

Narrative Study

Two Men and the Bear
an Aesop Fable

Two men were walking down a forest road when they found a bear. One man climbed up a tree and escaped the bear's claws. The other man knew there was nothing he could do, so he dropped to the ground and played dead.

The bear went up to the man and sniffed about his ears. He **pawed** at him a few times. Thinking the man was dead, the bear walked away.

After the bear left, his friend came down from the tree.

“What did the bear say to you, friend, when he whispered in your ear?” asked his friend.

“Oh,” answered his friend, “He just told me that I should think before traveling with friends who leave their friends in times of trouble.”



Friendship is tested in times of trouble.

Q. Answer the following questions.

1. What is the title of the story?.....
2. Who is the writer of the story?.....
3. How many characters are there in the story?.....
4. What did the first man do to escape the bear?
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5. What did the second man do to escape the bear? Why did he do that?
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6. Did the first man help his friend?

Yes, he did – No, he didn’t

7. What is the lesson learned from this story?
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8. Did the bear whisper in the man’s ear? Write the sentence that support your answer.
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