

ENGLISH

CHAPTER 2: HOW THE DOG FOUND HIMSELF A MASTER



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~Summary~

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In the past, **Dogs lived independently**, just like their kin, the wolves. One day, a **dog was born** who wanted to **serve the strongest creature on earth**. He went through some animals like his kin **wolf**, the **bear**, the **lion**, and finally, **he reached the man**. He concluded that the **man is the strongest of all beings** and started to live with him with utmost **faith** and **loyalty**. The man became the master of the dog. That is how the **dog found his master**.



Conclusion~

In the chapter the dog want to become the stronger creature on earth because he live independently the poem shows that the man on earth is the biggest and strongest from all beings.

NCERT SOLUTIONS**Questions (Page No. 21-22)**
(Working with the Text)

Question 1. Discuss these questions in pairs before you write the answers.

- a. Why did the dog feel the need for a master?
- b. Who did he first choose as his master? Why did he leave that master?
- c. Who did he choose next?
- d. Why did he serve the Lion for a long time?
- e. Who did he finally choose as his master and why?

Answer:

- a. The dog felt the need for a master because he was sick and tired of wandering about alone, looking for food and afraid of those who were stronger than him.
- b. The dog first chose a big, strong and fierce wolf as his master. Once, The dog saw that the wolf was afraid that the bear would eat them up. Since the dog wanted to serve only the strongest, he left the wolf and asked the bear who was stronger than the wolf to be his master.
- c. He chose the bear to be his next master.
- d. He serve the Lion for a long time because he found there was no more powerful and stronger than lion in the forest and so no one dared to touch the dog or offend him in any way. Therefore, the dog lived happily by serving the lion for a long time.
- e. He finally chose man as his master because one day he realised that lion was afraid of man. As he wanted to serve someone who was the most powerful and stronger than anyone on earth, he chose man as his master.

Question 2. A summary of the story is given below. Fill in the blanks to complete it taking appropriate phrases from the box.

a dog, stronger than anyone else, the strongest of all, a wolf, the bear, afraid of man, his own master, a lion.

This is the story of _____, who used to be _____. He decided to find a master _____. First, he found _____, but the wolf was afraid of _____. The dog thought that the bear was _____. After some time, the dog met _____, who seemed the strongest. He stayed with the lion for a long time. One day he realised that the lion was _____. To this day, the dog remains man's best friend.

Answer:

This is the story of **a dog**, who used to be **his own master**. He decided to find a master **stronger than anyone else**. First he found **a wolf**, but the wolf was afraid of **the bear**. The dog thought that the bear was **the strongest of all**. After some time the dog met **a lion**, who seemed the strongest. He stayed with the lion for a long time. One day he realised that the lion was **afraid of man**. To this day, the dog remains man's best friend.

Questions (Page No. 22-24) (Working with the Language)

Question 1. Each word in the box given below indicates a large number of. For example, 'a herd of cows' refers to many cows.

Complete each of the following phrases with a suitable word from the box.

(school, fleet, brood, bundle, bunch, pack, flock, herd)

1. a _____ of ships.	5. a _____ of sticks.
2. a _____ of flowers.	6. a _____ of sheep.
3. a _____ of chicks.	7. a _____ of fish.
4. a _____ of cattle.	8. a _____ of wolves.

Answer:

1. a fleet of ships.	5. a bundle of sticks.
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2. a bunch of flowers.	6. a herd of sheep.
3. a brood of chicks.	7. a school of fish.
4. a team of cattle.	8. a pack of wolves.

Question 2. Make nouns from the words given below by adding -ness or -ity. (For some words we need to add just -ty, or -y).

1. Honest _____	7. Creative _____
2. Kind _____	8. Stncere _____
3. Cruel _____	9. Cheerful _____
4. Calim _____	10. Bitter _____
5. Sad _____	11. Sensitive _____
6. Active _____	12. Great _____

Answer:

1. Honest honesty	7. Creative creativity
2. Kind kindness	8. Stncere sincerity
3. Cruel cruelty	9. Cheerful cheerfulness
4. Calim calmness	10. Bitter bitterness
5. Sad sadness	11. Sensitive sensitivity
6. Active activity	12. Great greatness

Question 3. Word Search:

- There are twelve words hidden in this table.
- Six can be found horizontally and the remaining six vertically.
- All of them are describing words like 'good', 'happy', etc.
- The first letters of the words are given below:

