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Wild Wisdom Prep Series Two



UNLIKELY FRIENDS

Dear Quizzer,

The second newsletter of the Wisdom Nuggets series is here to help you progress to the next leg of your Wild Wisdom journey. Look inside to know more about the close relationship between different species, illegal wildlife trade, DIYs, and a lot of interesting news and facts about the natural world.

Happy Reading!



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What do you have in common with your best friend? Are you the same age, and in the same class? Do the same things make you laugh, and cry? Also you love the same food!

Could you be best friends with someone **TOTALLY UNLIKE YOURSELF**? Maybe not, you think? Well read on about these Best Friends – totally **UNLIKE** each other - in Nature. These **UNLIKE FRIENDS** are **FRIENDS FOR LIFE** - one **CANNOT** live or survive without the other.

They are -
Of **DIFFERENT** ages
From **DIFFERENT** Kingdoms and Classes
And they Like **DIFFERENT** Food

Have you heard of the close relationship, known as a symbiotic relationship between the Fig Tree and the Fig Wasp? This relationship, which is mutually beneficial, that is, good for both the tree and the wasp is known as mutualism.

The connection between the huge Fig Tree from the Plant Kingdom, and the tiny Fig Wasp from the Animal Kingdom, is very old - it began around 80 Million years ago! This mighty tree that can live for hundreds of years depends on a delicate insect that lives just a few days.

The wasp pollinates the tree and in return, the tree offers its figs to the wasp as a safe place for it to lay its eggs. Female wasps, carrying pollen enter the fig, which actually has many tiny flowers inside it. The wasp pollinates the flowers and lays her eggs. The wasps hatch, grow and mate inside the fig. The males spend their entire life inside the fig, while the adult females leave for another tree after mating.

So, the bond of the Fig Tree and its wasp goes on...

MEET THE SPECIES

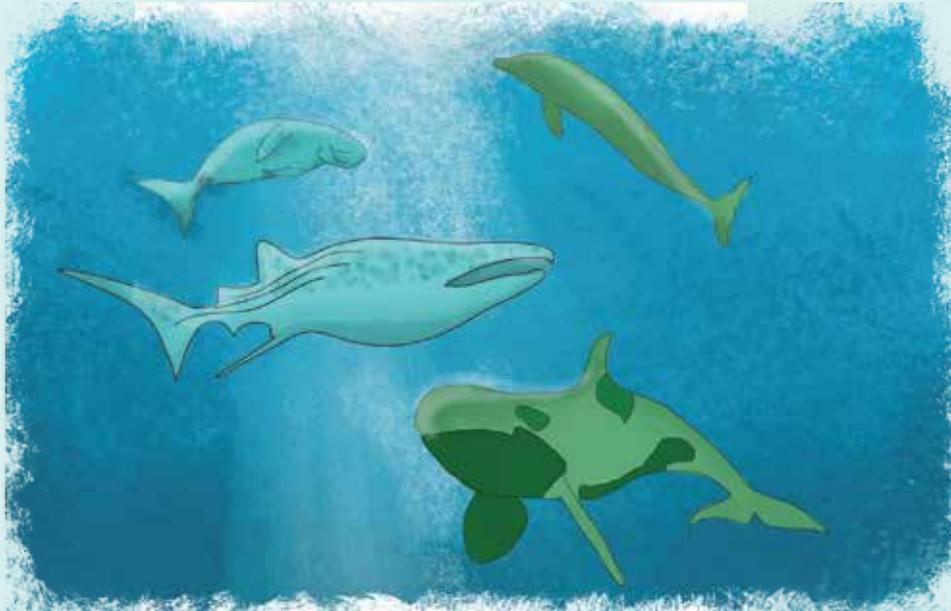


The next time you go to a jungle and see some Spotted Deer, also commonly called Chital, try to peer into the tree branches above to see if you can spot their friends - the Langurs!

Even though they are quite unlike each other, these Langurs and Chital are often spotted together!

A scientist from the University of Oxford, who came to Kanha National Park found something very interesting about the Langur-Chital relationship. He discovered what forest-dwellers have known for ages - Chital and Langurs share a bond and are often found close together. The deer picks and eats the leaves dropped by Langurs - who are known to be messy eaters. Langurs are also great at spotting predators like tigers and leopards from the high branches of trees and can see up to a great distance. They raise an alarm when the big cats are on the move. Sometimes, the deer also warn the Langurs, especially if they have come down the tree to the ground.

SPOT THE ANIMAL



All the others are mammals but I'm the only fish. I'm found in India's waters and am legally as protected as the tiger and the black buck. I'm currently the largest living fish in the world. Some people get scared by my size and my name, but I'm harmless to humans and in fact mainly eat plankton!

YOUR PLANET, YOUR CHOICE TO : GIVE UP

GIVE UP illegal wildlife products!

Illegal wildlife trade is one of the largest threats to the world's wild plants and animals. In spite of strict laws for wildlife protection, so much is taken from wildlife areas. Animals - their skins and other body parts in particular - are bought and sold for food or to make medicines; as pets, for decoration, accessories and tourist souvenirs. Wild animals suffer greatly when they are taken away from their homes and smuggled from one area to another. These stolen animals are treated badly and many die due to lack of food and water during the transit from the jungle. This business ruins the delicate balance of nature, and pushes many species towards extinction. Wild animals like pangolins, elephants, tigers, bears, rhinos, falcons, owls, parakeets, sharks, whales, snakes,

crocodiles, mongooses, sea snails and others suffer due to the great demand for the live animals or their parts. Much of India's wildlife is protected under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and sometimes owning a wildlife product can land one in jail!

What can YOU do?

1. GIVE UP products that are from the wild... or are made from a wild animal parts or plant. From seahorses in keychains to sea shells and corals at the sea shore, avoid them all! Even your paint brush could be made from mongoose hair! So, if you love nature, make sure you buy only a non-wildlife product.
2. GIVE UP keeping wild animals as pets... this includes turtles, parakeets, snakes. They belong to the wild!
3. If you see anyone buying or selling a wildlife product, call your local forest department or the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau!

ACT NOW FOR THE PLANET



Do you want to do something from your home for the environment that doesn't take too much of your time but don't know what can be done? You can truly make a difference by composting edible waste from your kitchen!

You can do this in your garden or even your balcony, all you need is a space big enough for a flower pot. Here is an instructional video which tells you not only how you can compost in your apartment but also why it is so important for the environment! Remember you will need to start segregating your kitchen waste and make sure you're only putting edible organic matter like fruit peels, egg shells, vegetables, tea and coffee waste etc. which can decompose naturally in the compost pit. You'll need three terracotta pots (regular plant sized will do) to start off with and as long as you're doing it properly, there will be NO smell! Just make sure you get your parents to help you out when lifting those pots! Once you understand how this has to be done, maybe you can hold a workshop for your neighbours and help them become eco-friendly as well

NEWS ALERT!

Lost species of Ganges river shark thought to be extinct is seen for the first time in a decade...in a Mumbai FISH MARKET

Migratory vultures in India gaining resistance to bacteria

Water and air pollution keep migratory birds away

Birth of tiger cubs in Kailadevi points to space crunch in wildlife habitats

WILD WISDOM QUOTIENT

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