

## Unit#1: The Valiant Victor

### A. Answer the following questions.

#### **Q1. Write a description of Valiant Victor.**

Ans. Valiant Victor was a poor Indian man who was very short and skinny. He would say that he was as brave as a tiger. People laughed at him and nicknamed him 'Valiant Victor'. He enjoyed his new name instead of being ashamed.

#### **Q2. What would make everyone laugh at him?**

Ans. Valiant Victor was very small in size and skinny but he always boasted about his courage. His apparently stupid and unreasonable claim about his bravery made everyone laugh at him.

#### **Q3. What made Valiant Victor feel sure that he was the bravest man in the whole town?**

Ans. One day Valiant Victor killed a few flies which were irritating him. He proudly told others how he had dealt with those annoying creatures. The more he repeated the story of his heroic act, the more self-assured he became of being the bravest man in the whole town.

#### **Q4. How did Valiant Victor deal with the savage elephant single-handedly?**

Ans. Valiant Victor went empty handed into the forest to challenge the elephant to an encounter. Suddenly, he saw the large animal coming crashing through the bushes towards him. Seeing the enraged animal he fled. When the charging elephant was close behind, he ran between two tree trunks and the animal got wedged between them.

#### **Q5. Why did Valiant Victor turn down the villager's offer to stay with them?**

Ans. When the local people invited Valiant Victor to live with them, he turned down their offer. He told them that he wanted to be a famous and wealthy person. Then in pursuit of his mission he left them and travelled on.

**Q6. Give an account of Valiant Victor's adventure with the ferocious tiger to help the tormented people?**

Ans. Valiant Victor went to deal with the tiger that terrorized the people and stole their goats or other young animals. One night the tiger saw Victor waiting for him. It leapt at him but accidentally hit its head hard against a hanging branch and fell unconscious at Victor's feet.

**Q7. Write about the two occasions when Valiant Victor felt unnerved.**

Ans. Valiant Victor felt unnerved when he saw the enormous elephant rushing towards him. He was also frightened when the roaring tiger pounced on him.

**B. Use a dictionary to find out the synonyms of the given words and phrases.**

valiant	very brave
victor	winner
Convinced	completely sure
plague	troubled
rogue	dangerous
snap	to break (with a sharp noise)
desert	abandon
venture	risk
hail	describe as
make off with	to steal and hurry away
launch	send or throw
smack	to hit
luxury	great comfort
fair and square	exactly on target
brigand	bandit; thief

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