

## MAKING FRIENDS WITH BOOKS

- I* Read Part I of the text *Full Moon*. Answer the questions: Which words did the children hear at the Zoo all the time? Were the animals out of cages every night?

### Full Moon

(from *Mary Poppins* after Pamela Travers)

#### Part I

All day long Mary Poppins was in a hurry,

Mary Poppins ['mɛəri 'pɒpɪnz], Michael [maɪkl], Jane [dʒeɪn]
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and when she was in a hurry she was always angry. Everything Jane did was bad, everything Michael did was worse.

“I wonder,” said Michael, “what happens in the Zoo at night, when everybody’s gone home?”

“One more question from you — and to bed you go!” said Mary Poppins and began to tidy the room.

“It’s no good asking her<sup>1</sup>. She knows everything, but she never tells,” said Jane.

Jane and Michael went to bed quickly. Mary Poppins turned off the light very early and went away. Soon they heard a low voice.

“Hurry, Jane and Michael!” said the voice. “Put on some clothes and hurry!”

They jumped out of their beds, surprised and a little frightened<sup>2</sup>.

“Come on,” said Jane. “Something is happening.” And she began to look for some clothes in the darkness.

“Hurry!” called the voice again.

<sup>1</sup> It’s no good asking her. — Бесполезно спрашивать ее.

<sup>2</sup> a little frightened — немного напуганные



“Oh dear, all I can find is my hat and a pair of gloves!” said Michael. He was running round the room.

“Put them on. It isn’t cold. Come on,” said the voice.

Jane herself could not find her coat and she put on a little coat of John’s. John was her younger brother. She opened the door. There was nobody there.

“Hurry!” said the voice again from a near-by corner, but when they turned it, they could see nothing. They began to run, hand in hand, following the voice down streets and across parks and stopped at a gate in a wall.

“Here you are!”<sup>1</sup> said the voice.

“Where?” asked Michael. But there was no answer.

“Look!” said Jane. “Don’t you see where we are? It’s the Zoo!”

A very bright full moon was shining in the sky and by its light Michael saw the gate and looked in. Of course! It was the Zoo!

“But how shall we get in?” he said. “We’ve no money.”

“That’s all right!” said a deep voice. “Special Visitors allowed in free tonight<sup>2</sup>. Come in, please!” the voice said. It came from a big Brown Bear.

“Why aren’t you in your cage? Are you always out at night?” said Michael.

“No — only when the Birthday falls on a Full Moon<sup>3</sup>.”

Jane and Michael walked on into the Zoo grounds. In the light of the full moon every tree and flower and bush was bright, and they could see the houses and cages quite clearly. Animals were running about on all the

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<sup>1</sup> Here you are! — Вот вы и пришли!

<sup>2</sup> Special [ˈspeʃl] Visitors allowed in free tonight — Сегодня ночью для почетных гостей вход бесплатный

<sup>3</sup> the Birthday falls on a Full Moon — день рождения приходится на полнолуние

paths. Two wolves ran past the children talking to a very tall bird. Jane and Michael heard the words "Birthday" and "Full Moon" as they went by. Three camels were walking along side by side<sup>1</sup>.

"Whose Birthday is it, I wonder?" said Michael, but Jane was moving and looking at everything curiously.

Again Jane heard the words "Special Visitors — Friends of —" and then no more.

"Look where you are going!" somebody shouted.

Jane turned quickly and saw a big Lion behind her. She was a little afraid of the Lion, but he seemed kind enough. He offered<sup>2</sup> her his arm. She took it and they walked on together to the great hall.

Jane and Michael were surprised at what they saw. There were a lot of animals in the great hall. There were panthers ['pænθəz] and leopards ['lepədz], wolves, tigers and antelopes ['æntiloups], monkeys and hedgehogs, mountain goats and giraffes.

"Wonderful, isn't it?" said the Lion. "Come along — we must get good places."

