

QUESTION BANK

A Wild Little Thing

A. Answer in brief.

Why was meeting the children in the morning unpleasant for the father most of the time?

Ans: The children mostly met their father only in the mornings before going to school. Anyone who works through the night would be exhausted and tired in the morning. The same was the case with the father. While all the others in the family could start the day energetic and gay, father had to drag himself back home and rest, without which he would not be able to work the following night.

B. Answer in detail.

What made the father pick up the little rabbit from the field? Why did the mother vehemently object to its inclusion in the family?

Ans: The father, on his return home, found a dead mother rabbit and three dead little ones – the one he had picked up was alive but not moving. He had earlier brought animals from the field and the children had been very happy, but unfortunately, none of these animals survived. Their loss brought great pain to the family, and the mother did not want the children to experience the same pain. Hence, she vehemently objected to bringing another little animal which she thought would not survive for long.

C. Choose the correct answer.

'Why doesn't it drink its milk, Mother?' we whispered. What was the mother's response?

a. She said that the animal preferred to sulk its life away.

- b. She said that the rabbit needed more affection and love from them.
- a. She felt that the rabbit was hungry and needed to be fed with food it liked.

Ans: a

D. Read the lines and answer the questions.

"It is a wild one!" came my mother's quick voice.

- a. What is mother referring to?
- b. Who responded to this statement? What was the response?
- c. Where was 'it' found?

Ans: a. Mother is referring to the little brown rabbit that the father brought home.
b. The father responded to this statement. He agreed that the rabbit was a wild one.
c. The father found it in the field path on his way back from work that morning. The little rabbit's mother and siblings were lying dead near it.

E. Answer in brief. (Think and answer)

Why did the children use the words, 'dark' and 'black' often when they referred to their father?

Ans: Their father must have been a miner. He often worked at night and naturally after working in the mine he returned black, tired, soiled and weary. The children also mention about his working in the night down the 'pit'. All these words suggest that he worked in a mine, probably a coal mine.

F. Answer in detail. (Think and answer)

Discuss the life journey of the little rabbit from 'almost dead' to 'quite tame'.

Ans: The little rabbit lying abandoned beside its dead family would hardly have expected that someone would take him to a cozy home where everyone was very anxious to see him up and jumping. The father's compassion and concern for the little one gave him a new home. However, it was not used to so much attention and care, must have got terrified and did not react at all to the family's loving advances. The children were distressed and almost gave up and went to bed with tears. The next morning, the little one had drunk milk and was sitting bright eyed behind the boots. All their efforts and prayers had worked. The 'almost dead' little one became quite a tame little one, though it took a while.