Horizontal H R F F S G

Vertical A W S F L Q

A	H	A	S	T	Y	D	U	L	M	N	P
N	F	L	U	V	Q	T	B	O	A	L	Z
G	Z	M	R	X	R	V	D	Y	F	Q	O
R	X	O	P	W	S	F	O	A	B	U	C
Y	C	P	R	E	A	D	Y	L	D	I	F
D	G	Q	I	Y	F	I	E	R	C	E	D
A	H	R	S	T	R	O	N	G	H	T	J
X	W	S	E	Z	E	A	B	H	K	S	K
G	O	O	D	A	E	C	A	I	J	T	L
F	R	I	G	H	T	E	N	E	D	W	M
B	S	J	C	B	L	D	F	J	K	X	V
E	E	K	D	E	M	B	E	L	M	U	Y

Answer:

A	H	A	S	T	Y	D	U	L	M	N	P
N	F	L	U	V	Q	T	B	O	A	L	Z
G	Z	M	R	X	R	V	D	Y	F	Q	O
R	X	O	P	W	S	F	O	A	B	U	C
Y	C	P	R	E	A	D	Y	L	D	I	F
D	G	Q	I	Y	F	I	E	R	C	E	D
A	H	R	S	T	R	O	N	G	H	T	J
X	W	S	E	Z	E	A	B	H	K	S	K
G	O	O	D	A	E	C	A	I	J	T	L
F	R	I	G	H	T	E	N	E	D	W	M
B	S	J	C	B	L	D	F	J	K	X	V
E	E	K	D	E	M	B	E	L	M	U	Y

Question 4. Read the following passage and do the exercises that follow. Then complete the family tree of dogs given on the facing page.

The Dog Family

The dog family is one of the 11 families that make up the Carnivores, a large group of intelligent, flesh-eating, backboned animals. In this group are such varied animals as bears, pandas, raccoons, cats, hyenas, and even seal. The dog or canine family has many wild\ species like wolves, foxes, coyotes, jackals, and wild dogs.

The dog is the only domesticated member of the canine family though now and then someone tames a wolf, fox or coyote as a pet.

All members of the dog family are descendants of a wolf-like animal which lived about 15 million years ago. From this distant ancestor, the true dogs gradually developed. But nobody knows the exact ancestor of the modern domestic dog.

Several wild dogs look and behave like domestic dogs. The dingo or wild dog of Australia is one of these. It is possible that the dingo was a tamed dog brought to Australia long ago which then ran wild.

Dogs were the first animals tamed by humans — perhaps 20,000 years ago. Tamed dogs were brought from Asia to the New World 5,000 or more years ago. Dogs were first used for hunting.

1. Find the opposites of these words in the text above.

- ancestor — — — — —
- wild t — m —
- ancient — — — — —
- near d — — — — t
- suddenly gr — — — — —

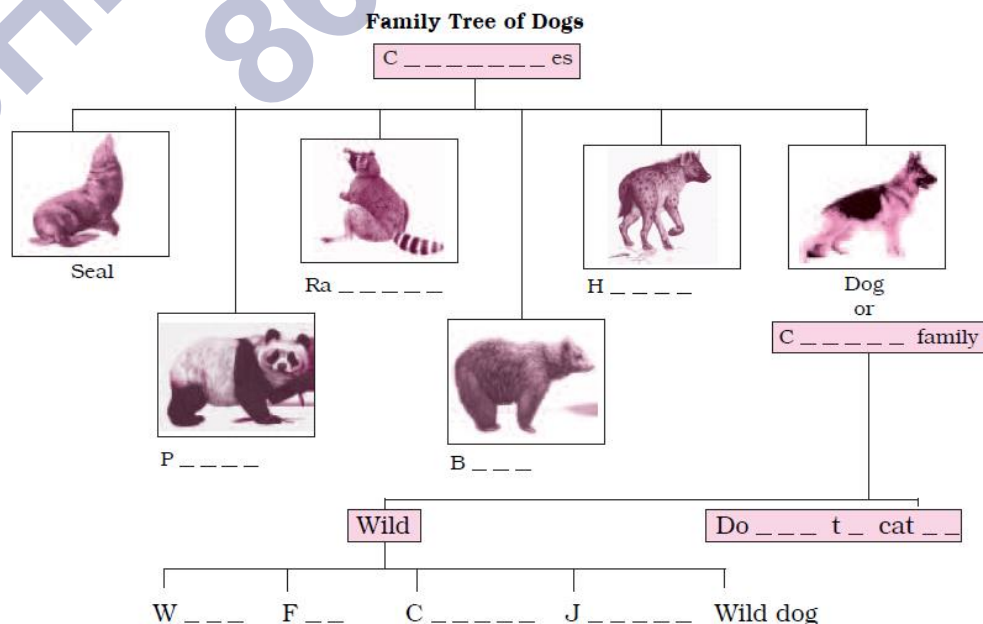
2. Complete the following sentences.

