

# BRINGING UP KARI

## Lesson explanation, Part 1

Kari was a five month old baby elephant when he was given to the narrator of the story. The narrator was nine years old when he received Kari, the baby elephant. Both of them grew together and became good friends. Kari was kept in a pavilion under a thatched roof near the thick tree stumps, so that Kari doesn't bump against the poles while moving. Kari never ate too much. He loved to remain in the river for hours. The narrator used to clean Kari with the clean sand of the river. He used to enjoy his time in water and after coming out of water he would trumpet out of pleasure as the narrator would rub his back.

The narrator would then take Kari by his ears as it is the easiest way to lead an elephant. Then the narrator would leave Kari in the edge of the jungle while he would find some luscious twigs for Kari's dinner.

You see, collecting the twigs is not an easy task. The narrator would toil hard to get the most delicate and tender twigs for Kari, as those were his favourites. Why do you think, the narrator would toil so hard? It is because he loved Kari extremely.

We know that Kari is very sensitive and we can see that when he saved a boy from drowning. One fine spring day in March, the narrator heard Kari calling him in distance. Kari being a baby, his cry made the narrator extremely tensed and so he ran towards him immediately but couldn't spot him anywhere. At last, he saw Kari drowning and as soon as his eyes caught the narrator's eyes, he began to trumpet and struggled up to the shore. Still trumpeting, he pushed the narrator into the river. It is then, when the narrator saw a baby boy lying flat on the bottom of the river. Kari was waiting near the shore stretching out his trunk for the narrator. Somehow, the narrator could catch hold of the drowning boy but not being a good swimmer he was being dragged by the slow current of the water. Seeing this, Kari darted down like a hawk, even after being very slow and pulled out the narrator along with boy with his trunk.

So, we can see how Kari had saved the young boy from drowning.