

## Two Friends and the Bear

Tom and John were two friends. One day they were passing through a dense forest. John said, "Friend, I am afraid there are wild animals in the forest. What will we do if a wild animal attacks us?" "Don't be afraid, John," Said Tom, "I will stand by your side if any danger comes. We will fight together and save ourselves." So, they went on their journey.

But suddenly they saw a bear coming towards them. Tom at once got up the nearest tree. He did not think about what his friend would do. John did not know how to climb a tree. He had no way of escape. He was helpless.

But soon he had a plan. He fell flat on the ground like a dead man. The bear came up to John. It smelled his nose, ears and eyes. It thought John was dead so it went away.

Then Tom came down from the tree. He said to John, "What did the bear whisper in your ear?" John said, "The bear told me, 'Do not trust a friend who leaves his friend in danger.'"

## Snail, Dragonfly and Toad

One day Snail, Dragonfly, and Toad decided to race around the lake.

Dragonfly said, "I'm the fastest." Toad said, "I think I'll win. This is going to be easy." Snail knew he was the slowest, but he wanted to race. He said, "I know I'm slow, but I can walk for a long time. Let's go!"

After Dragonfly flew for a short time, he got tired. He sat on a branch and slept. Toad hopped away, but after a short time he felt very hungry. He found and ate some delicious bugs. Snail slowly made his way around the lake at a steady pace. He said to himself, "It's hard to be in a race. I know I'm slow. I'll keep walking. I'll just go and go."

When Dragonfly woke up and Toad finished his lunch, they looked at the other side of the lake. Snail was there. He won the race! Dragonfly and Toad said, "This race was a silly idea."

Snail just smiled and said to himself, "This race was great fun. Maybe that's because I won!"