

**7+ Assessment 2020 entry**

**SAMPLE PAPER**

**English Reading and Writing**

## The Lion and the Jackal

One day long ago, a Jackal was trotting through his favourite place in the mountains, when he came across a narrow, rocky path. He was sniffing the ground, trying to find something juicy to eat when he saw something move ahead of him on the path.

Jackal stopped in his tracks when he saw it was the mighty Lion and it was coming straight towards him! Realising that there was no way to escape, Jackal became very frightened. He had played so many tricks on the king of the animals in the past, and he was sure that Lion would now try to get revenge. Suddenly Jackal thought of a plan.

“Help! Help!” cried Jackal. He crouched down on the cliff path, like a scared rabbit, looking above at the rocks.

Lion stopped in surprise.

“Help!” Jackal howled, “There is no time to lose! See those huge rocks above us? They are about to fall and we shall both be crushed to death! Oh, mighty Lion, please do something! Save us!” and Jackal covered with his paws over his head.

Lion looked up, most alarmed. Before he even had a chance to think, Jackal persuaded Lion to put his strong shoulder against the rock and heave.

“Oh, thank you, great King!” yelped Jackal. “I will quickly fetch that log over there to hold the rock, and we will both be saved!” And with that, he bounded out of sight.

So Lion was left all alone to struggle under the weight of the rock in the hot sunshine. We will never know how long he stayed before he realised that this was another trick, but the clever Jackal had once again escaped from the mighty Lion!

*Example Questions:*

1. Where does this story take place?


2. What was Jackal doing on the path?


3. Why was the Jackal frightened of Lion?


4. Jackal **persuaded** Lion to help him. What does this mean? Why do you think the writer chose this word?


5. How many animals are in this story? Put a circle around the answer.

one	two	three	four	five
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6. Thinking of other animals, match these animals to their personality:

lion
dog
fox
sloth
owl

wise
brave
lazy
loyal
sly

7. Find two verbs in the story to show different ways that Jackal moved.

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8. Which one of these words below is the opposite of 'narrow'?

slim	thin	wide	big	winding
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9. Tick the sentence below that explains why the Jackal thought the Lion might want to take revenge on the Jackal.

The Lion did not like the Jackal	
The Jackal had played lots of tricks on the Lion	
The Lion was annoyed with the Jackal	
The Jackal was not the Lion's friend	

10. Find a word in the story that means the opposite of courageous.

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11. Write down the simile in the story.

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12. Read the sentence below from the story and put a circle around the adjective.

**Jackal stopped in his tracks when he saw it was mighty Lion.**

13. Who was the cleverest animal in this story and why?


14. How might Lion have felt at the end of the story when he realised what might have happened and why?


