

Chapter 2: The Friendly Mongoose

Questions:

Question 1. Why did the farmer bring a baby mongoose into the house?

Answer: The farmer had a baby so he wanted to have a pet for his son. The pet would have been his son's companion. He brought the mongoose to play with his son.

Question 2. Why didn't the farmer's wife want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose?

Answer: The farmer's wife did not want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose because she was afraid of the mongoose that it will kill the baby in her absence.

Question 3. What was the farmer's comment on his wife's fears?

Answer: The farmer understood his wife's fear. He told that the mongoose is a friendly animal and it is as sweet as their baby. The farmer said that the mongoose and their baby were best friends.

Question 4. Why did the farmer's wife strike the mongoose with her basket?

Answer: The farmer's wife noticed blood on the face and paws of the mongoose. She thought that the mongoose has killed her baby so out of rage she hit the mongoose with her basket. The animal died on the spot.

Question 5. Did she repent her hasty action? How does she show her repentance?

Answer: Yes, she realised her mistake that she killed the mongoose out of anger. She saw the dead snake lying on the floor. She ran out looking for the mongoose. She cried and touched the mongoose. She kept looking at the dead animal and felt sorry she realised her mistake that she killed the mongoose out of anger. She saw the dead snake lying on the floor. She ran out looking for the mongoose. She cried and touched the mongoose. She kept looking at the dead animal and felt sorry