

The clever monkey Story

Time Once upon a time, there was a clever monkey. He lived on a beautiful island, in an apple tree. One day, a crocodile swam to the island. 'I'm hungry,' he said.

So, the monkey threw a red apple to the crocodile. The crocodile munched and munched. The next day, the crocodile came back. 'Please, may I have two apples?' he asked. He ate one and gave one to his wife.

The crocodile went to see the monkey every day, to listen to his tales and eat his apples. He wanted to be clever, just like the monkey. The crocodile's wife had an idea. 'Why don't you eat his heart? Then you'll be clever, just like him!'

The next day, he said to the monkey, 'Come to my house! We'll have lunch together, to thank you for the apples.'

But when he arrived, the crocodile snapped and said, 'Monkey! I want to eat your heart, so I can be as clever as you!'

The clever monkey thought quickly and said, 'But... I haven't got my heart here. It's on the island, in the apple tree.'

They all went back to the island. 'Wait here, and I will get my heart,' said the monkey. The monkey quickly climbed the tree and sat at the top. 'Oh, Crocodile. You are greedy. Of course, you can't have my heart. And now, you can't have my apples!' And the clever monkey laughed and laughed!

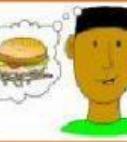
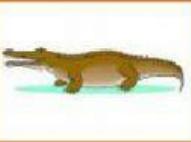
Story Time



Listen to this story <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/the-clever-monkey>

1. What's the word?

Write the word under the pictures

monkey	island	apple	tree	crocodile	hungry
wife	heart	house	have lunch	climb	laugh
					
monkey					
					

2. What's the order?

Watch the story and put the sentences in order.

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The crocodile told the monkey that he wanted to eat his heart.

The monkey quickly climbed the tree.

The crocodile was hungry.

The crocodile and his wife invited the monkey to lunch.

The monkey gave the crocodile two apples.

The monkey told the crocodile that his heart was on the island.

The monkey gave the crocodile an apple.

They all went back to the island.

3 Write True or False

The crocodile wants to be clever _____

To eat the monkey's heart was the wife's idea _____

The crocodile gets the monkey's heart _____

The crocodile will get more apples from the monkey _____

4. Choose the answer!

What do you think is the moral of the story? Circle the best answer.

- a. Don't try to help people in case they try to trick you.
- b. You should ask your friends to give you lots of things.
- c. Don't be jealous of your friends.