

## Grade VI

### Prose.2 How the Dog Found Himself a New Master!

PROSE

#### Summary of the chapter

##### **A Dog Decided to Have a Master**

Earlier dogs used to be their own master, but one day a dog decided to become the servant of one, who was the strongest on the Earth. He was sick and was tired of moving here and there. He was frightened of those, who were stronger than him.

##### **The Dog Met a Big Wolf**

When the dog began his search to find a master, he met a big wolf, who was strong and fierce. The dog asked the wolf if he will become his master. The wolf accepted his offer. They walked together in the forest. The wolf moved suddenly off the path and went deep inside the forest. The dog asked him the reason behind his disappearance. The wolf said there was a bear and he might eat both of them.

##### **The Dog Decided to Serve the Bear**

The bear was stronger than the wolf, so the dog decided to take up his service. The bear agreed to his proposal. The dog and the bear went to find a herd of cows. They wanted to eat a cow, but were stopped by a terrible noise. The cows were running. The bear also started running after he saw something. The dog came to know that the bear was afraid of a lion therefore, he started running. The dog decided to serve the lion as he is stronger than the bear.

The dog asked the lion if he could serve him. The lion agreed and they started living together. The dog was happy to be with the lion as he was the strongest beast in the forest and no one could dare touch the dog.

## The Dog Changed his Master Again

One day, the dog and the lion were walking together. All of sudden, the lion stopped and began to back away quietly. He was afraid of something. The dog asked him the reason behind his fear. The lion said he could smell the presence of a man and they should run away to avoid any kind of trouble. The dog understood that the man is the strongest creature on the Earth and decided to leave the lion and change his master again.

The dog joined at man and served him faithfully. Till today the dog is man's most loyal servant.

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### NCERT Corner

### Working with the Text

A. Discuss these questions in pairs before you write the answers.

**1. Why did the dog feel the need for a master?**

The dog initially was his own master, he was unhappy and was fed up of moving here and there in search of food. He was frightened of those, who were stronger than him. He wanted protection, so. He was looking for a master.

**2. Whom did he first choose as his master? Why did he leave that master?**

At, first, he selected the wolf to be his master. He left the wolf because it was afraid of a bear and moved away quickly. The dog understood that the wolf is not the strongest creature on the Earth.

**3. Whom did he choose next?**

The bear was his next master after he left the wolf.

**4. Why did he serve the lion for a long time?**

The dog served the lion for a long time because he was leading a good life with him and had nothing to complain for. The dog was happy as there was no strong beast in the forest then the lion.

**5. Who did he finally choose as his master and why?**

The dog finally selected the man to be his master because he wanted a master, who is stronger than anyone on the Earth. The man was stronger than the lion, who back away quietly after coming to know about human presence.

**B. A summary of the story is given below. Fill in the blanks to complete it taking appropriate phrases from the box.**

A dog stronger than anyone else the strongest to all a wolf the bear afraid of man  
his own master a lion

This is the story of .....who used to be.....He decided to find a master.....First he found .....but the wolf was afraid of .....The dog thought that the bear was.....After some time the dog met.....who seemed the strongest. He stayed with lion for a long time. One day, he realized that the lion was.....To this day, the dog remains man's best friend.

1 a dog	2. his own master	3.stronger than anyone else	4. a wolf
5. the bear	6.The strongest of all	7. A lion	8.Afraid of of man

**Working with Language**

**A. Each word in the box given below indicates a large number of ...For example, 'a herd of cows' refers to many cows.**

**Complete each of the following phrases with a suitable word from the box.**

school	fleet	brood	bundle
bunch	pack	flock	herd

1. a.....of ships
2. a.....of flowers
3. a.....of chicks
4. a.....of cattle
5. a.....of sticks
6. a.....of sheep
7. a.....of fish
8. a.....of wolves

1. fleet	2. bunch	3. brood	4. herd
5. bundle	6. flock	7. school	8. pack

**B. Make noun from the words given by adding -ness or -ity. (For some words we need to add just -ty or -y.)**

1. Honest	2. Kind	3. Cruel	4. Calm	5. Sad	6. Active
7. Creative	8. Sincere	9. Cheerful	10. Bitter	11. Sensitive	12. Great

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7. Creativity	8. Sincerity	9. Cheerfulness	10. Bitterness	11. Sensitivity	12. Greatness

