

# A Tiger in the Zoo

## TEXTUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Thinking about the poem

#### 1. Read the poem again, and work in pairs or groups to do the following tasks

(i) Find the words that describe the movements and actions of the tiger in the cage and in the wild.

(ii) Find the words that describe the two places, and arrange them in two columns.

Now try to share ideas about how the poet uses words and images to contrast the two situations.

**Ans:** (i) stalk, range, lurking, sliding, snarling, baring, terrorising, stalking, ignoring, stares

In the Cage	In the wild
Stalk, rage, Stalking, ignoring, Hears stares.	lurking, snarling baring his white fangs, terrorising.

(ii)

Cage	Wild
Pads of velvet quiet, Concrete cell, behind, The bars, length of his Cage.	Long grass, water hole, deer pass, Jungle's edge.

The poet uses these words and images to contrast the two situations.

#### 2. Notice the use of a word repeated in lines such as these:

(i) On pads of velvet quiet, In his quite rage,

(ii) And stares with his brilliant eyes. At the brilliant stars.

What do you think the effects of this repetition.

**Ans:** In (i) the first 'quite' stands for 'soft' I.e., the softness of the velvet and the second 'quiet' means silent i. e. the anger of the tiger soundless.

In (ii) brilliant is repeated to stress its importance. It expresses the shining stars and also the eyes of the tiger that is also shining like the stars.

### **3. Read the following two poems – one about a tiger and the other about a panther.**

Are zoos necessary for the protection or conservation of some species of animals? Are they useful for enduring the public? Are there alternatives to zoos?

**Ans:** Zoos are necessary for the protection of animals and birds. Many species have already gone extinct.

For public, zoos are helpful. They become aware of the usefulness of those. Ecological balance is maintained. There are no alternatives to zoos.

### **4. Take a point of view for or against zoos, or even consider both points of view and write a couple of paragraphs or speak about this topic for a couple minutes in class.**

**Ans:** Zoos are necessary for protection of animal and birds. Many species of them have already gone extinct. Proper care can be taken of the birds and animals in zoos. Trained person look after them and so they can live free life.

Zoos are not important. Nature has provided all the necessary arrangements for the animals and birds to live and grow. A zoo cannot provide natural environment to the birds and animals.

**The Greater Cats:**

## Comprehension Questions and Answers

**Q:- Read the extract and answer the question**

*Choosing appropriate alternatives given below:-*

1. He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

**Question :-**

**1. Who is the poet of the poem?**

- a) Leslie Norris.
- b) Elizabeth jane.
- c) William Wordsworth.
- d) Robert Frost.

**Ans:** a) Leslie Norris.

**2. 'He' here is –**

- a) The poet.
- b) A tiger.
- c) A lion.
- d) A dear

**Ans:** b) A tiger.

**3. He walks through the grass –**

- a) Jumping.
- b) Crawling.
- c) Sliding.
- d) Running.

**4. Where do plump deer pass?**

- a) in the shadow.
- b) near the water hole.
- c) in the open space.
- d) none of these.

**Ans:** b) near the water hole.

2. But he's locked in a concrete cell,

His strength behind bars,

Stalking the length of his cage,

Ignoring visitors.

**Question :-**

**1. The tiger is imprisoned in –**

- a) A cage.

b) The zoo.

c) A house.

d) A box.

**Ans:** a) A cage.

**2. Where is the tiger's strength now?**

a) In his body.

b) In his growls.

c) Behind the bars.

d) Outside the cage.

**Ans:** c) Behind the bars.

**3. Who does the tiger ignore?**

a) His caretakers.

b) The deer.

c) Visitors.

d) animals around him.

**Ans:** c) Visitors.

**4. The cell is –**

a) Made of wood.

b) Made of bamboo.

c) Concrete.

d) None of these.

**Ans:** c) Concrete.

### **Short Answers Type Questions**

#### **1. How does the tiger walk in the cage?**

**Ans:** The tigers are imprisoned in a cage. He stalks in his cage. He has no free movement and is helpless due to the iron bars. Hence, he walks gently.

#### **2. How is the Tiger in the cage? What does he do?**

**Ans:** The tiger is in a cage of concrete cell. His strength is now behind the bars. He simply walks inside the cage. He has no freedom. He ignores the visitors.

#### **3. How does the tiger behave at night?**

**Ans:** The tiger is not free. He is imprisoned in a cage. He is helpless. He walks inside the cage. At night he hears the last voice of the patrolling cars. He intently looks at the shining stars.