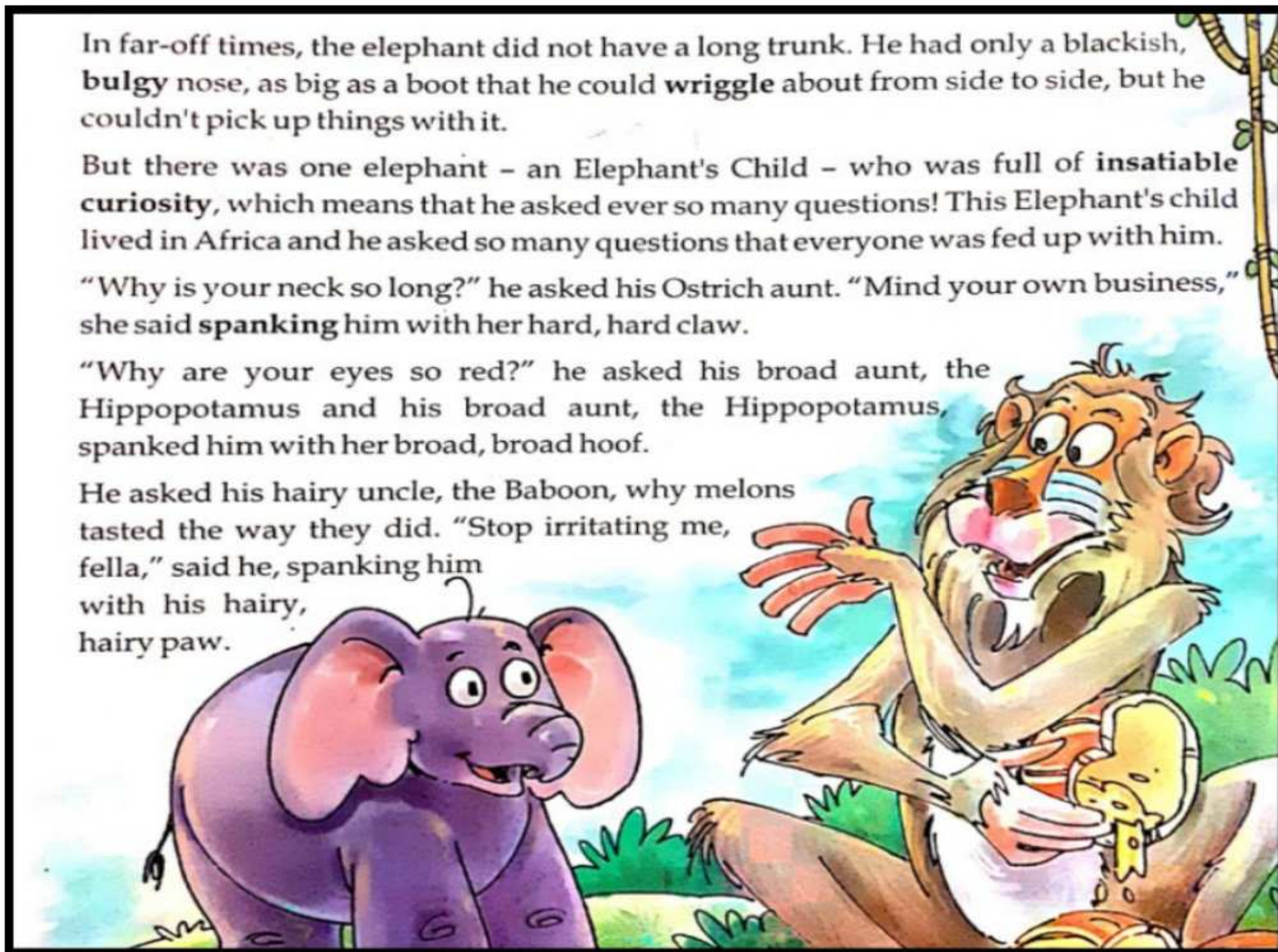


Instructions: Parents kindly ensure that the child reads the summary of the chapter carefully and understands the same before attempting the Exercises given below-

Summary - This story is an adaptation of a famous Rudyard Kipling story which explains how the elephant got its trunk. The story is set in Africa when the world was new and elephants did not have trunks. The elephant's child lived with his family and wanted to know the world. He was always asking the other animals difficult questions. They usually told him to go away. The theme of the story is that curiosity can open up new abilities, ideas and knowledge.



