

The Hermit and the King

Dear sir, have you ever heard about the request that a hermit made to a king? Which one do you mean? On a high mountain there was a holy hermit. This hermit was a man of good deeds, and used to hear many complaints about the king that ruled the lands he lived in. Everybody said the king was a sinner and a bad ruler. The hermit got really concerned to hear about the bad habits the king had so he decided to go to the king's court to see him and try to convince him to be a better king. The hermit climbed down the mountain and reached a marvellous city where the king lived. When the hermit at last was able to see the king, he asked him: "Gracious king, what do you think God likes best: a hermitage life or the life of a king very well trained to rule his country"? Before the king gave an answer he thought about the question for a long time and at last he decided that being a good and honest king produced more happiness and satisfaction on the others than being a hermit. The hermit was pleased of the king's answer and said: "so that means that a bad king produces more evil than the good a hermit can do in his hermitage". "That is the reason why I have come to you and climbed down from my hermitage. I promised myself to be beside you as long as your kingdom is ruled properly. I want you to know God and His creed as well as to fear Him". Thus the hermit spent a long time with the king teaching him about God. Because of his tuition and the knowledge of God, the ruler became a good king and from then onwards he did his kining properly. Eventually, his kingdom turned into a rich and prosperous country as well.

QUESTIONS.

1. Give a title to the text.
2. Why did the hermit know the king was bad?
3. Did the hermit see the king straight away?
4. Where did the king live?
5. Take out from the text an adverbial clause of place.
6. Explain the difference between the simple past and the present perfect. Use examples from the text.
7. Do you like moral tales? What do you think about them? (50 words)
8. Vocabulary.

Properly:

Tuition:

To rule:

Climb down:

Knowledge: