruments and famous people talking. So some people may think the 30 books are good, but we think the CD-ROM is better : what do you think ?



Answer the questions.

1. Which is heavier?

2. Which of the articles is more boring?

3. Are the books bigger than the CD-ROM?

4. Is the CD-ROM more expensive than the books?

ACTIVITY - 9

Weigh and measure different things you have at home. Write four sentences comparing their size, weight, etc.. one is done for you.

Follow the examples :

My brother's cycle is bigger than mine.

The ball I have is bigger than the one my brother has.

1. _____

2. _____

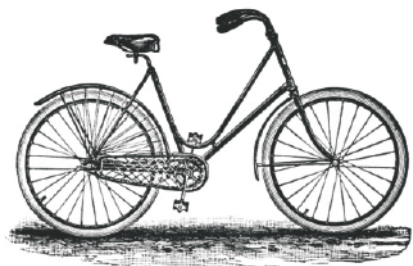
3. _____

4. _____

ACTIVITY - 10

Look at these pictures and compare them using the adjectives in the box.

**big - expensive- fast- heavy- light-
slow- small- comfortable**





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