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**ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS**

- 1** *Read Part I of the story **Bobs, The Monkey Who Forgot** and answer the question: Did Bobs ever forget his mother's words?*

**Bobs, The Monkey Who Forgot**

Part I

Bobs was a monkey. He had soft grey fur, a dear ugly face<sup>1</sup>, and big round eyes.<sup>2</sup> He lived with his mother in a forest beside the sea in Africa.

There was the forest, then a road, then rocks, and then the sea. Bobs never went near the sea. He did not like the waves, as they came splash, splash on to the rocks. And he never went near the road. He did not like the bright shiny motor cars which passed so quickly. He was a wise little monkey. He stayed close to his mother, and played in the forest. There were tall trees with big green leaves in the forest, and small trees with sweet red and yellow flowers. There were strange plants, and long monkey ropes<sup>2</sup> on which he liked to swing. He was very happy.

One day he was playing with two of his friends, when one of them said, "It's Saturday."

"What's Saturday?" Bobs asked.

"Don't you know?" asked the other. "It's the day the white people go to the beach in their cars. We often go to the side of the road<sup>3</sup> to look at them."

"I don't like cars," said Bobs.

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<sup>1</sup> **dear ugly** ['lʌɡli] **face** — некрасивая, но милая мордочка

<sup>2</sup> **rope** — веревка, *зд.* **monkey ropes** — лианы

<sup>3</sup> **the side of the road** — обочина дороги



“Ah!” the first monkey went on. “But sometimes they stop, and the people throw food to us. Last week they threw bananas [bə' nɑ:nəz] and sweets.”

“Let's go there now,” said the other monkey. “Will you come, Bobs?”

“All right. I'll come.”

So Bobs and his two friends jumped from tree to tree until they came to the road. They sat high up on a branch, and when cars came along, they called to each other, and sang monkey songs to make people look at them.

Soon a car stopped. A lady looked out of the window and said, “Oh! Look at the monkeys!” A man and two little girls looked out too. They opened the car door and

threw a cake on to the road. The other monkeys ran down to get it, but Bobs stayed up in the tree.

“Look at that dear little monkey in the tree!” said one of the little girls. “He is too shy to come to us.” Bobs heard her. He jumped down and ran to the car.

“Oh! Isn’t he tiny?”<sup>1</sup> said the little girls, and they threw a banana to him. Bobs pulled off the peel and took a bite<sup>2</sup> with his small white teeth. It was nice. He wanted to make it last<sup>3</sup> so he ate it very slowly. When he looked up, there was no car, no lady, no man and no little girls. He could not see his monkey friends around, but he heard them shouting far in the forest.

“You have been away a long time,” said his mother when Bobs came back. “Where have you been?”

He told her about the car, about the people and about the banana. She sat still<sup>4</sup> for a moment and thought. Then she said, “Bobs, I know that a lot of monkeys go to the road on Saturdays for food. You may go if you wish. But you must remember one thing. Never, never, never get inside a car.”

“Oh no, Mother. I shall never do that.”

“Most people are kind, but some are not, and if they catch you, they will take you away.”

So after that Bobs often went to the road on Saturdays with his friends. They played and swung<sup>5</sup> in the trees, and watched the cars go by. They called to each other, and sang monkey songs to make people look at them. They ran down to pick up the nice things people

<sup>1</sup> **Isn’t he tiny?** — *зд.* А какой он крошечный!

<sup>2</sup> **to pull off the peel and take a bite** — очистить шкурку и откусить кусочек

<sup>3</sup> **He wanted to make it last** — *зд.* Он хотел продлить удовольствие

<sup>4</sup> **still** — *зд.* спокойный

<sup>5</sup> **to swing (swung, swung)** — качаться, раскачиваться

threw to them — cakes, bananas and sweets. Sometimes they even took bits of food from the children's hands. But Bobs did not forget his mother's words "Never, never, never get inside a car".

