

# A Friend for Milu

## STARTER

Look at the pictures of the animals below.

Some of these animals live in the forest—we call them wild animals. Some of them live with us in our homes or farms. They are our helpers.

Write W next to the wild animals. Write H next to the animals which live with us and help us.



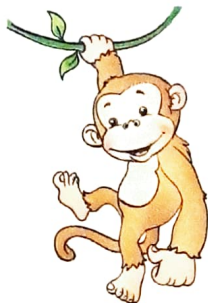














Now read the story.

## CHARACTERS IN THE PLAY

MILU, the tiger      JERRY, the giraffe      TOOTHY, the crocodile  
CHANDU, the elephant      CHIMPU, the monkey

Milu lived in the forest. He was alone. He had no friends. He was sad. Then he saw Jerry, the giraffe, under a tall tree. Jerry was eating the leaves at the top of the tree.

MILU Will you come and play with me and be my friend, Jerry?

JERRY I'm sorry, I can't play with you just now. I'm hungry and I have to eat.

Milu was very sad. He walked on. As he was walking, he saw Toothy, the crocodile<sup>1</sup>. Toothy was swimming<sup>2</sup> in the river. He was chasing<sup>3</sup> a fish. Milu was very excited.






Poor Milu walked along, alone.  
Just then, Chandu, the elephant, passed by.  
Chandu was pulling a big log<sup>4</sup> of wood.



MILU Hello, Toothy! I'm Milu, and I live in the forest. Will you come and play with me and be my friend?

TOOTHY Sorry, Milu. I can't play with you just now. I'm too busy. I have to chase<sup>3</sup> this fish.

<sup>1</sup>crocodile:  | <sup>2</sup>swim:  |  
<sup>3</sup>chase: (here) go behind the fish and try to catch it |  
<sup>4</sup>log: 

MILU Hello, Chandu. how nice to see you. Please, Chandu, will you come and play with me and be my friend?

CHANDU I'm sorry, Milu, I have work to do. I have to take this log to the river. I can't play with you just now.



Poor, poor Milu. No one would play with him. He sat under a tree, and cried. Suddenly, he heard a voice calling him.

Milu! Milu!

Milu looked up, and saw Chimpu, the monkey. Chimpu was sitting on the tree.



CHIMPU Why are you so sad, Milu? Why are you sitting alone<sup>5</sup>, and crying?

MILU No one will play with me. Jerry and Toothy and Chandu are all busy. I'm all alone. I don't have any friends.



CHIMPU Come, I'm not busy. I'll play with you. I'll teach you how to climb<sup>6</sup> a tree.

MILU Chimpu, will you really be my friend? I would LOVE to climb trees.

Milu was happy. He smiled from ear to ear. At last he had a friend.



<sup>5</sup>alone: without any friends | <sup>6</sup>climb:



**LEARN TO**

**Read**

**Understand**

**Infer**

**Reflect**



1. Read the sentences and fill in the blanks.
  - a. Milu the tiger lived in the ..... **forest** .....
  - b. He was alone, and he wanted a ..... **friend.** .....
  - c. Jerry the giraffe was hungry, and he wanted to ..... **eat leaves.** .....
  - d. Toothy the crocodile was chasing a ..... **fish.** .....
  - e. Chandu the elephant was pulling a big ..... **log of wood.** .....
  - f. Chimpu the monkey helped Milu climb a ..... **tree.** .....

2. Why was Milu sad in the beginning? Why was he happy in the end? Talk about this in class.

Do you have friends? What do you do with your friends? Talk about this with your classmates.

3. Jerry, Toothy and Chandu were busy. They could not play with Milu.

They could have said, 'I don't want to play with you,' or even 'I won't play with you.' But they all said, 'I'm sorry, Milu, I'm doing something else, so I can't play just now.'

Milu was sad. Do you think Jerry and Toothy and Chandu were bad? Why (or why not)? Talk about this with your friends.

**LEARN**

**Words**

**Write the names of the animals described below.**

1. It has stripes on its body, and it has sharp claws and teeth. .... **Tiger.** .....
2. It has a very long neck. .... **Giraffe** .....
3. It lives in the water, has sharp teeth, and eats fish. .... **Crocodile** .....
4. It is a very big and strong animal, and has a long nose. .... **Elephant** .....
5. It climbs trees, and has a long tail. .... **Monkey** .....

**LEARN****Grammar****Adjectives**

Read these phrases.

the *hungry* giraffe, the *busy* crocodile, the *sad* tiger, the *big* elephant, the *friendly* monkey

The words *hungry*, *busy*, *sad*, *big*, and *friendly* are describing words, or **adjectives**. They tell you something more about the nouns. So adjectives usually come with nouns.

1. In the story below, find five adjectives, and underline them.

A **brown** dog walks in the park. He stops near a **tall** man sitting on a bench. The man gives the dog a biscuit. The **hungry** dog eats it up. The man pats it on the head. The **happy** dog licks his hand. The **kind** man says, 'You're hungry, **little** doggie. Come home, I'll take care of you.'

2. Which is the adjective, and which is the noun, in the phrases below? Write A under the adjectives and N under the nouns.

a. a big park  
A N

c. a sweet biscuit  
A N

e. a small boy  
A N

b. a funny story  
A N

d. a good friend  
A N

f. a rainy day  
A N

**LEARN TO****Write**

Read these adjectives. If you do not know what they mean, your teacher will explain them to you.

**A**

strong

kind

good

old

happy

**B**

heavy

tall

small

beautiful

fast

Read these nouns.

1

girl  
child  
boy  
woman  
wrestler

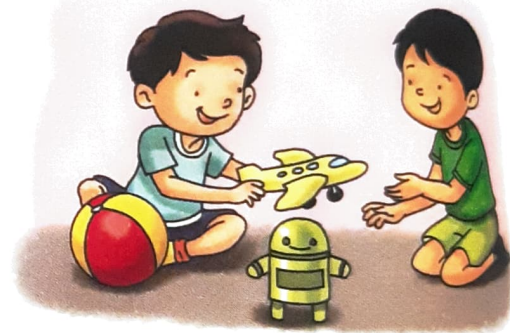
2

tree  
car  
stone  
flower  
kitten

Look at the pictures below, and make phrases to describe them.  
Use the adjectives in Boxes A & B with the nouns in Boxes 1 & 2.  
Two have been done for you.



a kind girl



a good boy



a strong wrestler



a happy girl



an old woman

.....



a tall tree

.....



a fast car

.....



a heavy stone

.....



a beautiful flower

.....



a small kitten

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