

## CLASS NOTES

Class: IX

Topic: The Bond of Love

Subject: ENGLISH

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### Summary

'The Bond of Love' revolves around the story of the relationship between a human and an animal. We learn that there is a bear whose name is 'Bruno' and the author's wife, who adopts him. Bruno was a sloth bear whom the author saved and gifted him to his wife. Further, as time passed, the wife grew very fond of Bruno and treated him like her own child. Thus, in The Bond of Love summary, students will learn the accounts of Bruno's life and how he became a family member of the author's house. However, due to unavoidable circumstances, she has to leave him for the betterment of her family. Upon separating, she realizes that she shares a true bond of love with Bruno. Finally after many twists, she reunites with him.

Question 1.

Given in the box are some headings. Find the relevant paragraphs in the text to match the headings.

An Orphaned Cub; Bruno's Food-chart; An Accidental Case of Poisoning; Playful Baba; Pain of Separation; Joy of Reunion; A Request to the Zoo; An Island in the Courtyard.

Answer:

	<i>Para-graph No.</i>
An Orphaned Cub;	1
Bruno's Food-chart;	6
An Accidental Case of Poisoning;	8
Playful Baba;	12
Pain of Separation;	14
Joy of Reunion;	17
A Request to the Zoo;	18
An Island in the Courtyard.	21

### II. Answer the following questions.

Question 1.

"I got him for her by accident."

1. Who says this?
2. Who do 'him' and 'her' refer to?
3. What is the incident referred to here?

Answer:

1. The author says this.
2. 'Him' refers to the baby bear and 'her' refers to the author's wife.
3. The incident refers to the catching of the baby bear.

Question 2.

"He stood on his head in delight."

1. Who does 'he' refer to?
2. Why was he delighted?

Answer:

1. 'He' refers to the baby bear.
2. 'He' was delighted to see the author's wife after a long time.

Question 3.

"We all missed him greatly: but in a sense we were relieved."

1. Who does 'we all' stand for?
2. Who did they miss?
3. Why did they nevertheless feel relieved?

Answer:

1. The author, his wife and son.
2. They missed the baby bear.
3. They felt relieved because it was getting difficult to keep the baby bear at home.

### **III. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each.**

Question 1.

On two occasions Bruno ate/drank something that should not be eaten/ drunk. What happened to him on these occasions?

Answer:

Bruno ate Barium Carbonate which was put to kill the rats and mice. Paralysis set in to the extent that he could not stand on his feet. Once he drank one gallon of old engine oil. But it had no ill effects whatever.

Question 2.

Was Bruno a loving and playful pet? Why, then, did he have to be sent away?

Answer:

Yes, Bruno was a loving and playful pet. But he was mischievous also. The bear became very attached to the narrator's two Alsatian dogs and the children of the tenants. Bruno had grown many times the size he was when he came. Now her name was changed to Baba. Now he was getting too big to be kept at home. So he was sent to a zoo.

Question 3.

How was the problem of what to do with Bruno finally solved?

Answer:

Bruno was not feeling happy after getting separated from the narrator's family. He was getting weak everyday. The narrator's wife went to Mysore to meet Bruno. Bruno. After seeing his pitiful condition she decided to get Bruno back home. The narrator and his wife made special arrangement for Bumo and created all facility for him. At last Bruno was got back home in a small cage.

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#### I.

Question 1.

Find these words in the lesson.

They all have ie or ei in them.

f ____ ld; ingred ____ nts; h ____ ght;
misch ____ vous; fr ____ nds;
____ ghty-seven; rel ____ ved; p ____ ce

Answer:

Field; ingredients; height; mischievous; friends; eighty-seven; relieved; piece.

Question 2.

Now here are some more words. Complete them with ei or ie. Consult a dictionary if necessary.

bel ____ ve; rec ____ ve; w ____ rd;
l ____ sure; s ____ ze; w ____ ght;
r ____ gn; f ____ gn; gr ____ f; p ____ rce.

(There is a popular rule of spelling: 'i' before 'e' except after 'c'. Check if this rule is true by looking at the words above.)

Answer:

believe; receive; weird; leisure; seize; weight; reign; feign; grief; pierce This rule is applicable only in the case of 'believe' 'grief' and 'pierce' words. The other words have ei instead of ie.

Question 3.

Here are some words with silent letters. Learn their spelling. Your teacher will dictate these words to you. Write them down and underline the silent letters.

knock	wrestle	walk	wrong
knee	half	honest	daughter
hours	return	hornet	calm
could	sign	island	button

Answer:

For self-attempt at class level.

The silent letters are underline as under:

<u>k</u> nock	<u>k</u> nee	<u>c</u> ould	<u>w</u> restle
<u>h</u> alf	<u>s</u> ign	<u>w</u> alk	<u>i</u> sland
<u>w</u> rong	<u>d</u> aughter		<u>c</u> alm.