Jane and Michael hurried after the Lion and soon in the middle of the hall they saw the cages.

"Why," said Michael, and he opened his mouth very wide. "They are full of people."

And they were. In one cage two large gentlemen were walking up and down. There were a lot of children in another cage. The animals outside looked at them with great interest and some of them tried to make the babies laugh. In the third cage three ladies in raincoats and galoshes were sitting.

"Go away. I want my tea!" cried one of them.

"Aren't they funny?" said the animals, and they laughed loudly at them.

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<sup>1</sup> side by side — рядом, букв. бок о бок

<sup>2</sup> to offer — предложить

“But how did they all get in there?” Jane asked the Lion.

“There are the people who were at the Zoo when the gates were shut<sup>1</sup>, so we keep them here.”

“But — will they ever get out?<sup>2</sup> The poor people!” Jane did not hear the answer. She turned to Michael, but found that he was no longer near her. She ran to look for him.

## Do You Understand The Story?

2 *Choose and read the correct ending to each sentence.*

1 Jane put on:

- her hat and a pair of gloves.
- her coat.
- a little coat of John's.

2 When Jane saw a big Lion:

- she was frightened, turned quickly and ran away.
- she was a little afraid, but he seemed kind enough.
- she took Michael's hand and they ran away.

3 Jane and Michael were in the great hall. They were surprised:

- to see a lot of animals in the cages.
- to see a lot of children looking at the animals in the cages.
- to see the cages full of people.

3 *Find in the text and read the sentences which describe the people in the cages in the great hall.*

4 *Choose the things which seemed strange and unusual to Mike and Jane:*

- Mary's low voice at night;
- a bright moon in the sky;

<sup>1</sup> the gates are shut [ʃʌt] — ворота закрыты

<sup>2</sup> will they ever get out? — они когда-нибудь выберутся отсюда?

- two wolves talking to a very tall bird;
- people in cages;
- the animals' words about Full Moon;
- dark streets;
- flowers and trees at the Zoo;
- the kind Lion.

5 *Answer the questions.*

- 1 Why was Mary Poppins angry with the children?
- 2 What did Mary's voice ask the children to do?
- 3 Why were the children surprised and frightened when they heard Mary's voice?
- 4 Were there many people in the streets at night?
- 5 Where did the children find themselves?
- 6 Whom did they see on all the Zoo paths?
- 7 What words did the children hear many times?
- 8 What was strange about all the animals at the Zoo?
- 9 Who were the people in the cages?

**How Good Is Your English? (see pp 70 –71)** ● ● ● ●

**What Do You Think?**

- 6 *Try and explain:*
  - how Jane and Mike understood that it was sometimes no good asking Mary Poppins about something;
  - why the children were surprised and frightened when they heard a low voice at night;
  - why they hurried to leave their house;
  - why Jane took the Lion's arm when he offered it;
  - why Michael opened his mouth wide when he saw people in cages.
- 7 *Do you think that the children understood at once that it was Mary's magic to make them go to the Zoo?*



## How Good Is Your English?

8 Use the proper word from the box.

- You can tell from your friend's ..... that he is pleased or angry.
- Children are usually ..... about everything around them.
- We are ..... at people who behave in a strange and unusual way, not like all the others.
- Who is ..... of wild animals?
- Do you take any ..... in detective stories?
- Be quiet or the deer will be ..... away by the noise.

interest
voice
curious
frightened
surprised
afraid

9 Match the words which are opposite in meaning.

near	light
hard	less
more	far
long	short
late	early
dark	easy

10 Use the correct preposition .

- All day long Mary was ..... a hurry.
- They went to bed and turned ..... the light in the room.
- The girl turned quickly and saw a big wild animal ..... her.
- The children were greatly surprised ..... everything they saw at the Zoo.
- The people and the animals looked at each other ..... great interest.
- Jane was a little afraid ..... the Lion.

off
in
with
at
behind
of

- 11 Match the words in column A with the words in column B.

