



## The Unlikely Best Friends

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### From text to thought–

Fill in the box with qualities of the best friend as highlighted in the story.

#### GAJARAJ-MY BEST FRIEND

GAJARAJ—My best friend is Buntree who has loved to be with me and never judged me

#### STRAY DOG—My best friend

is Gajaraj who is playful and kind as he gave me food when I was hungry

Select the option that unlocks the correct answer.

1. (b) He did not have any friend
2. (c) Buntree
3. (c) Gajaraj and Buntree
4. (a) She sprang out of bed as soon as she heard the alarm.
5. (b) Tasks

### REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT–

A. Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below.

*“I wish I had a friend I can play with,” thought Gajaraj. One late evening, a dog strayed into the stable. Gajaraj could see that the visitor was tired and hungry.*

1. Who was the visitor? Why was he tired and hungry?

The visitor was a dog . He was tired and hungry as he had lost his way.

2. Why did Gajaraj want to have a friend?

Gajaraj wanted to have a friend because he felt lonely and had no one to play with.

3. What does the word ‘strayed’ mean in the above extract?

The word strayed means that the visitor had accidentally or unintentionally entered a place.

4. How did Gajaraj help the visitor?

Gajaraj pushed some of the food he was munching towards the dog.

5. Complete the following analogy:

Elephant: stable:: lion: den

B. *“Meanwhile at the farmer’s house, the dog had also not touched his food ever since he was brought home.”*

**1. Where had the dog gone?**

The dog had gone with the farmer, his master, to his house.

**2. Why did the dog not touch his food?**

The dog did not touch his food because he was missing his friend, Gajaraj.

**3. Who else had not eaten his food and why?**

Gajaraj had not eaten his food because he was also missing his friend, the dog.

**4. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb.**

The kind gesture of his friend touched (touch) his heart and brought (bring) a smile to his face.

**5. Assertion (A): The dog did not touch his food at the farmer’s house.**

**Reason (R): He missed his friend and was unhappy in the house.**

a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

**THINK AND ANSWER**

**Answer the following questions briefly.**

**1. How did friendship change Gajaraj’s life?**

Gajaraj became happy and loved to play with his new found friend.

**2. Mention the things Gajaraj and Buntree did together.**

Gajaraj, the elephant took a trunkful of water and playfully splashed the water on his friend. On their way back home, Gajaraj gave the dog a ride on his back.

**3. The mahout and the farmer were kind people. Justify.**

The mahout and the farmer were kind people because they displayed empathy and prioritized the emotional well-being and happiness of the animals under their care over their own convenience or possession.

**4. What activities made up Gajaraj’s routine?**

Gajaraj was bathed daily in a large pond by the mahout. He ate his daily meal after returning from his bath. His time was made more enjoyable by the presence of the little dog, Buntree, who was his constant companion during these routines and whom he often gently lifted with his trunk.

**5. How did Gajaraj and Buntree express their longing for each other?**

Gajaraj and Buntree expressed their longing for each other by not eating food and not showing interest in their surroundings .

**Answer the following question in 100-120 words.**

The quote, “Friendship is the golden thread that ties the heart of all the world,” beautifully captures the profound, universal power of friendship to connect beings across any barriers. The story of the massive elephant, Gajaraj, and the tiny stray dog, Buntree, serves as a perfect illustration of this idea.

Their bond demonstrates that true connection transcends size, species, and circumstances.

The “golden thread” represents the pure, strong, and valuable nature of their relationship that connected their hearts despite their vast differences.

## GRAMMAR–

### A. Fill in the blanks with the correct past tense form of the verbs in brackets.

#### Thirsty Crow

One hot summer day, a crow **felt** (feel) very thirsty. He **flew** (fly) here and there in search of water, but he did not **find** (find) any. At last, he **saw** (see) a pot in a garden. He **looked** (look) inside and **found** (find) only a little water at the bottom. He **tried** (try) to reach it, but he could not. Suddenly, he **thought** (think) of a plan. He **picked** (pick) up small stones one by one and **dropped** (drop) them into the pot. Soon, the water **rose** (rise) up. The crow happily **drank** (drink) the water and **flew** (fly) away.

Frame sentences using the opposites/ antonyms given in the box. The first one has been done for you

far-near	thick-thin	smooth-coarse	kind-unkind	sad-delighted
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1. The room was bright in the sunshine, but it became dark at night.
2. We live **far** from the city center now, but we used to live **near** the park.
3. She prefers a **thick** blanket for winter, while her brother only likes a **thin** sheet.
4. The surface of the polished table is **smooth**, unlike the **coarse** sandpaper.
5. A **kind** word can make someone’s day, but an **unkind** remark can ruin it.
6. I was very **sad** when my friend left, but I was **delighted** when she came back to visit.

#### Activity 1: Friendship Web

To be completed independently by the students.

#### Activity 2: Compare & Colour:

To be completed independently by the students.