He asked questions about everything he saw, heard, felt, smelt, or touched and all his aunts and uncles spanked him. And still, he was full of insatiable curiosity!

One fine morning, his old friend, a Kolokolo Bird, flew by. "I wonder what the Crocodile has for dinner, Kolokolo Bird?" he asked. Quite **familiar** with the Elephant Child's insatiable curiosity, the bird said, "Go to the banks of the great grey-green, Limpopo River and find out."

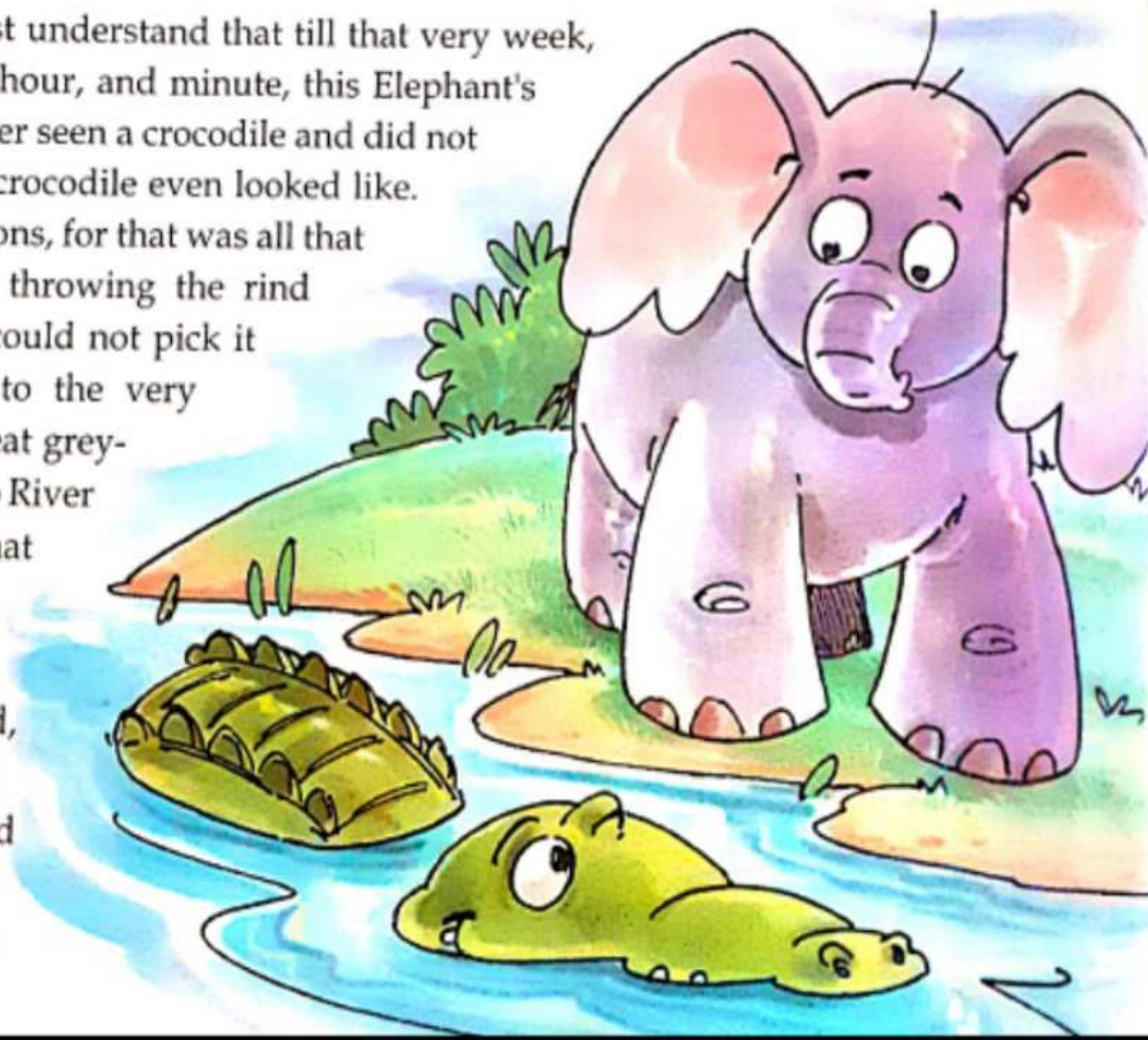
The very next morning, the Elephant's Child took a hundred **pounds** of bananas and seventeen melons and said to all his family members, "Good-bye. I am going to the great grey - green Limpopo River to find out what the crocodile has for dinner." And they all spanked him once more for luck, though he asked them most politely to stop.

