



The Story of the Woods

Vidya and Alok were getting ready to go for a picnic in the woods nearby. While Alok was combing his hair, Vidya was putting on her earrings.



They asked Magic Potli to tell them about the time it visited the woods many years ago. Out jumped 'air', 'ear', 'ure', and 'igh' shouting, "We want to hear the story too!"

Magic Potli asked everyone to go downstairs and get a chair each. It then asked them to sit down and make sure that they could all hear it clearly.



Magic Potli began, "A long time ago, I went on a trek to the woods. It was surprisingly bright for a cold winter afternoon, and the sunlight shone through the trees, casting scary shadows on the forest floor. I was startled when a pair of rabbits suddenly leapt out of the bushes. I began to think that I should not have come to the woods alone. In fright, I climbed high up on a tree, and from afar, I saw a big and powerful figure coming my way. As it approached me, I saw that it was a grizzly bear."



Vidya was pale and in a trembling voice asked, "Can bears climb trees?" Magic Potli replied, "Yes they certainly can. I could see the bear climbing up the tree, so I decided to get down and run."



"How did you manage to escape?" asked Alok in a feeble voice.



Magic Potli said, "I ran as fast as I could. The light was beginning to fade as it was almost dusk. Just when I thought I would not get out of the woods before nightfall, a group of rangers spotted me and took me out safely."

Alok and Vidya were worried now. "Let's go somewhere else for the picnic," they said.