

## Poetry-9 Snake

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### 1. How did the snake drink water?

**Ans-** The snake went to the water trough and put its mouth upon the bottom of that trough. It sipped water with its straight mouth.

### 2. What is the meaning of "Sicilian July, with Etna Smoking"?

**Ans-** "Sicilian July, with Etna smoking" means extreme heat like the one caused when Etna erupted pain smoking. It was so hot as the volcano at Etna in Sicily.

### 3. What is the belief prevailing in Sicily about a snake?

**Ans-** The belief prevailing in Sicily about a snake is that black snakes are innocent and harmless but the golden are venomous. So, they believe that only yellow brown snake should be killed.

### 4. Why did the speaker like the snake?

**Ans-** The speaker liked the snake because it looked very innocent and it was drinking the water very peacefully.

### 5. Do you think he had a conflict in mind?

**Ans-** Yes, there was a conflict in the poet's mind. He got afraid soon. He thought that it (snake) was a guest that had come from a fissure to drink water at the poet's residence.

### 6. In the deep, strange scented shade of the great dark carobtree I came down the steps with my pitcher.

**Ans:-** These lines have been taken from "Snakea" composed by 'D.H Lawrence.' The poet describes how he saw a snake when he went to collect water from the trough. It was a hot day when the thirsty snake came to drink water. The poet was fascinated. Here he exalts the values of primitive life.

**7. I think It did not hit him, But suddenly that part of him that was left behind  
Convulsed in undignified haste.**

**Ans:-** These lines have been taken from “Snake” composed by ‘D.H Lawrence. The poet had hit the snake with a clumsy log being inspired by the voice of education. The poet opined that the log probably did not hit the snake but the snake was very much surprised and terrified with sudden attack and fraud. It went back to the dark hole of the wall very quickly

**8. The voice of my education said to me He must be killed.**

**Ans:-** This line has been taken from “Snake” composed by ‘D.H Lawrence’ In the line ‘The voice of my education’ the speaker means all the stuff he has read about snakes as dangerous creatures and needed to be killed when spotted. It is the traditional customs and belief that affect the speaker’s perception about the snake.

**9. And yet those voices If you were not afraid, you would kill him I**

**Ans:-** This line has been taken from “Snake” composed by ‘D.H Lawrence’ The speaker means by ‘thou voices’ all the stuff he has read about snake as dangerous creatures and needed to be killed when spotted. It is the traditional customs and beliefs that affect the poet’s perception that if he was not afraid of the snake, he would probably kill the snake.

**10. He lifted his head from his drinking, as cattle do, And looked at me vaguely, as  
drinking cattle do,.....**

**Ans:-** These lines have been taken from “Snake” composed by ‘D.H Lawrence.’ The poet describes how he saw a snake when he went to collect water from the trough. It was a hot day when the thirsty serpent lifted its head . as other cattle do and looked at the poet vaguely and started drinking again . it didn’t disturb the poet but the poet attacked the snake.