

## SR 2 - The Adventures of Toto

### Think about IT

1. How does Toto come to grandfather's private zoo?
  - A. Toto comes to grandfather's private zoo **when he buys him from a tonga-driver for a sum of five rupees**. The tonga- driver used to keep the little red monkey. He was tied to a feeding-trough.
2. "Toto was a pretty monkey." In what sense is Toto pretty?
  - A. Toto was a pretty monkey **with bright eyes sparkling with mischief, pearly white teeth, quick and wicked fingers and a gracious tail which served as a third hand**. His cute smile used to frighten elderly Anglo- Indian ladies.
3. Why does grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur and how?
  - A. Toto wouldn't allow any of his companions to sleep at night. So, grandfather decided to take Toto to Saharanpur **to provide some relief to other animals in the zoo**. Toto was kept in a canvas bag that was too strong for Toto to bite and he could not get his hands out through the opening in the bag
4. Why does the ticket collector insist on calling Toto a dog?
  - A. **Toto was very mischievous**. He did not allow other pet animals to sleep at night. ... The Ticket collector classified Toto as a dog because there was no mention of fare in his rulebook for a monkey to travel in the railways.
5. How does Toto take a bath? Where has he learnt to do this? How does Toto almost boil himself alive?
  - A. Toto **takes bathe in a tub' of warm water**. It puts its legs in the water one by one and applies soap as well. As monkeys are good at aping others, so Toto has learnt proper steps of bathing while watching the narrator doing the same.
6. Why does the author say, "Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long"?
  - A. The author said that Toto was not the sort of pet they could keep for long **because he was very mischievous and kept destroying things at home**. He would tear things to pieces.

### Talk about IT

Do you have a pet? Is your pet mischievous? Tell the class about it.

Yes, I do have a pet dog named Tometi.