

Myth of Giraffe

In the early days, the original giraffe's neck and legs were short but one fruit made his neck and legs very long. It happened when everyone was living in the grassland.

In the grassland, all the plants were very short and small. One day, a deer was playing hide-and-seek with the other animals and he went far, far away to hide himself. Suddenly, in a remote place, he spotted a tall tree and the tall tree bore a lot of fruit. He ran to the grassland to tell everyone the news.

Soon, the news spread to the entire grassland. Many animals came under the tree but the tree was very tall. No one could pick the fruit, so they all waited under the tree.

Then, ten days later, a fruit was ripe and fell from the tree. The animals shared the fruit. Everyone said the fruit was delicious and juicy. They all were looking forward to the fruit. Another ten days passed but no fruit dropped. Some animals were impatient and left reluctantly. Gradually, one by one they left and at last all left except the deer. The deer longed for the fruit and decided to wait.

Another ten days passed but the deer was still there. As the fruit didn't fall off, the deer kept jumping up and pulling his neck long.

Day by day, the deer finally reached the fruit with its mouth. He gave a triumphant shout and this was the moment he realized that his neck and legs had become extremely long.

The deer was frightened and went back to the grassland immediately. When he saw his animal friends in the grassland, no one recognized him. He became a stranger and later the other animals gave him a new name – giraffe.

This is the origin of the giraffe.



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