

HANDOUT (MODULE 1)

A TIGER IN THE HOUSE

Summary

It is a story written by Ruskin Bond. An Anglo Indian writer. He has written many short stories. One of his stories is A Tiger in the House.

Timothy , the tiger cub was discovered by Grandfather in the Terai jungle of Dehra. One day he was going with the hunting party. He noticed a little tiger hiding under a banyan tree. He picked him up and brought him home. Grandmother named him Timothy.

At first the cub was brought up only on milk. But it couldn't digest. So it was given a diet of meat, pigeons and rabbits.

Timothy had two companions in the house . Toto , the monkey and a puppy, who was mischievous. It pulled the cub's tail. timothy was at first quite afraid of the puppy. Finally it allowed the dog to sit on its back . One of its favourite sport was to move silently and closer towards the narrator. It soon grew to the size of a hunting dog.

People on the road kept a safe distance from it. It had clean habits like a cat . His favourite place in the house was the drawing room. Timothy would make himself comfortable on the long sofa. He would recline there with great dignity, and snarl at anybody who tried to get him off.

Timothy slept at night in the cook's quarters, and was always delighted at being let out by Mahmoud in the morning.