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The Bear and the two Friends

Two men were walking through the forest. They were friends and swore to help each other. Suddenly a bear came out of a thicket. one man climbed up a tree. The other lay flat on the ground and did not breathe. The bear came near and smelled him. He thought the man was dead and so he went back into the forest. The man climbed down from the tree and asked the other man what the bear had said to him. The man replied, " The bear told me that I should not trust friends who do not stand by me when there are difficulties and danger."

Moral:

Many people say that they are your friends. Only true friends will help you when you are in danger.

Vocabulary:

to swear - To make a solemn promise.

thicket - a dense growth of plants, underbush

to trust - to believe

Choose the correct answer.

1. In the forest there were ...

three men and a bear.

one man and a woman.

two men and a bear.

2. The man on the ground...

went to sleep.

held his breath.

opened his mouth.

3. The bear...

put his nose near to the man.

put his eyes near to the man.

put his ears near to the man.