**C. Word Search**

- There are twelve words hidden in this table.
- Six can be found horizontally and the remaining six vertically.
- All of them are describing words like 'good', 'happy' etc.
- The first letters of the words are given below

Horizontal H R F F S G  
Vertical A W S F L Q

A	H	A	S	T	Y	D	U	L	M	N	P
N	F	L	U	V	Q	T	B	O	A	L	Z
G	Z	M	R	X	R	V	D	Y	F	Q	O
R	X	O	P	W	S	F	O	A	B	U	C
Y	C	P	R	E	A	D	Y	L	D	I	F
D	G	Q	I	Y	F	I	E	R	C	E	D
A	H	R	S	T	R	O	N	G	H	T	J
X	W	S	E	Z	E	A	B	H	K	S	K
G	O	O	D	A	E	C	A	I	J	T	L
F	R	I	G	H	T	E	N	E	D	W	M
B	S	J	C	B	L	D	F	J	K	X	V
E	E	K	D	E	M	B	E	L	M	U	Y

**Ans. Horizontal Words**

1. Hasty	2. Ready	3. Fierce	4. Frightened	5. Strong	6. Good
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**Vertical Words**

1. Angry	2. Worse	3. Surprised	4. Free	5. Loyal	6. Quiet
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**D. Read the following passage and do the exercise that follow. Then complete the family tree of dogs given on the facing page.**

**The Dog Family**

The dog family is one of the 11 families that make up the Carnivores, a large group of intelligent, flesh-eating, backboneed animals. In this group are such varied animals as bears, pandas, raccoons, cats, hyenas and even seal. The dog on canine family has many wild spices like wolves, foxes, coyotes, jackals and wild dogs.

The dog is the only domesticated member of the canine family through now and then someone tames a wolf, fox or coyote as a pet. All members of the dog family are descendant of a wolf-like animal which lived about 15 million years ago. From this distant ancestor, the true dogs gradually developed. But nobody knows the exact ancestor of the modern domestic dog.

Several wild dogs look and behave like domestic dogs. The dingo or wild dog of Australia is one of these. It is possible that the dingo was a tamed dog brought to Australia long ago which then ran wild.

Dogs were the first animals tamed by humans-perhaps 20000 years ago. Tamed dogs were brought from Asia to the New World 5000 or more years ago, Dogs were first used for hunting.

**1. Find the opposite of these words in the text given.**

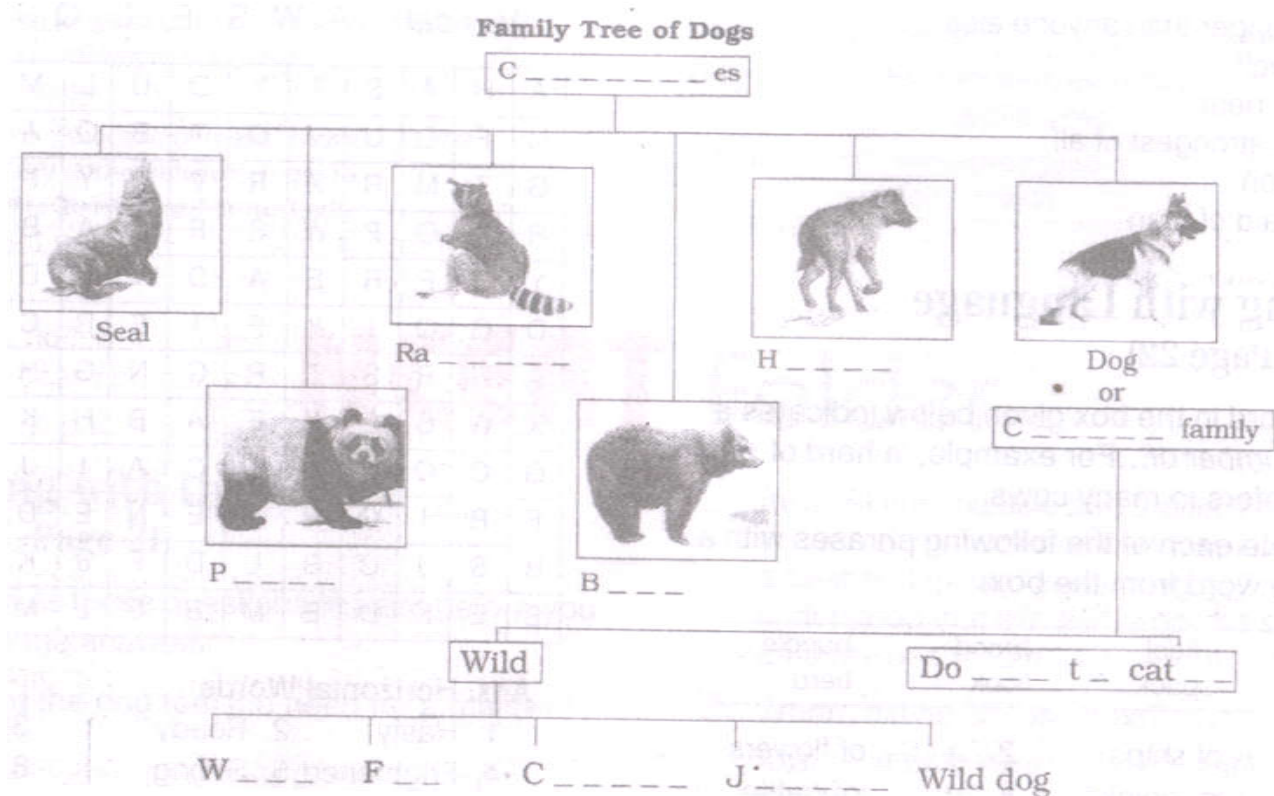
- (i) ancestor.....
- (ii) wild.....
- (iii) ancient.....
- (iv) near.....
- (v) suddenly.....

