

## Class 6 Subject English

### A Pact With The Sun Chapter-02

#### The Friendly Mongoose

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

**Ans:** The farmer brought a baby mongoose into his house because they needed a pet so that their son had a companion when he grew up. The baby mongoose would be a friend to their son in the future.

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

**Ans:** Within five to six month the mongoose grown into full size but the baby was still a kid. The farmer's wife was afraid of the mongoose may harm her child and so she didn't want to leave her baby alone with the mongoose.

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

**Ans:** The farmer told his wife that she needn't be afraid as the mongoose as it was a friendly animal. It was as sweet as their baby and they were the best of friends.

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

**Ans:** The wife saw the mongoose face and paws smeared with blood and without giving a second thought, concluded that it must have killed the baby. She cried 'blood' and continued screaming hysterically and accusing the wicked animal of having killed her baby. She was blind with rage and with all her strength she brought down the heavy basket full of groceries on the blood smeared mongoose.

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

**Ans:** Yes, she repented on her hasty and rash action, she realized that the mongoose had actually saved her child by killing the black snake. Her distrust on the mongoose had made her act hastily.

She rushed outside looking for the mongoose. She repented by saying that the mongoose had saved her child and look what she had done to repay it. She touched the mongoose that lay

dead and still unaware of her sobbing. She stared long at the dead mongoose.

**Worksheet 01**  
**The friendly mongoose**

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1. What was customary for the mongoose? (**The friendly mongoose**)
2. Why did the farmer move out of the house? Write your answer in the context of **The friendly mongoose**.
3. What did the farmer's wife see on returning from the market? (The friendly mongoose)
4. Who killed the snake in the story **The friendly mongoose**?
5. What did the farmer's wife in the story The friendly mongoose see on reaching the door of her house?
6. What was the farmer's comment on his wife's fears? Write your answer in the context of A tale of two birds.
7. Why didn't the farmer's wife want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose?
8. How did the mongoose oblige its master? What was the reward of his service?

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**Solution**

1. It was customary for the mongoose to run and welcome the farmer's wife when she returns home.
2. The farmer had nothing to do in the house and decided to take a look at his fields. He met his friends on the way back.
3. On returning home from the market, the wife saw the mongoose sitting outside. The face and paws of the mongoose were smeared with blood.
4. The mongoose killed the snake in the story to save the farmer's child.
5. On reaching the door of her house, the farmer's wife saw the mongoose. It looked as if it was waiting for her. On seeing her he ran to welcome her. She saw blood on its mouth and paws.
6. The farmer told his wife that she needn't be afraid of the mongoose as it was a friendly animal. It was as sweet as their baby, and they were the best friends.
7. Within five to six month the mongoose grown into full size but the baby was still a kid. The farmer's wife was afraid of the mongoose may harm her child and so she didn't want to leave her baby alone with the mongoose.
8. A farmer lived in a village with his wife and a small son. The farmer thought that they should have a pet so that after growing up their son doesn't feel the absence of a companion. Thus, in order to give the company to the child, the farmer brought with him a small mongoose. Not only it became a good friend of the infant but also a trusted and affectionate member of the family. One day the mother went to the market. The child was left in the company of the mongoose. The mongoose saw a snake approaching the baby. But before it can harm the baby the mongoose killed it. When the mother came back she saw blood on the mongoose's face and without knowing the truth she smashed the mongoose with her grocery bags which killed the mongoose. Once inside the house, she discovered how the mongoose had saved the child's life. She wept bitterly but in vain.