That summer there were many weeks when no rain fell. The monkeys in the forest could not find enough nuts and seeds and berries to eat. They grew thin<sup>1</sup> because they were so often hungry. More and more of them went to the road for cakes, bananas and sweets. The little monkeys went. The mothers and fathers went. The grandmothers and grandfathers went. More cars came along the road than ever before. People came just to see the monkeys.<sup>2</sup> Some of the little monkeys began to do silly things. One had a ride on the roof of a car, until he rolled off<sup>2</sup>, and had to jump to his feet. One sat on the front of a car, until the engine<sup>3</sup> became too hot, and burnt his tail. Some of them even went inside and sat with the people. But Bobs did not forget his mother's words "Never, never, never get inside a car".

## Do You Understand The Story?

2 *Number the facts below in the order in which they come in the story. You may look back at the story.*

- Bobs joined his friends and went to the side of the road with them.
- Bobs stayed close to his mother and played in the forest.
- Bobs promised his mother never to step inside a car.
- Bobs ran to the car to show that he was not shy.

<sup>1</sup> **to grow (grew, grown) thin** — похудеть

<sup>2</sup> **to roll [roul] off the roof** — скатиться с крыши

<sup>3</sup> **engine [ˈendʒɪn]** — мотор, двигатель

3 *Choose the correct ending to each sentence.*

- 1 Bobs never went near the sea because:
  - he was afraid to go there alone.
  - he did not like the waves.
  - he could not swim.
- 2 Bobs never went near the road because:
  - it was very far from the forest.
  - he did not like the shiny motor cars.
  - he was afraid of people.
- 3 The monkeys sang monkey songs:
  - to make people give them some food.
  - because they were fond of singing.
  - to make people look at them.
- 4 Bobs ran to the car because:
  - he wanted to get a banana.
  - the little girl asked him to come up to her.
  - he wanted to show that he was not shy.
- 5 Bobs's mother told him not to get inside a car because:
  - it was not polite to ask for food.
  - people might kill him.
  - people might take him away.

4 *Find in the story and read the sentences which describe:*

- what Bobs looked like;
- the place he lived in;
- what the monkeys did to make people look at them;
- the silly things some of the monkeys did to get food from people.

5 *Say which of these things Bobs did not do.*

- He went near the sea and near the road every day.
- He always stayed close to his mother.
- He often ran up to the cars to get a banana or a sweet.
- He played and swung in the trees.
- He often forgot his mother's words "Never get inside the car".

**6**     *Answer the questions.*

- 1 In what kind of place did Bobs, the Monkey live?
- 2 Was Bobs a wise little monkey? How can you see?
- 3 Why did a lot of monkeys like to go to the road on Saturdays?
- 4 What did Bobs's mother ask him to remember?
- 5 What did the monkeys do to make people look at them?
- 6 What silly things did some of the little monkeys do?

**How Good Is Your English?**

(see pp 12–13)

**What Do You Think?**

**7**     *Choose the sentences below that sum up the most important facts in the story.*

- 1 Bobs was very happy in the forest.
- 2 Bobs went to the side of the road with his friends.
- 3 The banana was so nice that Bobs wanted to make it last.
- 4 His mother told him not to get inside a car.
- 5 The monkeys played in the trees and sang monkey songs to make people look at them.
- 6 The monkeys were so hungry that they came up very close to the people and did a lot of silly things.
- 7 Bobs never forgot his mother's words.

**8**     *Think and say:*

- why Bobs's mother sat still for a moment and thought when she heard his story about the people in cars and the food they threw on the road;
- why more and more monkeys went to the road.



## How Good Is Your English?

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shy
rocks
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moment

- 9 Use the proper word from the box.
- The boys liked to listen to the sound of the ..... breaking against the shore.
  - They spent the day looking for crabs near the ..... by the sea.
  - Children are often ..... with people they don't know.
  - We've got ..... work to do at school.
  - At that ..... the car stopped.
  - Don't ..... what you are to do.
  - Do you ..... your friends' telephone numbers?

