

Reading and Understanding 'The Cap-seller and the Monkeys'

Chapter 4: The Cap-seller and the Monkeys · Topic 1

Key Concept

A cap-seller carrying many caps to sell feels tired and falls asleep under a tree. While he sleeps, monkeys climb down, take all his caps, and wear them, copying him.

When the cap-seller wakes up and sees his caps gone, he gets upset and throws his own cap on the ground in frustration. Since the monkeys love copying him, they also throw down the caps they took, and the cap-seller happily collects them all back.

This story teaches us that monkeys often imitate what they see, and it also shows how a clever idea (throwing the cap) can solve a tricky problem.

The story is fun to read aloud with expression, imagining the cap-seller's surprise and the mischievous monkeys watching from the tree.

Quick Revision Notes

- A cap-seller falls asleep under a tree while carrying caps to sell.
- Monkeys take his caps and wear them.
- The cap-seller throws his own cap down in frustration.
- The monkeys copy him and throw down their caps too.
- The cap-seller gets all his caps back.
- Monkeys often imitate what they see.
- A clever idea helped solve the cap-seller's problem.
- The story can be read aloud with fun expression.

Practice Questions

- 1 Retell the story of the cap-seller in your own words.
- 2 Act out the story with a friend.
- 3 Draw a picture of the cap-seller and the monkeys.
- 4 Discuss why the monkeys copied the cap-seller.
- 5 Read the story aloud with expression.
- 6 Think of another clever way the cap-seller could have gotten his caps back.