

## AS YOU LIKE IT

1. Why did the lawful duke live in the Forest of Arden?

**Ans.** The lawful duke was deposed by his younger brother Frederick, who also banished him from his dukedom. The duke, thus, left his dukedom with his loyal supporters and made the Forest of Arden his home.

2. “These chilling winds which blow upon my body are true counsellors ...” – Who said this? Explain the statement.

**Ans.** This statement was made by the banished duke, the father of Rosalind, who lived in harsh conditions in the Forest of Arden after being banished from his dukedom by his usurper brother Frederick.



Through this statement, the duke meant that the cold winds were harsh and uncomfortable, but they did not flatter him because he had been a duke. The cold winds showed him what the reality was, without trying to paint a false and comfortable picture that flatterers usually do. That is why the duke considered the chilly winds to be his true friends and advisors.

3. "... there are some uses of a poisonous toad." Explain this statement.

**Ans.** The jewel carried by the ugly and poisonous toad was used in preparing medicines, hence even the toad was useful. The banished duke made this statement while commenting on his position and the harsh conditions in the Forest of Arden where he was forced to live after being banished from his dukedom. Just like the toad which had its own utility, the difficulties that he faced too had their own use. They taught him important lessons of life and reminded him of reality.



4. What is meant by the statement "... he found tongues in trees, books in the flowing streams, sermons in stones ..."?

**Ans.** The statement implies that the banished duke, instead of grieving about his position and the harsh conditions in which he was forced to live, drew lessons from different natural elements. Instead of being miserable, he learnt from nature and was always happy and in peace.

5. Why was Frederick unhappy when he came to know the identity of Orlando?

**Ans.** Orlando was the youngest son of the deceased Sir Frederick De Boys, who used to be a close friend of the duke whom Frederick had deposed and banished. Having done what he knew was wrong, Frederick was wary of anybody who had been connected to the deposed duke. That was why he was unhappy when he came to know of Orlando's identity.