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LESSON- 3

THE BANYAN TREE

SUMMARY:

Ruskin Bond the author of this story had a huge Banyan Tree at his grand- parents place in Dehradun. The tree was older than the city itself. The author built a platform half way up the tree and became very good friends with a squirrel. The author would spend hours on the platform reading the classics.

One afternoon while he was on the platform he saw a fight between a king cobra and mongoose. The cobra struck at the mongoose a number of times but it kept on missing the mongoose. A crow and a mynah also watched the fight and both dived at the same time clashing in midair. The cobra was weakening and left the fight. In another occasion the author's grandmother lost her knitting kit which was nowhere to be found. The author found them latter in the squirrel's nest and in them were three baby squirrels and all of them were white.

Word meaning:

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| Passages | : | ways through which men can walk. |
| Spy | : | watch secretly |
| Arching | : | curving, forming a curved shape |
| Resent | : | feel angry |
| Morsels | : | small pieces of foodstuff |
| Delving | : | digging |
| Squabbling | : | quarrelling noisily |
| Bole | : | branch/trunk of a tree |
| Sacks | : | bags |
| Fangs | : | sharp teeth of animals |
| Combatants | : | fighters |



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