

ENGLISH

CHAPTER 2: BRINGING UP KARI



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~Summary~

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"Bringing up Kari" is an **exciting story** written by "Dhan Gopal Mukerji". This story is about a **five-month-old** baby elephant and the narrator.

"Bringing up Kari" speaks about **two incidents**. The first incident talks about Kari's **kind-heartedness** and caring tendency and the second one speaks about Kari's **transformation of character**.

The story goes on like Kari, and the narrator usually takes their morning bath in a nearby river. After bathing, the narrator leaves Kari, and he goes deep inside the forest to cut some delicate twigs. While cutting the twigs for Kari, the narrator hears a **loud scream**. He thinks that Kari is in **trouble**. Immediately, the narrator reaches the spot, and he sees a **boy drowning** deep inside the water. Kari pulls the narrator into the river, but unfortunately, the narrator was not a **good swimmer**. Finally, Kari saves the **lives of the narrator and the young boy**.

The second incident speaks about Kari's transformation of character. Kari likes to eat **ripe bananas**. One day, the narrator finds that all the fruit from his dining-table gets vanished. His parents and servants blame him for stealing all the bananas. Finally, the narrator finds that all the bananas are destroyed and lying scattered in Kari's pavilion. The narrator realises that Kari is the **culprit**. The narrator warns Kari for stealing the bananas. From that day onwards, Kari stops stealing bananas. If anybody gives him any bananas, he will thank them and receive them.

"Bringing up Kari" speaks a few common things about elephants. An elephant must be taught when to sit and stand, or else the caretaker needs to carry a **ladder** with him wherever he goes. The most **important and challenging thing** to teach an elephant is a **master call**. Master call is a type of sound that makes the elephant feel that their master is in trouble. When an elephant hears a master call, he arrives at the particular spot to rescue his master. An elephant takes **five years** to learn a master call.

Listen to the summary of the lesson "Bringing up Kari":

~Conclusion~

The narrator proved a good elephant keeper when he succeeded in teaching Kari the master call. Kari learned and each time he heard a strange hissing and howling sound, he rushed to his master. Elephants like Kari are very loyal and they protect their masters from any dangers when they hear the master call.

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Questions (Page No. 14)

(Exercise)

Question 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.

Answer: The enclosure in which Kari lived had a thatched roof that lay on thick tree stumps. It was built that way so as to make sure that it would not fall in if Kari bumped against the poles as he moved about.

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

Answer: Yes, Kari used to enjoy his morning bath in the river. He would lie down on the sand and the author would rub his back with clean sand for an hour. Post that, he would stay in the water for a long time.

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

Answer: The author would climb all varieties of trees to get the most delicate twigs for Kari. If a twig was deformed, an elephant would not even touch it. So, finding good twigs for Kari took a long time.

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

Answer: Kari pushed his friend into the stream because there was another boy who was drowning in the river. Kari alone was not able to take the boy out of the water.

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

Answer: The main points of comparison are:

- a. Good lessons had to be taught to him.
- b. Manner of eating, sitting, etc. had to be taught.

c. He used to steal fruits from the dining-table of the house.

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

Answer: Kari helped himself to all the bananas in the house without anyone noticing it. He did so with the help of his long trunk. He would steal the bananas kept on the dining table through the window.

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

Answer: Kari learnt the commands to sit and to walk. The word "Dhat" was used to make him sit. The word used to make him walk was "Mali".

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

Answer: The master call is a strange howling, hissing sound. It sounds as if a snake and a tiger were fighting each other. This noise has to be made in the air. When an elephant listens to the master call, he uproots the trees and makes a passage through the jungle to the house.