



### 1.3 The Wild Boar and the Fox

One day, a wild boar was sharpening his tusks against the bark of a tree. He was doing it very carefully. There lived a fox in the same forest. He was always looking for a chance to make fun of other animals in the forest. When he saw the wild boar, he decided to tease him. He began to walk around the trees, looking left and right and up and down. He also began to act as if he was really scared. But the boar did not pay any attention to him. He kept right on with his work.

At last, the fox said with a grin, “Why are you doing that? I tried very hard, but I did not see any hidden enemy or danger.”

“True,” replied the boar. “Just now there may not be any danger. But when it really comes, there won’t be any time to sharpen my tusks. My weapons have to be ready for use then. If I am not ready, I will have to suffer!”

This story tells us that it is best to be prepared. Don’t leave things to be done at the last minute.

- **wild** : living in a jungle
- **boar** : a wild pig
- **tusks** : a pair of long pointed teeth that some animals like the elephant have
- **bark** : the tough outer covering of the main tree trunk and branches
- **grin** : smile

**POINTERS**

**1. Listen to the story carefully.**

**As you listen, tick only those words that appear in the story.**

wild mild oar boar ox box fox dark bark gun fun

saw raw please tease talk walk pay day word work

hard card won't want chance dance

The teacher should read out the story slowly, saying each word carefully.

**2. Find and label the following in the picture on page 7.**

\* a wild boar \* tusks \* a tree trunk

**3. Listen carefully and answer the questions orally using only one word or phrase.**

- (1) One day a wild boar was sharpening his tusks against the bark of a tree. What was the boar doing?
- (2) He was doing it carefully. How was he doing it?
- (3) There lived a fox in the same forest. Who lived in the same forest?
- (4) When the fox saw the wild boar, he decided to tease him. Who saw the wild boar? What did he decide to do?
- (5) But the boar did not pay any attention to him. Did the boar pay any attention to him?

The teacher should read aloud each question carefully.

**4. Match the words or phrases in 'A' and 'B' with reference to the story.**

**A**  
look for  
make fun of  
sharpen  
pay attention to

**B**  
tusks  
the fox  
a chance  
other animals

**5. The following speeches show up the nature of the speaker.**

**Guess the speaker – the wild boar or the fox?**

- \* 'I have invited some friends for a party this evening. I must tidy up the house before 4.00 pm.'
- \* 'I have to catch a 7.00 am train tomorrow. I need to pack my bag tonight.'
- \* 'These ants are so stupid. All the time they are busy collecting food.'
- \* 'Sister, thank you for the laddoos. Now, give me a hammer so that I can break them.'

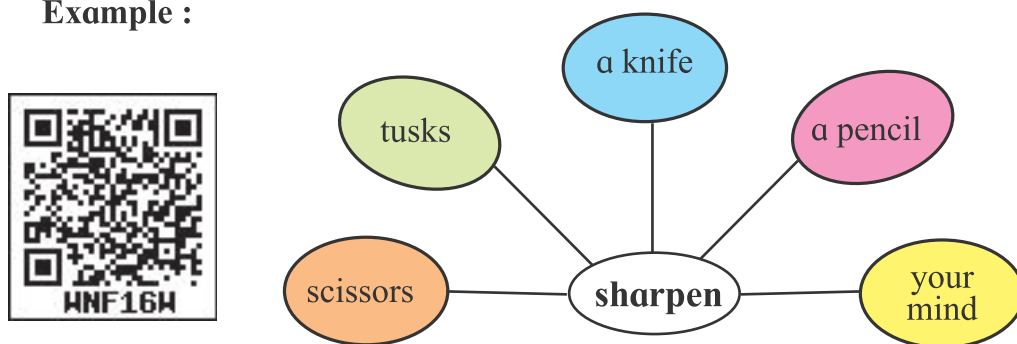
**6. Learn the following idioms about animals.**

- \* as sly as a fox
- \* as quiet as a mouse
- \* as brave as a lion
- \* as stubborn as a mule
- \* as strong as an ox
- \* as free as a bird
- \* as busy as a bee
- \* as slow as a snail
- \* as proud as a peacock

**7. Find at least 3 suitable objects for the following action words.**

- \* sharpen
- \* write
- \* decorate
- \* paint
- \* draw
- \* play
- \* open
- \* close
- \* wash
- \* polish
- \* throw
- \* catch
- \* break
- \* pour
- \* fill
- \* cut
- \* join
- \* find
- \* fold
- \* measure
- \* repair

**Example :**



**8. Try to think of different answers to the following ‘why’ questions.**

**Write down at least 2 of them in English.**

- (1) Why are you reading this story?
- (2) Why are you crying?
- (3) Why are you laughing?
- (4) Why are you sitting on the table?
- (5) Why are you shouting?
- (6) Why are you ..... ?

**Example :** (1) I like it. / It’s interesting. / I am reading it because it’s funny.

**9. Read the situation and the answer. Guess the ‘why’ question that Akshay asks.**

	Situation	Why question	Answer
a	Amit and Ajay are fighting.	Akshay : Why .....?	Amit : He took my pencil and broke it.
b	Ajay is going home.	Akshay : Why .....?	Ajay : I am hungry.
c	Amit is waiting at the bus-stop.	Akshay : Why .....?	Amit : I am waiting for the 10 o’clock bus.