

Class 6 English (A Pact With The Sun book)  
Chapter 6 - The Monkey and the Crocodile  
(a story from The Panchatantra)

The monkey and the crocodile

Summary of The Monkey and the Crocodile:

This is a story of friendship between a monkey and a crocodile. A monkey lived alone in a fruit laden tree on a river bank. He was very happy but used to feel lonely. He wanted to have someone to talk to.

One day, a crocodile came near that tree and the monkey offered him fruit to eat. The crocodile found the fruit delicious and started coming daily. Soon they became very good friends. They both liked each other's company.

They discussed everything around them like birds, animals, villagers and their problems. Their closeness grew day by day.

The crocodile did not just eat the fruit himself but also carried some for his wife. But his wife didn't like his friendship with the monkey. She expressed her wish to eat the monkey's heart. To keep his wife's words, he invited the monkey to have dinner with him. While taking the monkey home, he told him the truth about his wife's wish.

Hearing that the monkey asked the crocodile to return to the river as he had forgotten his heart on the tree. The crocodile swam back and reached the river bank.

The monkey quickly jumped onto the tree and threw some fruits to the crocodile and bid goodbye to him.

This story gives a message that we should not trust anyone blindly. We must think before taking any decision. This message has been conveyed through a friendship drama between a monkey and a crocodile.