

LESSON-2 A SNAKE CHARMER'S STORY

➤ KEY POINTS-

1. kalbeliya is the name given to the community of snake charmers.
2. Saperas carry snakes in bamboo basket.
3. Saperas keep medicines made from plants and snake poison for snake bite to help people.
4. All snakes are not poisonous.
5. In India, four types of poisonous snakes are there.
6. Our government has made laws to protect animals.

➤ ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS –

Ques.1 Who are kalbeliyas ?

Ans. Kalbeliyas are the people who makes the snakes dance by playing the been .

Ques.2 Why are snakes called the friends of the farmers ?

Ans. Snakes are the friends of the farmers because they eat the rats in the fields otherwise the rats would eat the crops and spoil it .

Ques.3 How could snake charmers help people in villages where doctors and hospitals were far away ?

Ans. Snake charmers could help people with their medicines because they can identify the cure for snakebites.

Ques.4 How many types of poisonous snakes are there in India ?

Ans. There are four types of poisonous snakes in India –



1. Cobra

2. Common krait



3. Russels viper



4. Saw scaled viper



Ques.5 How many teeth does a snake have ?

Ans. A snake has two hollow teeth called fangs .

Ques.7 How does the poison enter the body ?

Ans. When a snake bites ,the poison enters the person's body through fangs.



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Ques.8 Where is the medicine available for the snake bite ?

Ans. The medicine for snake bite is made from the snake's poison and is available in government hospitals. The medicine for the snakes bite can also made from plants collected from the forest.

Ques.9 Like snake charmers ,which other people depend on animals for their livelihood ?

Ans. Apart from snake charmers , the people depend on animals are – milkman , poultry farmer, tongawala , farmer etc.

Ques .10 Which law is passed by the government to protect endangered species ?

Ans. The government has passed many laws to protect the endangered species –

1. Wildlife protection act ,1972
2. Protected areas like National parks , wildlife sanctuaries .
3. Project Tiger have been launched for conservation of the endangered Species.

Ques.11 The government has made a law that no one can catch and keep snakes.

What do you think about this law ? Give reasons .

Ans. Animals are often kept in captivity. They are used for entertaining people , for eg. Snake charmers use snakes and madaris use monkeys to entertain people . Since they earn livelihood from these animals ,so they take good care of animals . But no animal would like to live as slave. Everyone like to enjoy freedom . So, I think Law preventing catching and keeping snakes is a good law .

Ques.12 Do you think that snakes play an important role in our ecosystem ?

Ans. The snakes play an important role –

1. Prey on animals such as rats and mice otherwise they will spoil the crops.
2. The venom of the snake can be used for certain types of diseases and making anti venom for the snake bites .