

A LESSON FROM NATURE

One day, a boy was playing in a garden. He was running after butterflies and trying to catch them. He was very happy to see the colourful flowers. Then he saw a frog. It was skipping and jumping. As he ran behind the frog, it jumped into the pond.

Then he saw a cow in the garden. It was chewing grass. A fly came there and buzzed over the cow. The cow swung her tail to make the fly move away. The child clapped and laughed.

The boy was enjoying the beauty of nature. He said, "Nature is wonderful. Its beauty attracts everyone."

When he saw a squirrel he ran after it and reached near the bed of roses. He tried to pluck some of the roses, but a thorn pierced his finger. It was very painful. The boy started crying and ran to his house.



His mother asked him, "What is the matter? Why are you crying?" The boy said, "The thorn of the rose pierced my finger while I was plucking it and now I feel severe pain."

His mother said, "It is your mistake. You should not have tried to pluck the flower. The flowers are meant to be seen and not to be plucked. Besides, natural beauty should never be harmed. One should not interfere with the natural processes. Instead, we should help to maintain nature."

The son said, "I will always follow what you have just told me, mum."

The Mother said, "What have you learnt today?."

Her son explained, "We should protect all living beings, whether animals or plants. We should never harm them. Harming Nature may harm human beings in the long run."

Vocabulary: Join each word with the correct picture:



Butterfly



Pond



Fly



Clap



Squirrel



Thorn



Pluck