



THE TRAVELERS AND THE BEAR

Two friends were traveling **on the same** road together when they **came face to face** with a bear. One **in great fear**, and **without a thought of his companion**, climbed into a tree and hid.

The other, seeing that, **single-handed**, he was no match for Bruin the bear, threw himself on the ground and **pretended to be dead** for he had heard that a bear will not touch a dead body.

The bear **approached** him, **sniffing** at his nose and ears, but the man, **with great courage**, **held his breath** and **kept still**, and **at length** the bear, thinking him dead, walked slowly away.

When Bruin **was well out of sight** the first traveler came down from his tree and asked his companion what it was that the bear had said to him. 'For,' said he, 'I **observed** that he put his mouth very close to your ear.'

'Why,' **replied** the other, 'it was **no great secret**. He only **advised me not to** keep company with those who, when they **get into difficulty**, leave their friends **in the lurch**.'

- ❖ **Acted as if...** -
- ❖ **Alone** -
- ❖ **Answered** -
- ❖ **Because** -
- ❖ **Bravely** -
- ❖ **Did not move** -
- ❖ **Far away** -
- ❖ **Get closer** -

- ❖ **Meet** -
- ❖ **Panic-stricken** -
- ❖ **See** -
- ❖ **Simple** -
- ❖ **Smell** -
- ❖ **Trouble** -
- ❖ **Warn** -

