

Worksheet

A Snake Charmer's Story



Q.1. Very short answer questions

I. Choose the correct answer to fill in the blanks.

bamboo, treasure, been, Kalbeliyas, Nag Gumphan, snakes, poisonous, death, medicines, fangs, two, four, tube, snake, gourd, bite, protect, poison.

- a) _____ are the people who catch snakes and make them dance by playing the been.
- b) Snakes dance when the _____ is played.
- c) _____ are an important part of Saperas. (Snake Charmers)
- d) Designs of snakes that are used in rangoli, embroidery and as wall decoration in Saurashtra (Gujarat) and south India are called _____.
- e) Snakes are a _____ for Kalbeliyas.
- f) Snake charmers keep snakes in _____ baskets.
- g) Snake charmers make _____ from the plants collected from the forest.
- h) Some snake bites cause _____ on the spot.
- i) A snake has _____ hollow teeth.

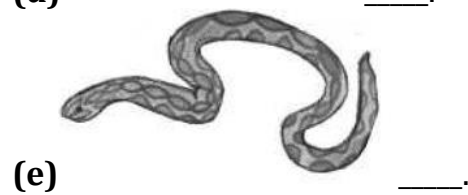
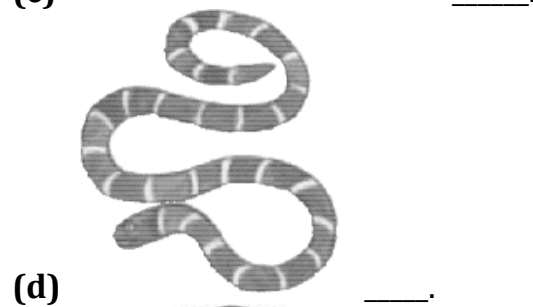
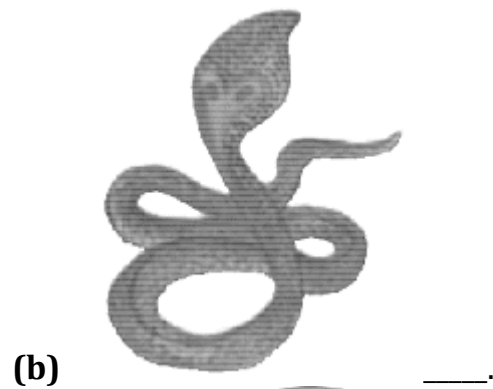
- j) The poisonous teeth of snakes are called _____.
- k) Most of the snakes are not _____.
- l) Only _____ types of snakes are poisonous in our country.
- m) There is a _____ of poison in a snake's mouth.
- n) The medicine for a snake bite is made from the snake's _____.
- o) Kalbeliya dance has movements similar to the dance of a _____.
- p) The musical instruments been, tumba and khanjiri used by Kalbeliyas except dhol are made from dried _____. (lauki)
- q) The government has made a law that no one can catch snakes/wild animals to _____ them from being killed.
- r) Snake charmers can know the type of snake from the marks of its_____.

Ans.

I.

- a) Kalbeliyas
- b) Been
- c) Snakes
- d) Nag Gumphan
- e) Treasure
- f) Bamboo
- g) Medicines
- h) Death
- i) Two
- j) Fangs
- k) Poisonous
- l) Four
- m) Tube
- n) Poison
- o) Snake
- p) Gourd
- r) Protect
- s) Bite

II. Identify the things/snakes in the pictures and write their names.



Ans

II.

a) Been

b) Cobra

c) Afai

d) Krait

e) Duboiya

III. Write 'True' for the correct statement and 'False' for the wrong statement.

- a) Snake charmers make medicines for snake-bites from the snake's poison.[]**
- b) Most of the snakes are non-poisonous.[]**
- c) Snake charmers treat their snakes badly.[]**
- d) Snakes are friends of the farmers. []**

Ans.

III.

- a) True**
- b) True**
- c) False**
- d) True**

Q.2. One Mark Questions. (Short Answer Question)

- a) Why has the government made laws that no one can catch snakes/wild animals?**
- b) What is the Speciality of Kalbeliya dance?**
- c) Like snake charmers, which other people depend on animals for their livelihood?**

Ans.

- a) The government has made a law that no one will catch snakes or wild animals because some people kill animals and sell their skins at a very high price.**
- b) The kalbeliyas dance style is similar to the movement of snake.**
- c) Like snake charmers , people who depend on other animals for their livelihood are, In circus they use lions , tigers or elephants for the entertainment. Some people catch monkeys and use them for for entertainment at road side.**

Q.3. Two Mark Questions. (Long answer questions)

- a) Who are Kalbeliyas (or) Saperas?**

- b) How could snake charmers help people in village where doctors and hospitals were far away?**
- c) Why snakes are called friends of the farmers?**
- d) How can snake charmers earn their livelihood nowadays after the government has passed a rule against catching snakes and other wild animals?**
- e) Name the four types of poisonous snakes in India.**

Ans 3:

- a)** The kalbeliyas or snake charmers are people who make snakes dance by playing the been
- b)** Snake Charmers make medicines from plants collected from forests so that they can help people with their . medicines even if doctors or hospitals are far off.
- c)** Snakes are the friend of the farmers because snakes eat rats in the field. Other wise rat would eat crops.
- d)** The Government had passed a rule that no one will catch the snakes or other wild animals after that, for the livelihood they play Been for the entertainment and dance similar to the movements of the snake.
- e)** The four types of poisonous snakes in India are Cobra, Common Krait , Russell's Viper (Duboiya), Saw-scaled Viper.