- The dingo is — — — — —.
- Dogs were the — — — — — animals tamed by humans. The other animals tamed by humans are — — — — —.

(Think and name some other such animals.)

- The New World refers to — — — — —.

Dogs were brought there from — — — — —.



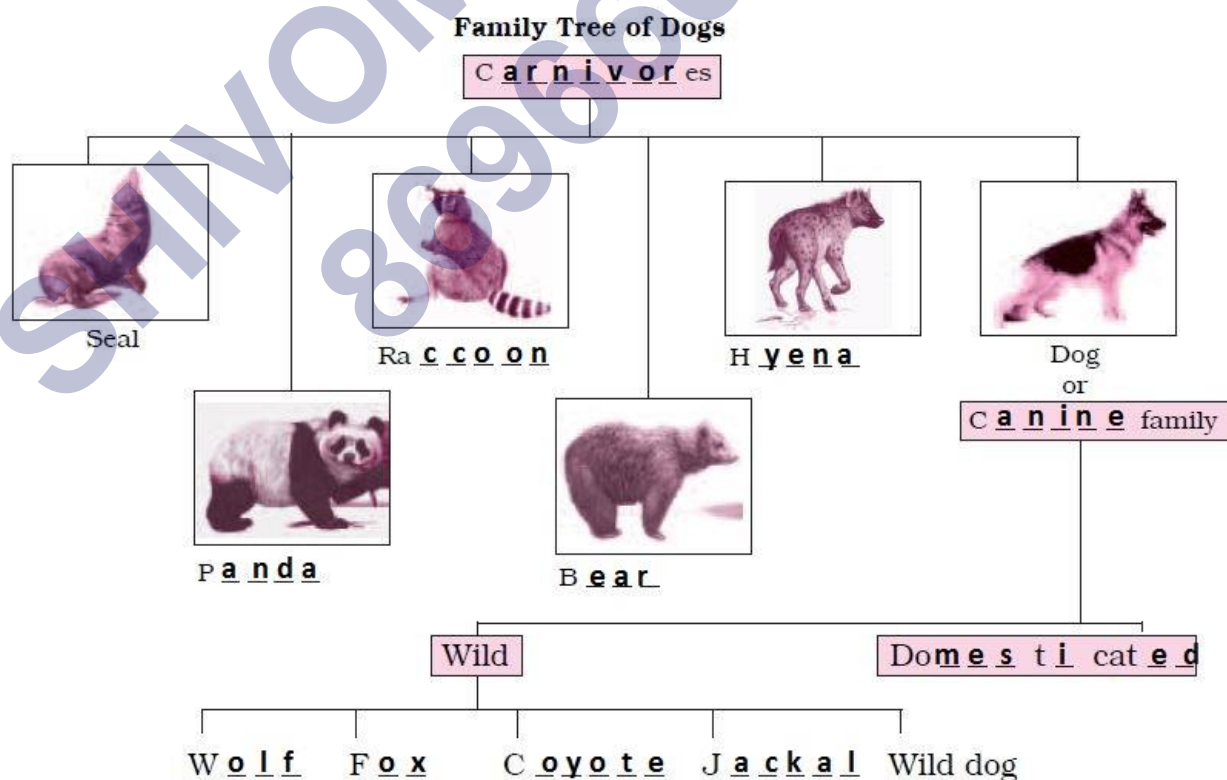
Answer:

1.

- a. ancestor **d e s c e n d e n t**
- b. wild **t a m e**
- c. ancient **m o d e r n**
- d. near **d i s t a n t**
- e. suddenly **g r a d u a l l y**

2.

- a. The dingo is a **wild dog**.
- b. Dogs were the **first** animals tamed by humans. The other animals tamed by humans are **cats, horses, elephants, cows, goats, buffaloes, donkeys, etc.**
(Think and name some other such animals.)
- c. The New World refers to **America**.
Dogs were brought there from **Asia**.



Questions (Page No. 21-22)

(Speaking)

Question 1. Here are some points from a similar story that you might have heard in another language. Dividing the class into two groups try and tell the story in English. One person from each group can speak alternately. Your teacher will help you. As you tell it, one of you may write it down on the board.

A Mouse Maiden:

- a. Mouse changed into a girl by a magician.
- b. Wants to marry the strongest person.
- c. Asks whether sun or cloud stronger (why?).
- d. But mountain stronger than clouds (how?).
- e. But mouse stronger than mountain (how?).
- f. Girl asks to marry mouse, becomes a mouse again.

Answer: Do it yourself.