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

A	B
bright	plants
shiny	weather
strange	motor-cars
sweet	fruit
hot	colours

- 11 Find the words which are opposite in meaning.

ugly	unkind
soft	to remember
sweet	big
thin	to lose
slow	bitter
long	hard
kind	thick
to find	quick
to forget	beautiful
small	short

12 Choose the words which you can use to describe:  
(a) the sea; (b) the road; (c) the monkeys (✓).

- a *the sea* — rocks, waves, splash, trees, songs, sweet, salty, food, shout, fish, dolphins
- b *the road* — cars, move, engine, ride, long, people, buses, fast, wise, rain
- c *the monkeys* — bananas, ugly, jump, branches, peel, swing, pick up, tail, forest, nice, speak, shiny, bright

13 Use the correct preposition.

- 1 The cars moved very fast ..... the road.
- 2 Children like to listen to stories ..... strange and unusual animals, their life and behaviour.
- 3 Before you eat a banana, you pull ..... its peel.
- 4 "Sit still ..... a moment", Mother used to say to her naughty son.
- 5 When little children are afraid ..... something, they stay close ..... their parents.
- 6 Monkeys like to swing ..... long monkey ropes.

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14 Choose the proper word to complete each sentence (✓).

- 1 The monkey's face was (ugly, lovely, strange).
- 2 The cars passed (quickly, softly, wonderfully).
- 3 The food which the people threw tasted (sweet, salty, nice).
- 4 The monkeys thought that most people were (polite, kind, rude).
- 5 The monkeys often grew thin because they were (hungry, angry, active).
- 6 Some of the little monkeys began to do (silly, wise, unusual) things.



- 15 *Read Part II of the story **Bobs, The Monkey Who Forgot** and answer the question: How did the boy treat Bobs?*

### **Bobs, The Monkey Who Forgot**

#### Part II

Then the rains came, and no cars went along that road for many days. The monkeys had no nuts and seeds and berries from the forest, and no bananas, cakes and sweets from the people. Once more they were hungry, very, very hungry.

“Oh, I am so hungry!” cried Bobs.

“Never mind!” said his mother. “Look! The sun is shining again.”

Next day it was Saturday. The sun was hot. It shone on the waves and the brown rocks. It shone on the road and the forest. It dried up the wet earth. Out came the cars. They stopped. The children threw food from the doors. The monkeys were so hungry that they ran and pushed in a very rude way. Poor little Bobs could not get anything to eat. Other monkeys were always there before him. Then he saw a boy in a car who was holding out a cake in the open doorway. Bobs gave a big jump, and a little run. He was so hungry that he forgot his mother’s words. He got inside the car! Next moment there was a bang and a whizz! The door was shut<sup>2</sup>, and the car was going up the road, away from the sea and the rocks and the forest. Inside the car was Bobs with his soft grey fur, his dear little ugly face, and his big round eyes. He pulled at the door and tried to open it. He put his face to the window. He jumped from side to side<sup>3</sup> with sad little

<sup>1</sup> **Never mind!** [maɪnd] — Ничего!

<sup>2</sup> **The door was shut** — Дверь захлопнулась

<sup>3</sup> **from side to side** — из стороны в сторону



cries. A man drove the car, and beside him sat the boy who looked so kind. He looked a nice boy. From his pocket he took a collar<sup>1</sup> and a rope. He put the collar round Bobs's neck, and held the rope.

Soon Bobs found himself at John's home. The boy put him in a tiny wooden house on the top of a pole<sup>2</sup> in the back garden and tied the other end of the monkey's rope to the pole. Bobs was very unhappy.

All the time he thought of the sea and the rocks, the road and the forest. He wanted so much to get back to his mother. For six days he stayed there. John spoke kindly to him and gave him food to eat and water to drink. "Please take me back to the forest," cried Bobs, but John did not understand monkey talk.

