

Environmental Studies

(Chapter – 2) (A Snake Charmer's Story)

(Class – 5)

Think and Tell:

Question 1:

Have you ever seen anyone playing a been? Where?

Answer 1:

Yes, I have seen snake-charmers playing a been. Sometimes they come to our colony.

Question 2:

Have you ever seen a snake? Where?

Answer 2:

Yes, I have seen snakes. The snake charmers who come to our colony carry many types of snakes.

Question 3:

Were you scared by it? Why?

Answer 3:

Yes, I was scared because I have heard that some snakes are poisonous.

Question 4:

Do you think all snakes are poisonous?

Answer 4:

No, not all the snakes are dangerous.

Question 5:

In chapter 1 you read that snakes do not have ears which you can see. Can the snake hear the been or does it dance when the been moves? What do you think?

Answer 5:

Snakes cannot hear the been. They dance when the been moves.

Write:

Question 6:

Have you ever seen animals being used for entertainment of people? (For example, in a circus, on the road, or in a park)

(a) When and where did you see this?

(b) Which animal show did you see?

Answer 6:

(a) Yes, In circus, parks, roadside and sometimes in our colony, I have seen many animals being used for entertainment of people.

(b) I saw the show of monkeys, snakes, elephants, lion, tiger, panther, Bear etc.

Question 7:

How did people behave with the animals in the show?

Answer 7:

The behavior of people towards the animals was warm.

Question 8:

Was anyone teasing the animals? How?

Answer 8:

No, nobody was teasing the animal.

Question 9:

What kind of questions came to your mind after seeing these animal show?

Answer 9:

Many questions came to my mind after seeing these show such as:

- (i) Is it fair to use animals for the entertainment of people?
- (ii) How are the animals caught from the forests and trained?
- (iii) Whether they are being handled with care?
- (iv) Would it not be better if they are set free in the forest?

Question 10:

Imagine that you are an animal in a cage. Think how you would feel. Complete the following sentences :

I am afraid when

I wish I

I am sad when

If I had a chance I would

I do not like it at all when

Answer 10:

I am afraid when **my trainer beats me if I do any mistake.**

I Wish I **could roam freely in the forest.**

I am sad when **I remember my family.**

If I had a chance I would **run free into the forest.**

I do not like it at all when **people tease me.**

Write:

Question 11:

Like snake-charmers, which other people depend on animals for their livelihood?

Answer 11:

Besides snake-charmers, many people like milkman, poultry farmer, tonga wala, farmer, washerman, etc. depend on animals for their livelihood.

Write:

Question 12:

Talk to some people in your neighbourhood who keep one or more animals for their livelihood—for example, a horse for a tonga, hens for eggs, etc.

- * Name the animal they keep?
- * How many animals are there?
- * Is there a separate place for the animals?
- * Who looks after them?
- * What do the animals eat?
- * Do the animals ever fall ill? What does the keeper do then?
- * Make some more questions and discuss.
- * Make a report on your project and read it out in the class.

Answer 12:

There is a milkman who lives near my house. He has kept five cows. There is a separate shelter for cows. The calves are kept at some distance away from the cows. Milkman and his wife look after them. The cows eat fodder, grasses, etc. Sometimes when any cow falls ill, it is treated by a veterinary doctor. These cows give plenty of milk. By selling this milk, the milkman earns his livelihood.

Question 13:

The government has made a law that no one can catch and keep snakes. What do you think about this law? Give reasons for your answer and write in your own words.

Answer 13:

I think this law is in the interest of animals. I have seen many animals being used for entertainment and as means for earning livelihood, such as in circus, with snake charmers, etc. Of course they take care of these animals because they earn their livelihood from them, but I think the animals would be happy only if they are allowed to live freely in their natural habitat. Nobody likes slavery.

Further, if any animals does any mistake during the training or the show, the trainer torture it, which is really pathetic.

Apart from these, many hunters and poachers kill animals for their skins, tusks, horns etc. After making the law, such activities are checked. So, I think it is a good move.