

ENGLISH EXERCISES B1

THE OLD DOG AND THE YOUNG LION



An old dog was in the forest, chasing rabbits.

Suddenly, he saw a young lion approaching him! The old dog thought: *"Oh no! I'm in deep trouble now!"* But instead of panicking, he decided to act clever. He squinted his eyes and pretended not to see the lion clearly.

Just then, he noticed some bones on the ground and had an idea. He chewed on the bones and, still pretending to have poor eyesight, muttered loudly: *"That lion was delicious! I wonder if there are any more?"*

When he heard this, the young lion was terrified and he turned around and ran away. *"Phew!"* he said, *"That was close! That old dog nearly had me!"*

Meanwhile, a squirrel who was at the top of a tall tree, saw this.

He decided to follow the lion and he told him everything, in return for a promise of protection from the lion.

The young lion was furious because the old dog had tricked him. *"Here squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that old dog!"* he said.

When the old dog saw the lion coming back with the squirrel on his back, he thought fast and he made a plan! He pretended not to see them, and said out loud: *"Now, where's my squirrel? I sent him off to bring me another lion!"*



EXERCISE 1: VOCABULARY MATCH - MATCH THE WORDS WITH THEIR DEFINITIONS

WORD	LETTER	DEFINITION
1. Lion		a) Measures taken to keep someone or something safe 
2. Clever		b) A clever or deceptive act to fool someone 
3. Bones		c) To run after someone or something in order to catch them 
4. Forest		d) Extremely scared 
5. Chase		e) An area with many trees 
6. Protection		f) Hard parts of the body that form the skeleton 
7. Pretend		g) A large wild cat known as the "king of the jungle" 
8. Terrified		h) A small animal with a bushy tail that lives in trees 
9. Trick		i) To act as if something is true when it is not 
10. Squirrel		j) Intelligent and quick to think of solutions 