

The Bear Story

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- ▶ The bear was put on the chain on Sundays when his mistress went to spend the afternoon with her married sister who lived in the solitary house on the other side of the mountain lake.
- ▶ The lady thought it was not supposed to be good for him to wander about in forest.



- ▶ He was also a bad sailor and had once taken such a fright at a sudden gust of wind that he had upset the boat and he and his mistress had to swim to the shore.



- ▶ Now he knew what it meant when he was put on the chain on Sundays, with a friendly tap on his head and the promise of an apple on the return of his mistress if he had been good during her absence.
- ▶ He was sorry but resigned like a good dog.



- ▶ One Sunday when the lady had chained him up as usual and was about half the way through the forest,
- ▶ She suddenly thought she heard the cracking of a tree branch on the winding footpath behind her.

She looked back and she was horrified to see the bear coming along with full speed. In a minute he had joined her.



- ▶ “I have no time go back to home with you. I am already late” she told in a severe voice.
- ▶ When he did not move she hit him on the nose with her parasol.
- ▶ Then he turned round and began to shuffle back the way he had come from.



- ▶ When the lady came back home in the evening the bear was sitting in his usual place. The lady was still angry and began to scold him most severely.



- The old cook who loved the bear came out and said, “What are you scolding him for missus, he has been good as gold the whole day. He is sitting here the whole day waiting for you to come.”
- Then the lady realized she had seen another bear in the forest!

Extrapolation...

- ▶ Most people keep dogs and cats as pets.
Can you think of some unusual pets that people keep?
- ▶ The second bear did not attack the lady .
What could be your reason?



The End

Thanks For Your Attention .

