

Polly's Quill

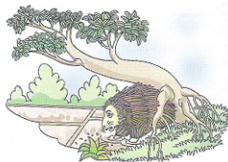


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In a forest there lived a porcupine named Polly. Polly was always very sad because he did not like having quills. He thought they made him look ugly. And they always got stuck in weird places.

Right now he was stuck in Mittu monkey's farm. Mittu monkey had sprayed the field with salt the previous day and Polly loved salt. He wanted to get just a lick of it. And now he was stuck under the roots of a tree and couldn't crawl out without his quills getting damaged! And it was the middle of the night. He had to stay there till someone rescued him next morning. Oh! How he hated his quills!



Mittu monkey had a good laugh before he rescued Polly in the morning. And Polly looked really dirty with mud clinging to his body. This made Polly even more unhappy. He went to his friend Sunny sparrow and complained. Sunny just smiled and said, "Polly you look beautiful as you are. And your quills are not only lovely but also very useful. Cheer up." But Polly was not convinced. He did not find his quills useful at all!



Just then Bunny rabbit came there running and panting. Timmy tiger was chasing her and wanted to eat her. She saw Polly and Sunny and asked for help. In the meantime, Timmy reached there. He was

about to pounce on Bunny. Polly pushed Bunny aside and stood there. Timmy's foot hit Polly and Polly's quills pierced Timmy's foot hard. Timmy cried in pain and ran away from there.



Bunny rabbit thanked Polly a lot. "See your quills are very useful!" said Sunny sparrow and they all had a good laugh.



What a Mistake!!!

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When an English teacher makes a mistake,
It is a new word.

When a barber makes a mistake,
It is a new hairstyle.

When a priest makes a mistake,
It is a new teaching.



When a cook makes a mistake,
It is a new dish.

When a tailor makes a mistake,
It is a new fashion.

When an architect makes a mistake,
It is a new design.

When a scientist makes a mistake,
It is a new invention.

When a mathematician makes a mistake,
It is a new formula.

But when a student makes a mistake,
It is always a mistake.

