

## **Chapter 9 The Bond of Love**

Thinking about the text(Page 119)

**Answer the following questions.**

**Question 1.**

**“I got him for her by accident.”**

**Who says this?**

The author says this.

**Who do ‘him’ and ‘her’ refer to?**

Him’ refers to the baby bear and ‘her’ refers to the author’s wife.

**What is the incident referred to here?**

‘The incident refers to the catching of the baby bear.

**Question 2.**

**“He stood on his head in delight.”**

**Who does ‘he’ refer to?**

‘He’ refers to the baby bear.

**Why was he delighted?**

‘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.”**

**Who does ‘we all’ stand for?**

The author, his wife and son.

**Who did they miss?**

They missed the baby bear.

**Why did they nevertheless feel relieved?**

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 his 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. After seeing his pitiful condition she decided to get Bruno back home. The narrator and his wife made special arrangement for Bruno and created all facility for him. At last Bruno got back home in a small cage.

### **Thinking about language**

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#### **Question 1.**

**Find these words in the lesson.**

**They all have ie or ei in them.**

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**

Answer:

Believe; receive; weird; leisure; seize; weight; reign; feign; grief; pierce