

National Institute of Open Schooling
 Secondary Course
 Lesson 2: How the Squirrel Got his Stripes
 Worksheet – 2

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

They cut them into shape and began to build the bridge. All this was very difficult work and took a very long time. Thousands of monkeys worked night and day.

- a) What did they cut into shape?
- b) Who had asked them to build a bridge?
- c) Find a word similar in meaning to ‘construct’.

2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

He then held the squirrel closer to him and said, “Little one, your love touches my heart.” He said these words and passed his fingers gently over the little squirrel’s back.

- i) Who held the squirrel in his hands?
- ii) What was noticed when he put the squirrel down?
- iii) Find a word opposite in meaning to ‘forcefully’.

3. Most things need to be done in a step-by-step manner like the bridge being made in the story. Hopefully, you have tried to do something new recently (cooking a new dish, skating etc.). Write about it in 4-5 steps in the space provided below.



4. Make a riddle of your own for a friend to guess. Describe an object in about 2 sentences without naming it.

5.

In the story, you are able to see the contrast between the monkey and the squirrel. Now, look at the pictures given below and write 3



words each to describe them.

Sheep	Cat

6. You have probably heard of bullying. Is it good? Why/Why not? Explain your stand in about 3 sentences.



7. Unjumble the words to make meaningful sentences:

i) looks /that/ a/ comfortable /like/ very/ cotton/ dress

ii) _____
want/ to/I/ buy/six/gloves /white

8. Does this story have a message for us apart from telling us about the three stripes on the squirrel's back? Give it your own title which will convey that message.

9. What's your favourite story from the Ramayana? Write about it in approximately 50 words.

10. Are you aware of any similar story which explains how an animal got its characteristic feature? (The giraffe's long neck, the camel's hump etc.) Read up about them and mention any one story in about 50-70 words.