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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

How to Tell Wild Animals



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Poem – How to Tell Wild Animals

Type-I Comprehension Passage

Solved Passage.

1. Or if sometime when roaring round
A noble wild beast greets you
With black stripes on the yellow grounds
Just notice if he eats you
This simple rule may help you learn
The Bengal Tiger to discern.
- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
(b) Who is the 'noble beast' here?
(c) How can we identify this beast?
(d) Identify the rhyme scheme of the passage.

Answers

- (a) Poem – How To Tell Wild Animals, Poet – Carolyn Wells.
(b) Bengal Tiger

(c) If he has yellow body with black stripes.

(d) ababcc – rhyme scheme.

Stanzas for Practice (Unsolved)

1. And if there should to you advance

A large and tawny beast.

If he roars at you as you're dyin'

You'll know it is the Asian Lion.

(a) Give two characteristics of the animal mentioned in the stanza.

(b) How will he behave when he sees you?

(c) Where is the Asian Lion found?

(d) Why has the poet spelt the word 'dying' as dyin'?

2. If strolling fourth, a beast you view

Whose hide with spots is peppered

As soon as he has lept on you

You'll know it is the leopard.

(a) How can you recognise a leopard?

(b) When does a leopard attack its victim?

(c) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?

(d) Which poetic technique does the poet use in the use of the word 'lept'?

3. Though to distinguish beast of prey

A novice might non plus.

The Crocodile you always may.

Tell from the Hyena thus.

(a) Write the name of the poem and the poet.

(b) Name the two beasts of prey.

(c) What does a Hyena do before he attacks?

(d) How can we distinguish a crocodile from Hyena?

4. The true chameleon is small

A lizard sort of thing

He hasn't any ears at all.

And not a single wing.

If there is nothing on the tree

Is the chameleon you see.

(a) How do you differentiate a chameleon from a lizard?

(b) Where can you see a chameleon?

(c) What defence mechanism does a chameleon adopt?

(d) Why does the poet say, "If there is nothing on the tree Tis the chameleon you see"?

Type-II Short Answer Type Questions (Solved)

1. How does the poet describe the bear?

Ans. As soon as the bear sees his victim, he hugs him very very hard and squeezes him to death. If the victim is still alive, the bear gives him another tight hug.

Unsolved Questions

1. How can you distinguish between a tiger and a leopard?

2. What does the poem tell us about?

3. How does the poet create humour in the poem?

