

# ENGLISH

## CHAPTER 5: GOLU GROWS A NOSE



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~Summary~

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Golu, a **baby elephant** with a **bulging snout**, lived in an **era** when elephants didn't have trunks. He was an **inquisitive** baby who kept pestering his relatives with questions, leading them to assume he was a mischievous baby. He wondered one day, "What do crocodiles eat for dinner?" He was led to the Limpopo River by a **Myna bird** to find the answer for himself. As a result, Golu started a journey to the **Limpopo River**, where he met a python.

Golu immediately began inquiring about crocodiles to a **python** but did not receive any answer for his queries. Despite this, Golu assisted the python in **coiling** around a limb of a tree. The python then followed Golu without his knowledge.

Golu reached the Limpopo River's bank after few days of his **journey**. Unfortunately, he fell for the crocodile's **enticing** remarks and **approached** him to find out what the crocodile's dinner was. The crocodile took advantage of Golu's **curiosity** and **innocence** and **captured** him with its nose. The python that had been following Golu to the riverside immediately assisted Golu.

After a long battle, Golu was finally free from the crocodile's **clutches**, but his nose had grown five feet longer. Despite spending a long time in the Limpopo River trying to **shrink** his nose, it (Golu's trunk) remained in the **same posture** (five feet long). The python then explained to Golu the benefits of having a long snout (trunk).

After realising his **mistakes** and the **advantages** of having a **large nose**, Golu thanked the wise python and returned home pleased.

~Conclusion~

Golu was initially dejected by such a long nose. But when he used it to hit the fly, pluck grass and scoop cool mud from the river bank to pour over his head, the python counted the advantages of Golu's long nose. Satisfied at last, Golu was happy with the nose he had grown. This is the story of how the elephant grew a trunk.

**NCERT SOLUTIONS****Questions (Page No. 34-35)  
(Exercise)**

Question 1. Whom does Golu ask, "Why don't you ever fly like other birds?"

Answer: Golu asks the given question to the ostrich.

Question 2. Which uncle of Golu had red eyes?

Answer: Hippopotamus, Golu's huge uncle, had red eyes.

Question 3. Golu's relatives did not answer his questions because

- a. they were shy.
- b. the questions were too difficult.
- c. Golu was a naughty baby.

Answer:

- b. the questions were too difficult.

Question 4. Who advised Golu to go to the Limpopo River?

Answer: The mynah bird advised Golu to go to the Limpopo River.

Question 5. Why did Golu go to the river?

Answer: Golu went to the river because he wanted to know what a crocodile looks like and what he eats for his dinner.

Question 6. The crocodile lay on the bank of the Limpopo River. Golu thought it was

- a. a living crocodile.

- b. a dead crocodile.
- c. a log of wood.

Answer:

- c. a log of wood.

Question 7. What did the crocodile do to show that it was a real crocodile?

Answer: The crocodile shed “crocodile tears” to show that it was a real crocodile.

Question 8. “Come here, little one, and I’ll whisper the answer to you.”

The crocodile said this because

- a. he couldn’t stand up.
- b. he wanted to eat Golu.
- c. Golu was deaf.

Answer:

- b. he wanted to eat Golu.

Question 9. Who helped Golu on the bank of the river?

Answer: The python helped Golu on the bank of the river.

Question 10. Name two things the elephant can do with his trunk, and two he cannot.

Answer: The elephant can do the following things with his trunk:

- He can pluck fruits and leaves from the tree with his trunk.
- He can keep away the insects.

The elephant cannot do the following things with his trunk:

- He cannot use it as his legs.
- He cannot see with the help of his trunk.

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