

Sample Answer

The frog said, "I have but one wit, and it is advising me to flee. This very day I shall go with my wife to another pond."

After saying this, as soon as it was night, the frog went to another pond.

Early the next day the fishermen came like servants of the god of death and spread their nets over the pond. All the fish, turtles, frogs, crabs, and other water creatures were caught in the nets and captured, also Satabuddhi and Sahasrabuddhi. Although they fled, and through their knowledge of the various paths escaped they for a while by swimming to and fro, they too, together with their wives, fell into a net and were captured.

That afternoon the fishermen happily set forth toward home. Because of his weight, one of them carried Satabuddhi on his head. They tied Sahasrabuddhi onto a string and dragged him along behind.

The frog Ekabuddhi, who had climbed onto the bank of his pond, said to his wife, "Look, dear! Mr. Hundred-Wit lies on someone's head, and Mr. Thousand-Wit is hanging from a string. But Mr. Single-Wit, my dear, is playing here in the clear water."



Describe the theme of this story and how it relates to today.

Student answers will vary, but may include the following ideas:

The theme of the story is that sometimes our instinct is stronger than intelligence. In the story, the fish thought their intelligence was the correct thing to follow, but instead, the frog's instinct was correct.

This theme relates to today because the world is not always predictable; it does not always follow a plan. Even though we know the facts or the rules, our instincts may be the most important piece of information we use in making decisions.