

HOW The Leopard Got Its Spots

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Summary

In earlier times, animals were not the same as we see them today. They changed to save themselves from their enemies and got merged with their surroundings. Once upon a time there lived a leopard, Giraffe, Zebra, Eland and the Koodoo in a forest. There was an Ethiopian also, who has bows and arrows with him, and used to hunt together. Giraffe and Zebra didn't know jumping. So they had gone away from the high veldt. The place, where they stayed was full of trees and bushes and strips, specially, patchy-blatchy shadows. They hid there, because of living under the shadow of these trees, the Giraffe grew blotchy and the Zebra grew striped, so they could be fear and smell but very seldom see. It was a very beautiful time for them. While the leopard and the Ethiopian ran about over the exclusively greyish-yellowish-reddish high veldt, outside, wondering, where all their breakfasts and

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dinners and their tears had gone. At last they were so hungry that they ate rats, and beetles and rock rabbits. After some time they met Daviaan, the dog-headed barking Baboon, who is the wisest animal in all South Africa.

He advised the leopard and the Ethiopian to change as soon as they can.

The leopard and the Ethiopian were surprised when they saw Gnoaffe and the Lebra changed.

The leopard and the Ethiopian followed the advice of Daviaan and they set off to look for the original flora.

One day the Ethiopian put his five fingers close together and pressed them all over the leopard, and wherever the five fingers touched they left five little black marks all close together. Some times the fingers slipped and the marks got a little blurred. In this way the leopard got its spots.

Assignment

Printed exercise is given below named "Story Completion"
Do both 'A' and 'B'