



# The Unintended Consequences of Kindness

Read the story and answer the questions

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In the heart of a vibrant Indian village, where the trees whispered secrets to the wind and rivers hummed ancient tunes, lived a joyful assembly of animals. Among them were a Monkey, a Peacock, and a Deer, each living in harmony with the generous offerings of nature.

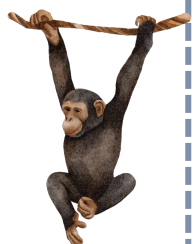
One day, a kind-hearted boy named Aarav with a heart full of love for these wild creatures. He offered the Monkey biscuits, the Peacock some bread crumbs, and the Deer chocolates. Tempted by these unfamiliar tastes, the animals eagerly accepted Aarav's offerings, not realizing the changes that would soon unfold.

As the days passed, the monkey began to seek out Aarav for more biscuits, losing her instinct to forage for fruits. This change caught the eye of some unscrupulous individuals who saw the trust in humans as an opportunity to capture her and sell her as a pet.

Meanwhile, the deer, having developed a taste for chocolates, started venturing closer to nearby roads in search of more treats from passing humans. One day, while chasing the scent of sweets, the deer found himself in the path of an oncoming vehicle, narrowly escaping a tragic fate.

The wise old elephant noticed these unsettling changes. He called the animals and Aarav together to share a crucial lesson. "Friends, while human kindness can seem warm and generous, it can lead us into unforeseen dangers. Our bodies are not made for processed food, which can harm our health. More so, becoming accustomed to human food makes us vulnerable to capture, and our curiosity can lead us into harm's way near human settlements." The elephant's words resonated deeply with the Monkey and the Deer. They realized the importance of relying on their natural instincts and the bounty of nature for nourishment. Aarav, witnessing the consequences of his actions, learned that the best way to express his love for wildlife was to admire them from a distance, preserving their wildness and safety.

Let's test your understanding by answering questions below



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True

False

The Deer's curiosity for chocolates led her to dangerous situations near human areas.

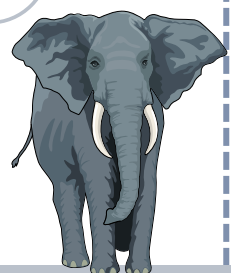
Aarav's actions of feeding the wild animals helped them stay healthy and safe in their natural habitat.

The Elephant explained that wild animals should rely on their instincts to find food in nature for their well-being.

Feeding wildlife does not impact their natural behaviors or diet preferences.

The story demonstrates that interaction with humans always benefits wildlife by providing them with additional food sources.

Learning to appreciate wildlife from a distance and respecting their natural behaviors is the best way to show love for them.



# Answer Key

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. False
6. True



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