i. descendants	ii. tame	iii. modern	iv. distant	v. gradually
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2. Complete the following sentences.

- (i) The dingo is.....
- (ii) Dogs were the .....animals tamed by humans. The other animals tamed by humans are.....
- (iii) The New World refers to.....Dogs were brought there from.....

(i) a wild dog	(ii) first, cows, buffaloes, goats, horse, elephants	(iii) the United States of America, Asia.
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**Carnivores, Seal, Raccoon, Hyena, Dog, Panda, Bear**

**Canine family, Wild, Domesticated, Wolf, Fox, Coyote, Jackal, Wild dog**

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## Speaking

Here are some points from a similar story that you might have heard in another language. Dividing the class into two groups, try and tell the story in English. One person from each group can speak alternately. Your teacher will help you. As you tell it. One of you may write it down on the board.

### A Mouse Maiden

- mouse changed into a girl by a magician....
- wants to marry the strongest person...
- asks whether Sun or cloud stronger (why?)...
- but mountain stronger than clouds (how?)...
- but mouse stronger than mountain (how?)...
- girl asks to marry mouse, becomes a mouse again

**Ans.** Once upon a time, there was a mouse who met a magician. The magician turned the mouse

## Chapter Practice

### Very Short Answer Type Questions

1. **Why did the dog decide to serve someone?**

The dog was sick of wandering from one place to another in search of food so, he decided to become a servant.

2. **Why did the wolf move suddenly into the bushes and crept deeper into the forest?**

The wolf moved suddenly out of fear as he saw a bear, who might eat up both of them.

3. **The crows were mooring and running in panic. Give reason behind it.**

The crows ran in panic because a lion was following them to hunt one of the crows.

4. **How did the dogs live earlier?**

Earlier, the dogs were their own master and were free to live the way they wanted.

5. **What was wrong with a dog once?**

The dog was not happy with his life and was afraid of animals who were stronger than him.

**6. Why did the dog leave the bear?**

The dog left the bear because it was afraid of the lion.

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**Short Answer Type Questions**

**1. How did the dog come to know that the bear was stronger than the wolf?**

The dog came to know that the bear was stronger than the wolf because the wolf moved quickly into the bushes and crept deeper into the forest out of fear after seeing the bear that could have killed both of them.

**2. Describe about the lion's reaction when he came to know about human presence.**

One day, the lion and dog were walking side-by-side when all of sudden the lion stopped. He gave a great roar and stuck the ground angrily with his paw and made a hole into the ground. He began to back away quietly.

**3. How did the human beings become the master of dogs?**

Human beings finally became the master of dogs as they are stronger than anyone on Earth, even lions were afraid of them, So, dogs joined the man and stayed with him and served him faithfully.

