

1. A Town Mouse and A Country Mouse

A Town Mouse and a Country Mouse were friends. The Country Mouse one day invited his friend to come and see him at his home in the fields. The Town Mouse came and they sat down to a dinner of barleycorns and roots the latter of which had a distinctly earthy flavour.

2. The flavour was not much to the taste of the guest and presently he broke out with "My poor dear friend, you live here no better than the ants. Now, you should just see how I fare! My larder is a regular horn of plenty. You must come and stay with me and I promise you shall live on the fat of the land."

So when he returned to town he took the Country Mouse with him and showed him into a larder containing flour and oatmeal and figs and honey and dates.

3. The Country Mouse had never seen anything like it and sat down to enjoy the luxuries his friend provided. But before they had well begun, the door of the larder opened and some one came in. The two Mice scampered off and hid themselves in a narrow and exceedingly uncomfortable hole. Presently, when all was quiet, they ventured out again. But some one else came in, and off they scuttled again. This was too much for the visitor. "Good bye," said he, "I'm off. You live in the lap of luxury, I can see, but you are surrounded by dangers whereas at home I can enjoy my simple dinner of roots and corn in peace."

1. Elephant and Friends:

2. One day an elephant wandered into a forest in search of friends. He saw a monkey on a tree. "Will you be my friend?" asked the elephant. Replied the monkey, "You are too big. You can not swing from trees like me."
3. Next, the elephant met a rabbit. He asked him to be his friends. But the rabbit said, "You are too big to play in my burrow!"
4. Then the elephant met a frog. "Will you be my friend? He asked. "How can I?" asked the frog. "You are too big to leap about like me."
5. The elephant was upset. He met a fox next. "Will you be my friend?" he asked the fox. The fox said, "Sorry, sir, you are too big."
6. The next day, the elephant saw all the animals in the forest running for their lives. The elephant asked them what the matter was. The bear replied, "There is a tiger in the forest. He's trying to gobble us all up!"
7. The animals all ran away to hide. The elephant wondered what he could do to solve everyone in the forest. Meanwhile, the tiger kept eating up whoever he could find.
8. The elephant walked up to the tiger and said, "Please, Mr. Tiger, do not eat up these poor animals." "Mind your own business!" growled the tiger. The elephant has a no choice but to give the tiger a strong kick. The frightened tiger ran for his life.

9. The elephant ambled back into the forest to announce the good news to everyone. All the animals thanked the elephant. They said, "You are just the right size to be our friend."

1. **The clever frogs:**

2. Deep inside a forest, there was a pond. Many fish, crabs and frogs lived in the pond. Theirs was a happy and peaceful life.
3. Among them lived two beautiful fish named Sahasrabuddhi and Shatabuddhi. They were bigger than the other fishes in the pond. They were very proud of their good looks and intelligence.
4. In the same pond lived a frog with his wife. His name was Ekkabuddhi. The fish and frogs were good friends. They all led an undisturbed life.
5. But one day two fishermen, returning from the river in the forest after fishing, came across the pond. It was late in the evening and as usual all the fish and frogs were at play. Sahasrabuddhi, Shatabuddhi, Ekkabuddhi and many others joined the game. They leaped high into the air and chased each other.
6. Seeing the beautiful scene the fishermen were amazed and stopped in their tracks. "How beautiful they look?" said one fisherman. "Yes. And so many of them too," replied the other. "The pond does not look very deep," said the first fisherman. "Let us catch some of them." "It is already very late and we have a heavy load to carry a long way. Let's come back tomorrow," suggested the other fisherman.
7. Ekkabuddhi turned to the others in the pond and said, "Did you not hear what the fishermen said? We must leave this pond for a safer place."
8. "Just because two fishermen said they would come back to catch us tomorrow, you want us to leave our home and flee. For all we know, they might not come back," said Sahasrabuddhi. "Even if they come back to catch us I know a thousand tricks to get away."
9. "And even if your thousand ways fail, I know another hundred ways to escape," said Shatabuddhi. "We will not let two fishermen scare us away from our me." All the others in the pond agreed with them.
10. "Well! I know only one trick," said Ekkabuddhi. "To leave the place before danger strikes." Ekkabuddhi and his wife left the pond in search of a safer place. All the fish, crabs and frogs laughed at them as they left.
11. The next day the fishermen returned to the pond and cast their net. "Ouch! This net is too thick for me to bite through," cried Sahasrabuddhi. "For me too," cried Shatabuddhi. "Only if I could get out, I could do something."
12. "We should have listened to Ekkabuddhi," cried a fish. "Now we are all doomed."
13. The fishermen caught them all and put all the fish, frogs and crabs into a big basket and took them away.
14. Ekkabuddhi, hiding behind a boulder with his wife turned to her and said, "If I had not acted in time, we would also be in that basket with the others."