

Chapter 1: A Tale of Two Birds

Questions:

Question 1.How did the two baby birds get separated?

Answer:A strong wind uprooted many trees, destroyed the nest and killed the mother bird. The wind blew away the two baby birds to the other side of the forest. This is how they got separated.

Question 2.Where did each of them find a home?

Answer:One of them came down near a cave where a gang of robbers lived. The other stayed outside a Rishi's ashram, a little distance away.

Question 3.What did the first bird say to the stranger?

Answer:The first bird saw the king and called the robbers to hurry up and take his jewels and his horse.

Question 4.What did the second bird say to him?

Answer:

- The second bird welcomed the king to the ashram and requested him to have some water.
- The bird told him to take rest and make himself comfortable.

Question 5.How did the Rishi explain the different ways in which the birds behaved?

Answer:The Rishi explained one is known by the kind of company one keeps. The first bird imitated the robbers.

It learnt bad things from robbers. The second bird repeated what it learnt at the ashram.

Question 6.Which one of the following sums up the story best?

- A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.
- One is known by the company one keeps.
- A friend in need is a friend indeed.

Answer:(ii) One is known by the company one keeps.