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**Long Answer Type Questions**

**1. Give the list of animals served by the dog. Why did the dog leave them one-by-one?**

The dog was looking for the strongest creature on the Earth who could protect him throughout his life. In order to find one, he stayed with a wolf, a bear and a lion before finding his final master human beings.

The dog left the animals one-by-one because he found that the wolf was afraid of the bear. He stayed with the bear but later found that the lion was stronger than him. He requested the lion to be his master and found that he was afraid of human beings.



**2. Why did the dog stay with the lion for long time? Who was his next master after he left the lion?**

The dog served the lion for long time because his life was good with him.

He had nothing to complain of as there was no stronger beast than the lion in the forest.

Nobody had guts to touch the dog or could harm him in any way.

The dog's next master was the man as he was stronger than the lion. The lion ran away after sensing the presence of man. The dog joined the man and served him faithfully.

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**Value Based Questions**

**Do you think the dog was selfish? How?**

Yes, the dog was selfish as he was looking for a master, who is stronger than anyone on the Earth so that nobody could harm the dog in the forest. He was looking for somebody who could protect him throughout his life.

The dog was sick and tired of wandering from one place to another in search of food. He wanted an easy life so, he decided to become somebody's servant and be depended on him for food and shelter. The dog was only concerned about himself that's why kept changing his master.

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**Extract Based Questions**

**Extract 1**

**Directions** Q.Nos. 1-6) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

Dogs were once their own masters and lived the way wolves do, in freedom, until a dog was born who was ill pleased with this way of life. He was sick and tired of wandering about by himself looking for food and being frightened of those who were stronger than him. He thought it over and decide that the best thing for him to do was to become the servant of one who was stronger than anyone on the Earth and he set out to find such a master.

**1. Write about early life of dogs.**

The dogs were used to be their own master and lived the way wolves do. They were free to move anywhere in the forest.

**2. Why did the dog decide to have a master?**

The dog decided to have a master because he was sick and tired of wandering in the forest in search of food. He was being the forest in search of food. He was being frightened of those who were stronger than him.

**3. The dog wanted to have a master stronger than anyone on the Earth. Why?**

The dog wanted a master stronger than anyone on the Earth so that he could remain protected throughout his life and nobody could harm him.

**4. He was sick. Who is he in the extract given above?**

- (a) The wolf      (b) The dog      (c) The lion      (d) The bear  
(b) The dog

**5. Write synonym for the word 'freedom'.**

- (a) Liberty      (b) Wander      (c) Decide      (d) Master  
(a) Liberty

**6. Give antonym for the word 'strong'.**

- (a) Sick      (b) Tough      (c) Harsh      (d) Weak  
(d) Weak

**Extract 2**

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 1-6) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

They walked and they walked, and all of a sudden the wolf lifted his nose, sniffed, darted quickly off the path and into the bushes and crept deeper into the forest. The dog was much surprised. "What's come over you, master?" he asked. "What has frightened you so?"

"Can't you see? There's a bear out there and he might eat up both of us - you and me."

**1. The dog was surprised. Give a reason.**

The dog was surprised because the wolf moved suddenly into the bushes and crept into the forest.

2. "What has frightened you so?" Who asked this and to whom?

The dog asked this to his master. His master was the wolf.

3. What made the wolf move towards the forest?

The wolf saw a bear, who might have eaten them up and this made him move towards the forest.

4. "Can't you see? There 's a bear out there and he might eat up both of us - you and me."Who said this to whom?

(a) The dog told it to the bear.

(b) The dog told it to the wolf.

(c) The wolf told it to the dog.

(d) The wolf told it to the dog.

(c) The wolf told it to the dog.

5. They walked and they walked, they refer to whom?

(a) The dog and the lion

(b) The dog and the bear

(c) The dog and the cow

(d) The dog and the wolf

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6. Write the synonym for the word 'quickly'.

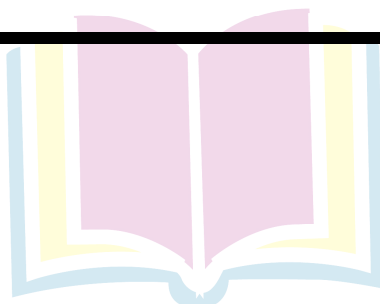
(a) Gradually

(b) Swiftly

(c) Strongly

(d) Faithfully

(b) Swiftly



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