After travelling for many days, eating the bananas and the melons all the way and throwing the peels all over because he could not pick them up, the Elephant's Child came to the banks of the great grey-green Limpopo River, exactly as the Kolokolo Bird had said.

Now you must understand that till that very week, and day, and hour, and minute, this Elephant's Child had never seen a crocodile and did not know what a crocodile even looked like.

So, eating melons, for that was all that was left, and throwing the rind about, for he could not pick it up, he came to the very edge of the great grey-green Limpopo River and **trod** on what he thought was a log of wood.

The log of wood, for that was the crocodile, looked at the elephant and winked one eye - like this!



"Excuse me, please, but have you seen a crocodile anywhere?" the Elephant's Child asked, ever so politely. The crocodile now winked the other eye and lifted his tail out of the mud.

"Come hither, Little One," croaked the crocodile. "Why do you ask such things? I am the crocodile."

The Elephant's Child grew all breathless and panted and kneeled down on the bank and said excitedly, "You are the very person I have been looking for all these days. Will you please tell me what you eat for dinner?"

"Come hither, Little One," said the crocodile, "and I'll whisper."

Then the curious Elephant's Child put his head down close to the crocodile's musky, tusky mouth and leaned down to hear the answer.

"*I eat elephants!*" and snap! A row of big, sharp teeth closed around the elephant's little nose, which up to that very week, day, hour and minute, had been no bigger than a boot.

Much annoyed, speaking through his nose, the elephant cried "*Led go! Eeu are hurtig be!*"

**EX. 1- Learn the meaning of the given words:**

<b>Word</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
1. bulgy	swelling or sticking out
2. curiosity	eager to know
3. familiar	having a good knowledge of
4. insatiable	never satisfied
5. pounds	unit of weight
6. snap	close with a brisk movement or sharp sound
7. spanked	slapped one's bottom
8. wriggle about	short movements

**EX. 2 - Fill in the blanks:**

1. The Elephant's Child lived in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Crocodile would not let go off his \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In far- off times, the elephants did not have a long \_\_\_\_\_.
4. One of his close friends was the \_\_\_\_\_ bird.
5. The Elephant's Child made everyone angry because of his \_\_\_\_\_ curiosity.

**EX. 3- State whether true or false:**

1. The Elephant's Child was full of mischief.
2. He was going towards the ocean.
3. The Elephant's Child took hundred pounds of bananas.
4. He threw the rind around because he was very untidy.
5. The Baboon spanked the Elephant's Child with his hairy paw.

**EX. 4- Who said to whom:**

1. "Why is your neck so long?"
2. "Why are your so red?"
3. "I wonder what the Crocodile has for dinner?"
4. "Come hither, Little One."
5. "Stop irritating me, fella".
6. "Led go! Eeu are hurtig be!"

**EX. 5- Answer in one word:**

**Q. 1 - How many melons did the Elephant's Child carry?**

**Q. 2 - Write the name of the great grey - green river?**

**Q. 3- Who was the old friend of the Elephant's Child?**

**Q. 4- Who is the writer of this story?**

**Q. 5- Name the two fruits the Elephant's Child ate.**

**Q. 6- Who caught the Elephant's Child nose?**

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