On the seventh day John and his father and mother went out for a ride in the car. Bobs was alone. He sat on the ground by the pole, and pulled at the rope, as he did every day. He bit<sup>3</sup> it with his sharp teeth, as he did every day. He bit, and he bit, and he bit. Suddenly he bit the rope right through. Ah! He was free now! He ran across the garden. He ran along a fence, and saw a road full of shops and people and cars. Oh dear! Could he ever find his way home? Below<sup>4</sup> him, on the path, two people were talking. He tried to listen, but he heard only one word "Saturday".

Saturday! He could follow the cars. They were going past the forest on their way to the beach. His big sad eyes lit up<sup>5</sup>. He looked to see which way most of the cars were going. Then he ran that way. He jumped from fence to

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<sup>1</sup> **collar** ['kɒlə] — ошейник

<sup>2</sup> **pole** — шест

<sup>3</sup> **to bite (bit, bitten)** — грызть, кусать

<sup>4</sup> **below** [bi'ləʊ] — внизу, под

<sup>5</sup> **to light (lit, lighted) up** — светиться, оживать(ся)

fence, from roof to roof. Often people saw him, and shouted, and tried to catch him. But he was too quick for them. On, on he ran until he came to the end of the town, to a long wide road. At last he saw the sea. He saw the forest with the monkeys in the trees. He heard them as they called to each other, and sang their monkey songs. From tree to tree he jumped. He jumped from the tall trees with big green leaves, and from the small trees with their sweet red and yellow flowers,— until he found his mother!

Oh how glad she was to see him! She kissed him, and gave him food to eat, she undid his collar with her clever monkey hands. Then she threw it far, far away.

Bobs is a little monkey. He has soft grey fur, a dear little ugly face, and big round eyes. Now he is wise again. He never goes near the sea. He does not go near the road. He does not like the shiny motor cars, even if they are full of people with cakes, bananas and sweets. Bobs stays close to his mother, and plays in the forest.

## **Do You Understand The Story?**

**16**     *Number the facts below in the order in which they come in the story. You may look back at the story.*

- Bobs was unhappy in his tiny wooden house and wanted so much to get back to his mother.
- Bobs was so hungry that he forgot his mother's words.
- Bobs was happy to find his mother and to meet his monkey friends.
- Bobs bit his rope right through and followed the cars on their way to the beach.

**17**     *Choose the correct ending to each sentence.*

- 1 The cars often stopped on the road because:
  - the people wanted to feed the monkeys.
  - the people wanted to catch one of the monkeys.
  - the people wanted to watch the funny monkeys.
  
- 2 Bobs was very unhappy at John's home because:
  - he had to live in a wooden house which was too small for him.
  - he was tied to the pole and could not run far.
  - he was not free, and he missed his mother.
  
- 3 Bobs could become free because:
  - he bit the rope right through.
  - the boy let him run away.
  - the rope was very thin, and it was easy to bite it with Bobs's sharp teeth.
  
- 4 Bobs never appeared on the road again because:
  - he did not like to look at the shiny motor-cars.
  - he did not like to eat cakes, bananas and sweets.
  - he remembered the sad lesson people had taught him.

**18**     *Find in the text and read the sentences which:*

- explain why Bobs forgot his mother's words;
- prove that the other monkeys were unkind and unfriendly to Bobs;
- describe the way Bobs tried to get out when he found himself in the car;
- describe the way Bobs got free;
- show that the boy was kind to the little monkey.

## How Good Is Your English?

(see pp 20—23)

### What Do You Think?

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*Answer the questions.*

- 1 Do you think the boy was not kind to the monkey even though he gave him nice things to eat and spoke kindly to him? Why?
- 2 What do you think of the characters in the story — Bobs, his mother, his monkey friends, the two little girls, John? What do you like or dislike in them?
- 3 Which parts of the story do you find funny, sad, exciting, or something else?
- 4 Do you remember other stories and poems about animals and the way people treat them? Are they different from this story? How?

