

## **How cats and dogs become enemies**

Once upon a time, there was a farmer who kept a dog and a cat. They were good helpers. Cat, smart and clever, was well loved. Dog was honest and hardworking, but the farmer never praised it. Cat used to say proudly: Dog, I am better than you. I am always rewarded and you are punished. Haha! Dog refuted: Look at you. You can do nothing but flattering the master!

One day, the farmer went shopping. He said to Dog and Cat: There are many paddy stumps in our field. Your job is to level them. You will be rewarded when it is done.

As soon as the master had left, they went to the field to clear the stumps. Very soon, Cat jumped onto the field path, cleaned its feet and said: 'Brother Dog, keep working. I feel tired today. I want to take a short rest. I will be more efficient.'

It jumped onto a big tree near the field and feel asleep quickly. While the Dog was working alone, it grumbled: 'Lazy Cat, see if the master will reward you or not?'

Under the strong sun, Dog worked hard to flatten all the paddy stumps. It felt extremely tired. Dog went up to the field path and cleaned its feet. Then it dozed under a tree, waiting for the master to come back. Soon, Cat was wakened by a breeze. It rubbed its eyes, overlooking. 'The master is coming! I must jump into the field, pretending that I am working hard.'

While the master was approaching, Dog woke up. It welcomed the master excitedly: 'Master, you are back. Look, all the stumps are flattened. My mission is completed'. The master didn't say a word, looking at Cat working in the field. He shouted at Dog angrily: 'You've been sleeping all the time but called merit. Look at Cat, he is still working hard! All the stumps are cleared. This time, I will give Cat a gift.'

Cat didn't say anything. It was happy surreptitiously. Dog was wronged but it knew it had bad luck. Master gave Cat fresh fish from the basket, but Dog only got bones that the Master could not gnaw. Master: 'From now on, cats can eat fresh fish every meal while dogs can gnaw bones only. Dog raged. Since then, dogs and cats have become enemies.'