

THE FRIENDLY MONGOOSE

Questions

Question 1: Why did the farmer bring a baby mongoose into the house?

Answer: The farmer and his wife had a baby. They wanted him to have a companion to play with. So, the farmer brought a baby mongoose into the house.

Question 2. Why didn't the farmer's wife want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose?

Answer: The farmer's wife did not want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose because she was scared that the mongoose might harm her child.

Question 3. What was the farmer's comment on his wife's fears?

Answer: The farmer assured his wife that the mongoose was a friendly animal and it won't hurt their baby. The farmer also said that the mongoose was as sweet as their baby and they were best friends.

Question 4. Why did the farmer's wife strike the mongoose with her basket?

Answer: When the farmer's wife reached home with her basket, she saw the mongoose at the door with his face and paws covered with blood. She thought that the mongoose had killed her baby. In the anger, she hit the mongoose with her heavy basket.

Question 5. Did she repent her hasty action? How does she show her repentance?

Answer: Yes, she repented her hasty action when she realized that the mongoose had actually saved her son from a snake. She ran out looking for the mongoose but it was already dead. She sobbed and felt extremely sorry for her hasty action.