

The raven and the snake

A raven used to make her nest on a rock but every year a snake ate her little babies. The raven was angry about that, however, he daren't to fight against the snake because she knew she was weaker than the snake and could be easily beaten. So after thinking for a while the raven convinced herself she could beat the snake by means of her wit rather than by her strength.

One day, the king's daughter was playing with her maids in a garden. For safety, she had left her gold and diamond bracelet hanging on the branch of a tree. It was a very beautiful bracelet especially made for her by an artist that lived abroad. It was the only sample in the world. The raven took the bracelet from the branch and quickly flew from the place for a long time making sure she was being followed and her pursuers could see where she left the beautiful bracelet. When the raven reached the snake's nest, she dropped the bracelet. The snake happened to be sleeping so she did not realize that something had fallen beside her. The men that had been following the raven looked for it and when they found it they saw the snake in the same place so they carefully took the bracelet and killed the snake at once. This is how the raven using her wit was able to get rid of her enemy by means of somebody else's strength. The king's daughter was happy again because she had recovered her bracelet and from then onwards she was careful to keep it in a safer place.

QUESTIONS.

1. Where did the raven use to make her nest?
2. What happened to the little ravens?
3. Could the raven beat the snake by means of her strength?
4. Where was the princess bracelet?
5. Where did the raven take the bracelet?
6. Write down a sentence using in the same sentence the simple past and the past perfect tenses.
7. Take out from the text all the Modal auxiliaries and explain their meaning in the sentence they are included.
8. Vocabulary. Explain the meaning of:

Strength:

Sample:

By means of:

Wit:

9. Differences between strength and wit. (50 words)