A	B
special	animals
wild	clothes
loud	children
frightened	actions
good	visitors
tidy	voices

- 12 *Past Indefinite? Past Continuous? Present Perfect?*  
Choose the correct form of the verb (✓).

- 1 The voice (asked, was asking, has asked) the children to put on their clothes and hurry.
- 2 Jane understood that something unusual (happened, was happening, has happened) to them at that moment.
- 3 A very bright full moon (shone, was shining, has shone) in the sky.
- 4 Jane (looked, was looking, has looked) at everything curiously.
- 5 The children suddenly (heard, were hearing, have heard) the words about someone's birthday.
- 6 "I wonder what (happened, was happening, has happened) to these people?" the boy said. "Why are they in cages?"



13 Read Part II of the text *Full Moon*. Answer the questions: Whose birthday was it? What was Mary Poppins wearing in the morning?

### Full Moon

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#### Part II

When Jane was talking to the Lion, Michael was walking along one of the paths. Suddenly he saw a Penguin<sup>1</sup> in the middle of the path with a large copy-book under one wing and a very big pencil under the other.

“Can you help me?” he asked when he saw Michael. “What rhymes<sup>2</sup> with Mary?”

“I can’t think,” Michael said.

“Perhaps you can tell me what rhymes with Mary?” The Penguin turned to Jane who was running towards<sup>3</sup> Michael. “You see, I’m trying to write a poem for the Birthday. I think it is so nice to begin with ‘O Mary, Mary’.”

“This is all very strange,” said Jane. “Whose birthday is it, I wonder?”

“Now, come along, you two, come along. You want to say ‘Happy Birthday!’, don’t you?” said a voice behind them. Jane and Michael turned round and saw the Brown Bear.

“Oh, of course!” said Jane, but she did not know whose birthday it was. The Brown Bear put an arm round each of them and they hurried along the path.

<sup>1</sup> penguin [ˈpeŋɡwɪn] — ПИНГВИН

<sup>2</sup> rhyme [raɪm] — рифма; to rhyme — рифмоваться

<sup>3</sup> towards [təˈwɔːdz] — (по направлению) к



“Here we are, here we are!” said the Brown Bear and stopped before a small house.

It was so light there that the children thought the sun was shining. The Bear opened the house and the two children saw that they were in the Snake<sup>1</sup> House. All the cages were open and the snakes were out. And there, among the snakes sat Mary Poppins. Jane and Michael could not believe their eyes.

“Some more birthday guests,” said the Brown Bear. The snakes turned their heads towards the children. Mary Poppins did not move. But she spoke.

“And where’s your overcoat, may I ask?” she said looking angrily but without surprise at Michael. “And your hat and gloves, Jane?” she asked.

But before the children had time to answer, there was some noise in the Snake House. The snakes were raising their heads, and the Brown Bear took off his cap. And slowly Mary Poppins, too, stood up.

“My dear child. My very dear child!” said a small, hissing<sup>2</sup> voice. And out from the largest of the cages there came a Hamadryad<sup>3</sup>. He moved past the snakes and the Brown Bear towards Mary Poppins. And when he was near her, he raised his long golden body and kissed her, first on one cheek and then on the other.

“So!” he hissed softly. “This is very pleasant — very, very pleasant. That your Birthday falls on a Full Moon, my dear.”

The Hamadryad turned then to Jane and Michael. “And who are these?” he said in his soft, hissing voice, as he looked at the children.

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<sup>1</sup> snake — змея

<sup>2</sup> hissing [ˈhɪsɪŋ] — шипящий

<sup>3</sup> Hamadryad [ˈhæmɪˈdraɪəd] — кобра королевская

“Miss Jane Banks and Master Michael Banks,” said the Brown Bear. “Her friends.”

“Ah, her friends. Then they are welcome. My dears, be seated.”

Jane said in a whisper, “He talks like a great lord.”

“He is. He’s the lord of our world — the wisest and most terrible of us all,” said the Brown Bear.

