

### STEPS-TO-SUCCESS:

1. Read and understand the story shared.
2. Find the words in the story.
3. Look for the meaning of the words using the dictionary link given.
4. Identify the key 'WH-' and 'How' in a question and answer accordingly (*Why: is used to ask for a reason, How: is used to explain a process, How many: is used to ask for the amount/quantity*)

## Man and Animals

### 'Si Tangkas'

I also like to accompany my father to pick coconuts from our coconut trees. We used to pick coconuts twice a month. However, it was not my father who climbed the coconut trees but our monkey 'Si Tangkas'. He is a pig-tailed monkey or known locally as 'Berok'. We called him 'Si Tangkas' because he was a fast climber. 'Si Tangkas' was trained by my father to climb the coconut trees since he was small. He could climb up to 50 coconut trees a day.

'Si Tangkas' would climb the tree while my father would hold a thin rope tied to his neck so that my father could control his movement. Sometimes, if the coconut trees were close to each other, 'Si Tangkas' would just **leap** from one tree to another tree and **toss** down the coconuts to the ground.

'Si Tangkas' was taught not to bring down any old coconut, but only the young ones with **tender** meat. He chose them carefully before **plucking** them. There were so many stinging ants, scorpions and sometimes snakes at the top of the coconut trees, but 'Si Tangkas' was not **bothered** by them. He was such a brave monkey.

However, he wouldn't work when he was tired or wanted to play with us. He would have his day off. At home, he liked to play with a ball. My father would give him a bath to **avoid** him from fall sick. Sometimes, we took him for a walk around the village. He liked the attention he received from the other children.

Choose the correct meaning of the word as it is used in the story.

1. 'leap' means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. drop
  - b. hop/jump over
  - c. fall
  
2. 'toss' means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. catch
  - b. seize
  - c. throw
  
3. 'tender' means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. hard
  - b. soft juicy
  - c. sturdy
  
4. 'plucking' means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. pulling off
  - b. pushing
  - c. dispersing
  
5. 'bothered' means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. troubled
  - b. satisfied
  - c. comforted

6. 'avoid' means \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. face
  - b. keep away
  - c. take on

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

7. How many times did they pick the coconuts in a month?

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8. How many trees could 'Si Tangkas' climb in a day?

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9. Why did they call the monkey 'Si Tangkas'?

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10. How did his father control Si Tangkas's movement?

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11. Why did they give 'Si Tangkas' a bath?

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