

2. The Adventures of Joto

THINK About It

↳ How does Joto come to grandfather's private zoo?

Ans - Grandfather is an animal lover. He has his own private zoo. Whenever he comes across ~~any~~ any attractive animal, he buys it at any cost. He sees Joto, the monkey, with a tonga-driver. He is impressed and finds Joto, a 'pretty' monkey. So, he buys it and adds it to his private zoo.

2. "Joto was a pretty monkey." In what sense is Joto pretty?

Ans - Joto had bright eyes that shone with mischief beneath deep-set eyebrows. His teeth were white like pearls through which were displayed smiles that frightened the elderly Anglo-Indian ladies. He had quick and wicked fingers. He could use his tail dexterously to accomplish any delicacy.

3. Why does grandfather take Joto to Saharanpur and how? Why does the ticket collector insist on calling Joto a dog?

Ans - Joto was a real menace for every living soul in the household. Other animals in grandfather's zoo were at Joto's mercy even during night. So, grandfather decided to provide some relief to other animals in the zoo and thought of taking Joto to Saharanpur when he went there to collect his pension.

The ticket collector was following his rule book. As there seemed to be no rule for fixing a monkey's fare, he equated categorised all pets of a certain size as dog.

Q1) How does Joto take a bath? Where has he learnt to do this? Why does Joto almost boil himself ~~alive~~ alive?
Ans - During the winter seasons, Joto was fascinated with warm water. In a large bowl for bathing. Like the author, he would check the temperature of water with his hand. Then he would step into the water. He learnt it from the author. One day, he mistook the water boiling kettle to be the water for bath. He got into the kettle. When the water began to boil he ~~had~~ raised himself to get out of the kettle but it was very cold outside. So he decided to sit down again. Joto felt uncomfortable. He continued hopping up and down till grandmother came to his rescue.

Q2) Why does the author say, "Joto was not the sort of a pet we could keep for long".
Ans - Joto is a mischievous monkey. He has been troubling all the animals in the zoo and the family. Grandfather and his family are not so rich that they can afford the frequent loss of dishes, clothes, curtains and wall papers. So, the author says that Joto is not the sort of a pet they can keep for long.