The Hamadryad smiled and turned to Mary Poppins.

“Cousin,” the Hamadryad began, “I’m going to give the Birthday Present. Take my golden skin. I think you will like it. It may be a belt or a pair of shoes. Wait! I will write a greeting upon it.”

Mary Poppins was very pleased.

“Do I not hear the signal for the Grand Chain?”<sup>1</sup> said the Hamadryad.

Everybody listened. A bell was ringing and they heard a deep voice. It was coming nearer and nearer, and crying out, “Grand Chain, Grand Chain! Everybody in the centre for Grand Chain and Finale [fr'na:lɪ]. Come along, come along. Stand ready for the Grand Chain!”

“I thought so,” said the Hamadryad, smiling. “You must be off<sup>2</sup>, my dear. You must take your place in the centre of the Grand Chain. Hurry away!” said the Hamadryad. “I will take care of your young friends.”

Mary Poppins ran towards the big green square in the centre of the Zoo.

“Will you go with me?” said the Hamadryad kindly to Jane and Michael.

“It has begun,” he said, hissing with pleasure. And

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<sup>1</sup> the Grand [grænd] Chain [tʃeɪn] — Большой Хоровод

<sup>2</sup> You must be off — Тебе пора идти

from the loud cries that were now coming from the green square, the children could guess that he meant the Grand Chain. As they moved nearer they could hear the animals singing and shouting, and soon they saw leopards and lions, camels, bears, antelopes and many other animals around Mary Poppins. Then the animals began to move, crying their jungle<sup>1</sup> songs and jumping in and out of the ring. Jane and Michael watched.

“I thought, Sir —” Jane began and stopped.

“Speak, my child!” said the Hamadryad. “You thought?”

“Well — that lions and birds, and tigers and little animals —”

The Hamadryad helped her. “You thought that they were enemies<sup>2</sup>, that when a lion meets a bird he eats it, and the tiger eats a hare — eh? You may be right. But not on the Birthday,” said the Hamadryad. “Tonight the small are free from the great and the great protect<sup>3</sup> the small. Even I —” he went on, “even I can meet a Goose and not think of dinner — on this day.”

Birds and animals were now dancing together round Mary Poppins.

“Birds and animals, and stones and stars — we are all one — all one...” said the Hamadryad softly. The hissing voice grew softer. Then the cries of the animals became softer, too. Jane and Michael felt sleepy.

“Asleep and dreaming — both of them,” said a soft voice. Was it the voice of the Hamadryad, or their Mother’s voice? Was that the Brown Bear speaking? Jane and Michael could not tell... could not tell...

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<sup>1</sup> the jungle ['dʒʌŋɡl] — джунгли

<sup>2</sup> enemy ['enəmi] — враг

<sup>3</sup> to protect [prə'tekt] — защищать

“I had such a strange dream last night,” said Jane at breakfast. “I dreamed we were at the Zoo and it was Mary Poppins’ birthday, and instead of animals in the cages there were people, and all the animals were out.”

“Why, that’s my dream. I dreamed that, too,” said Michael, looking very surprised.

“Are you sure? Do you remember the Lion?”

“Of course I do! And the babies in the cage, and the Penguin and the Hamadryad —”

“Mary Poppins,” said Jane, “can Michael and I dream the same dream?”

“You and your dreams!” said Mary Poppins. “Eat your porridge, please, or you will have no buttered toast.”

But Jane wanted to know.

“Mary Poppins,” she said, “were you at the Zoo last night?”

Mary Poppins’ eyes opened wide.

“At the Zoo? In the middle of the night? Me? A quiet person who knows that early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy<sup>1</sup> and wise?”

“But were you?” Jane said again.

“I have all I can see at the Zoos in this room, thank you,” said Mary Poppins. “Sit up straight, and no more silly questions.”

“Then it was a dream,” said Jane.

But Michael, his mouth open, was looking at Mary Poppins who was now making toast at the fire.

