

NCERT Solutions for Class 9

English

Chapter 2 – The Adventures of Toto

1. How does Toto come to grandfather's private zoo?

Ans: Toto had been enslaved by a tonga owner. The grandfather becomes sympathetic to the monkey and decides that Toto would be better off in his own private zoo. So he paid five rupees to the tongawallah for Toto.

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

Ans: Toto was a very attractive monkey. His sparkling eyes twinkled with mischief beneath deep-set brows, and his dazzling white teeth were frequently exhibited in a smile that scared the living daylights out of elderly Anglo-Indian ladies. His hands, on the other hand, appeared dried up, as if they had been pickled in the sun for years. His fingers, on the other hand, were swift and cunning, and his tail, although adding to his fine appearance, also served as a third hand. He could suspend it from a limb and use it to scoop up any delicacy that was out of his reach.

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

Ans: Toto posed a serious threat to everyone in the house. Even at night, the other creatures in grandfather's zoo were at Toto's mercy. As a result, grandfather decided to help the other animals at the zoo by transporting Toto to Saharanpur. The ticket collector was adhering to his procedures. He equated Toto with a dog because there seemed to be no regulation for adjusting a monkey's meal. The creativity of ticket collectors attempted to classify all pets of a particular size as dogs.

4. How does Toto take a bath? Where has he learnt to do this? How does Toto almost boil himself alive?

Ans: Toto takes a bath in a tub filled with hot water. It immerses each of its legs in the water and washes them with soap. Because monkeys are skilled at imitating others, Toto has learned how to bathe properly by watching the narrator do so. Toto enjoys taking baths in warm water. So, after checking the temperature of the water in the kettle, Toto sits in it. He's probably too stupid to realize the dangers of boiling water, so he bobs his head up and down in the kettle.

5. Why does the author say, “Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long”?

Ans: Toto was attractive and intelligent, but he was also a thief. By destroying dishes, tearing garments, and ripping curtains, he caused a lot of damage to the house. He also frightened the guests by ripping holes in their clothes. He didn't get along with the other animals in the house, either. Toto once went too far by scooping up a plate of pulao and eating it while running on a branch. When he was chastised, he tossed the plate away and broke it. This is when, because he couldn't stand the damages he'd experienced as a result of Toto's antics, grandfather decided he'd had enough of Toto.