### III. How to look at an Index

An index is a list of names or topics that are to be found in a book. It is a list arranged in alphabetical order at the end of a book. The following paragraph shows that the doctor is consulting the index of a medical book to find out which injection is appropriate for Bruno.

“Out came his medical books, and a feverish reference to index began: What poison did you say, sir ?” “Barium carbonate”, “Ah yes—B—Ba— Barium Salts—Ah ! Barium carbonate! Symptoms—paralysis—treatment— injections of... Just a minute, sir. I’ll bring my syringe and the medicine.”

Question 1.

Love begets love. Do you agree? Can the company of an animal give undiluted pleasure to a human being? Give some examples from the story The Bond of Love.

Answer:

Yes, the company of an animal can give undiluted pleasure to a human being. The author captured a baby bear from a sugar cane field. His wife named it ‘Bruno’. It was lovingly called ‘Baba’ by her. The cub became friendly even with the dogs and the children. Bruno became a source of delight for the entire family of the author. He entertained them by his tricks and playful activities. He developed an emotional attachment with the wife of the author. When he was sent to the zoo, he missed her and did not eat for many days. She wept and fretted. Ultimately, she brought him back. They were constant source of great pleasure for each other.

Question 2.

Love is mutual. Do you agree? Illustrate this with reference to ‘The Bond of Love’.

Answer:

The story ‘The Bond of Love’ is a perfect example of how love begets love. Even the animals understand the language of love. They respond to love in equal measure. Love is mutual. The author’s wife develops deep affection for the pet bear. She nourishes him like a child and takes care of his needs.

When Bruno ate poison accidentally, he was treated as if he was a family member. The love given to Bruno by the family was equally reciprocated by him too. He felt sad when he was sent to the zoo. Both of them fretted, didn’t take food and felt very sad. He recognized the author’s wife even after a gap of three months.

Question 3.

Animals also feel the pleasure of love and pains of separation. What would you have done if you were in place of the author’s family?

Answer:

Being sensitive, the animals also feel the pleasure of love and the pain of separation. In the story 'The Bond of Love,' the relationship between the bear and author's wife proves it. Bruno, the bear, was loved by the author's family. Bruno was equally attached to them.

When Bruno grows up in the author's family, he is sent away to a zoo. In the zoo, 'Baba' looked sad and refused to eat. When the author's wife visited the zoo after a gap of three months, he recognised her and expressed his pleasure by standing on his head. I would have done the same as the wife of the author did. It was a bond of mutual love that every human being appreciates.

Question 4.

What makes you feel that the author's wife is more attached to Bruno than the other members of the family? Do you think female members of the family are more sensitive than the males?

Answer:

When Bruno was sent to the Mysore zoo, all of them missed him greatly but they felt relieved too. But the author's wife was inconsolable. She wept and fretted. Initially, she could not eat anything. She wrote many letters to the curator of the zoo. When the curator replied her telling that Bruno was well but was not eating food, she became desperate. She pleaded the curator to send Bruno back home.

Then she made all efforts to bring Bruno back. She made a special and comfortable house for him. All this shows that she was much more attached to Bruno. Yes, it is generally noticed that female members of the family are more attached to the pets. They are very caring and sensitive. They look after their pets better than the other members of the family. In the story too, it is the wife of the author who was inconsolable after Bruno's separation.

Question 5.

How was the home made comfortable for the pet bear? If you have a pet, what arrangements would you make for his/her comforts? Do you think domestication of animals is a restriction on their natural liberty?

Answer:

Bruno had grown very big and heavy. He could not be accommodated in the house. He needed a separate place. A special home was made for him. A twenty-foot long and fifteen-foot wide island surrounded by a dry pit or moat was made in the compound. A wooden box with some straw was provided for him to sleep. Bruno had two precious possessions, a 'baby', the gnarled stumps, and a gun.

These were given back to him. Thus, he was provided his natural environment within the house. I personally feel that domestication of animals is in a way cruelty against animals. No doubt, we take care of their health and food, yet we curtail their liberty. They are either chained or imprisoned. Anyway, if I have a pet, I would make its habitat as natural as possible. I would always take it to a qualified vet and give it all the medicines and food. Most

of the time I would keep him/her free from chain or cage.

Question 6.

Animals also feel the pleasure of love and pains of separation. Company of an animal gives undiluted pleasure to a human being. But what about the animals' rights? Should we domesticate the animals for our pleasure at the cost of their natural liberty? Elaborate.

Answer:

Animals also feel the pleasure of love and pain of separation. The bond of love between author's wife and Bruno proves it. There is no doubt that the company of animals gives undiluted pleasure to a human being. The bond between a human and an animal is selfless. But domestication of certain animals is a selfish act on the part of human beings.

Putting birds in cages or deer in confined area is a cruelty to them. Domestication of cows, horses and other domestic animals makes sense but domestication, of animals of the free world of forests is an encroachment upon their rights. We have no right to curtail their liberty. We should not domesticate animals for our pleasure at the cost of their natural liberty