“Jane,” he said in a whisper, “Jane, look!”

And Jane saw what he was looking at. Mary Poppins was wearing a belt of golden snake-skin, with the words on it: “A Present from the Zoo.”

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<sup>1</sup> healthy ['helθɪ], wealthy ['welθɪ] — здоровый, богатый

## Do You Understand The Story?

14 *Choose and read the correct ending to each sentence.*

- 1 Michael saw a Penguin who was standing in the middle of the path:
  - with a large book under his wing.
  - with a pen under the other wing.
  - with a large copy-book under one wing and a very big pencil under the other.
- 2 The Penguin was trying:
  - to read a poem.
  - to recite a poem for the Birthday.
  - to write a poem for the Birthday.
- 3 It was very light in the Snake House:
  - because the sun was shining.
  - and one could think that the moon was shining.
  - and one could think that the sun was shining.
- 4 The Hamadryad gave Mary Poppins:
  - a belt as a birthday present.
  - his golden skin as a birthday present.
  - a pair of shoes as a birthday present.
- 5 The Hamadryad said:
  - “Lions and birds, tigers and little animals are all enemies.”
  - “Birds and animals, and stones and stars — we are all one...”
  - “I cannot meet a Goose and not eat it.”

15 *Answer the questions.*

- 1 What was the Penguin busy with?
- 2 Where did the Brown Bear take Jane and Michael?
- 3 Who was the lord of the Jungle?
- 4 What present did the Hamadryad give Mary Poppins?
- 5 Who took care of the children when everybody hurried away to the square in the centre of the Zoo?
- 6 What words did the Hamadryad want Jane to remember?
- 7 What was Michael surprised at when he saw Mary Poppins in the morning?

16 *Say how the story describes Mary Poppins' birthday:*

- her guests;
- how they spent their time at Mary's birthday party;
- what fun they had.

**How Good Is Your English? (see pp 80 –81)** ● ● ● ●

### **What Do You Think?**

17 *Do you think Michael and Jane saw all the animals at the Zoo in their night dream? Why weren't they both sure it was only a dream?*

18 *Think and say :*

- why Michael and Jane believed at first that their visit to the Zoo at night was only a dream;
- why they felt something was wrong about their dream;
- why Mary Poppins did not want to tell them the truth.





## How Good Is Your English?

19 Use the proper word from the box.

- 1 A person who is staying with you or whom you have invited for your party is your .....
- 2 When we meet, we kiss each other on both .....
- 3 I like people who never cry, who always speak in a ..... voice.
- 4 My family and I always give a warm ..... to our guests.
- 5 When you say something in a ....., nobody can hear you.
- 6 My friends' visits always give me such .....
- 7 It has always been many people's ..... to live a happy, peaceful and beautiful life.

cheeks
guest
whisper
soft
dream
welcome
pleasure

20 Find the words which are close in meaning.

walk	look after
large	be surprised
take care	look
watch	speak
wonder	in the middle
talk	big
in the centre	move

21 *So?Such? Choose the proper word (✓).*

- 1 I think it is (so, such) nice to write a poem for the Birthday.
- 2 I had (so, such) a strange dream last night.
- 3 The house was (so, such) light that the children thought the sun was shining.
- 4 It was (so, such) a pleasure to come across something unusual.

22 *Match the words in column A with the words in column B.*

A	B
friendly	questions
nice	dreams
strange	greetings
battered	people
healthy	words
wise	toasts

23 *Use the correct preposition .*

- 1 The loud noise woke the children up ..... the middle of the night, and they couldn't fall asleep again.
- 2 Each time the girl walked..... cake shops, she stopped to have a look at the tasty cakes.
- 3 They wanted to meet ..... the Zoo.
- 4 Is there a bus stop ..... your house?
- 5 The Moon goes ..... the Earth.
- 6 A lot of people hurried ..... the streets of the city.

past  
in  
along  
at  
round  
near