

SSLC CAPSULE MODULE FOR B PLUS STUDENTS 01

ADVENTURES IN A BANYAN TREE

CHARACTER SKETCH

THE BOY

The boy is the central character in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree'. He appears to be a student. He is a great lover of nature and lives closely with animals and birds with him. The banyan tree provides him with endless pleasure and enjoyment. He was keen to watch the strong fight between the mongoose and the cobra. He was glad to see the enchanting beauty of nature. He enjoys his friendship with animals and birds there. He spends his fruitful time for reading wide variety of books. He built a small platform half up the tree to spend the afternoon. He enjoys the loving sights and sounds of nature immensely

CONVERSATION

1 Prepare a conversation between the boy and his friend

Friend: Where were you in this vacation?

Boy: I was with my grandpa.

Friend: How was the vacation?

Boy: It was good.

Friend: Do you have any friends there?

Boy: Yes, I have many friends there.

Friend: Who is your best friend?
Boy: A grey squirrel.
Friend: It is good. We will meet later
Boy: OK.

PROFILE

Write a short profile of Ruskin Bond, using the details given below

Born : 19 May 1934
Place of birth : Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, India
Nationality : Indian
Lives : in Mussoorie
Occupation : Novelist, short story writer
Literary theme : Mainly based on nature
Notable works : The Room on the Roof, The Angry River,
Our trees Still Grow in Dehra
Honours : Sahitya Akadami Award in 1992, Padma Shri in 1999 and
Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017.

Ruskin Bond

The famous Indian author Ruskin Bond was born on 19 may 1934 at Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, in India. He is famous as a novelist and short story writer. His notable works are ‘The Room on the Roof’, ‘The Angry River’ and our Trees Still Grow in Dehra. Ruskin Bond won the Sahitya Akadami Award in 1992, Padma Shri in 1999 and Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017. Ruskin Bond now lives in Mussoorie.

INFORMAL LETTER

1. The boy in the story ‘Adventures in a Banyan Tree’ was very excited and thrilled at his friendship with the squirrel. He writes a letter to his friend about his new friend.

Garden villa,

M.G. Road,

Mumbai.

2nd June 2020.

Dear friend,

How are you? Hope you are enjoying your vacation there. I am also enjoying my vacation with my grandpa. My stay with my grandpa is pleasant. I got a new friend, a small grey squirrel. It is staying here with me. It is taking cakes and biscuits from pocket.

Convey my love to all.

Yours lovingly,

Name

DIARY

1. Prepare a diary entry of the boy in the story ‘Adventures in a Banyan Tree’

The boy could make friendship with the young squirrel. He writes his feelings in a diary entry.

May 20th 2020. Monday

It is an unforgettable day in my life. I was glad to see animals and birds there. I got a new friend. It was a small grey squirrel. I am giving biscuits and cakes to eat. I am enjoying my friendship with it. It is not afraid of me. I am very happy. It is my close friend. I love it a lot.

PREPARE THE NARRATIVE

Adventures in a banyan tree is about a young boy who visit his grandfather during his vacation. He was a great lover of nature and enjoys friendship with them. All types of birds and animals visited there. The banyan tree was the noisiest place on the road. All types of birds flock to the branches. The boy gets enormous pleasure with a small grey squirrel. It was not afraid of him as he had no arms with him. It takes cakes and biscuits from his pocket. The boy was sitting on the platform half up the tree. When he looked out, he saw a huge cobra gliding out of a clump of a cactus and a grey mongoose came out from the bushes. They came face to face. The cobra and mongoose were superb fighters.

He would spend the afternoon there when it was not hot. He could see the fight between a cobra and mongoose in the garden. He could witness the fight.

Mongoose was a superb fighter, clever and aggressive. They were unaware of the presence of the boy in the tree. Myna and crow were the spectators. They were on the cactus. Myna kept a safe distance from the fight. Mongoose won the fight.

Grandfather was pleased that mongoose. He encouraged it to live in the garden.

The snake had eaten scraps from the kitchen. He never tamed the mongoose.

They tried to keep the snakes away from the house.

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