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*Choose the sentences below that sum up the most important facts in the story.*

- 1 Poor Bobs could not get anything to eat. The other monkeys were always before him.
- 2 One day Bobs was so hungry that he forgot his mother's words.
- 3 Bobs was very unhappy at John's home.
- 4 He ran up and down the pole again and again until he was tired.
- 5 Every day Bobs bit the rope with his sharp teeth.
- 6 Bobs did his best to get free.

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*Is it unkind to keep wild animals as pets? Why?*



## How Good Is Your English?



22 Use the proper word from the box.

- 1 There are a lot of cars in the central streets of every .....
- 2 We don't know the ..... to the train station.
- 3 People like to spend most of their ..... time watching TV, reading or playing sports.
- 4 Don't ..... too loud when somebody is working.
- 5 Do you like to be ..... in the house?
- 6 In autumn, the ..... is covered with beautiful bright leaves.
- 7 The house has a flat .....

alone
town
roof
way
talk
free
ground

23 Match the words in column A with the words in column B.

A	B
hungry	cakes
sweet	teeth
soft	fur
round	eyes
sharp	animals
kind	faces

24 Use the correct preposition where necessary.

- 1 They behaved ..... a very rude way.
- 2 The monkey could only run up and down the pole, as he was tied ..... it ..... a rope.
- 3 ..... the seventh day John and his parents went out for a ride in the car.
- 4 Bobs ran ..... the fence, and saw a road full of shops and people and cars.
- 5 Bobs thought he could follow ..... the cars.

along
in
by
on
to

25 Find the words which are opposite in meaning.

polite	kind
to open	rude
cruel	down
near	outside
bottom	top
inside	to close
to do	far
up	to undo

26 *Adjective? Adverb?* Choose the proper word (✓).

- 1 On Saturday the sun was (bright, brightly).  
It shone on the road and the forest so (bright, brightly).
- 2 Bobs jumped from side to side, and his cries were (sad, sadly).  
As the car drove along the road, Bob looked (sad, sadly) at the forest.
- 3 Bobs ran (quick, quickly) from fence to fence, from roof to roof.  
People tried to catch him, but he was too (quick, quickly) for them.
- 4 Bobs became (wise, wisely) again.  
He began to think (wise, wisely) and never went near the sea.
- 5 John was (kind, kindly) to Bobs.  
He spoke (kind, kindly) to him and gave him food to eat.



27 Write the missing forms of the verbs.

to throw	threw	thrown
to run		
to shine		
to sit		
to get		
to speak		
to drive		
to think		
to bite		
to hear		

28 Use the correct form of the verb.

- The hot sun ..... (shine) on the sea, on the rocks and on the forest.
- The children ..... (throw) cakes and bananas to the hungry animals.
- The monkey ..... (bite) the rope with his sharp teeth.
- Bobs ..... (run) until he came to the end of the town.
- A man ..... (drive) the car, and beside him ..... (sit) a boy who looked very kind.
- All the time he ..... (think) of his mother and his home.
- He tried to listen, but he ..... (hear) only one word "Saturday".

29 Write the missing forms of the verbs.

to write	wrote	written
to know		
to throw		
to say		
to be		
to sing		
to forget		
to fall		
to become		

30 Use the correct form of the verb.

- 1 The monkeys ..... (know) when holiday-makers ..... (go) to the beach.
- 2 The people sometimes ..... (throw) bananas and sweets to the monkeys.
- 3 The monkeys ..... (sing) their monkey songs to make people look at them.
- 4 The grown-up monkeys ..... (understand) that some people ..... (be) kind, but some ..... (be) not.
- 5 Bobs never ..... (forget) his mother's words.
- 6 The summer days were hot, and no rain ..... (fall).