

CBSE Class-7 English
NCERT solution
An Alien Chapter - 2
Bringing Up Kari

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Answer the following questions.

1. The enclosure in which Kari lived had a thatched roof that lay on thick tree stumps. Examine the illustration of Kari's pavilion on page 8 and say why it was built that way.

Ans: Kari's pavilion was built of hatched roof that lay on thick tree stumps because it(the elephant) was very tall and the thatch would not fall when Kari bumped against the poles.

2. Did Kari enjoy his morning bath in the river? Give a reason for your answer.

Ans: Yes, Kari enjoyed his morning bath in the river as he lay down on the sand bank and let his friend rub his back and also lay in the river water for a long time. He squealed with pleasure when water was rubbed down his back.

3. Finding good twigs for Kari took a long time. Why?

Ans: Finding good twigs for Kari took a long time because his friend had to climb all kinds of trees to get the most delicate and tender twigs. Also, if a twig was mutilated an elephant would not touch it. So, one had to be very sharp hatchet to cut down these twigs which took half an hour to sharpen it. It was not an easy job.

4. Why did Kari push his friend into the stream?

Ans: Kari pushed his friend into the stream because a boy was lying flat on the bottom of the river. Kari wanted his friend to save the life of that boy, so he pushed his friend into the stream.

5. Kari was like a baby. What are the main points of comparison?

Ans: Kari was like a baby because he had to be trained to be good just like a baby. He had to be taught when to sit down, when to walk, when to go fast, and when to go slow. When he was naughty, he need to be scolded and if not, he would do more mischief.

6. Kari helped himself to all the bananas in the house without anyone noticing it. How did he do it?

Ans: Kari stole the bananas from the table near the window in the dining room. He put his trunk through the window very much like a snake and disappeared with all the bananas without any one noticing it.

7. Kari learnt the commands to sit and to walk. What were the instructions for each command?

Ans: When his friend pulled his ear and said 'Dhat', Kari sat down and when he pulled his trunk forward and said 'Mali', Kari walked.

8. What is “the master call”? Why is it the most important signal for an elephant to learn?

Ans: The master call is a strange hissing, howling sound, as if a snake and a tiger were fighting each other. It is the most important signal for an elephant because whenever the master was in trouble, one master call would bring the elephant near him and help him out of danger.