

Tiger in the house

**Questions and Exercises**

**C. Speaking, Reading, and Writing**

1. **When did Grandfather discover the tiger cub? Who named him “Timothy”? Who fed him? What was Timothy’s diet?**

- Grandfather found the cub during a hunting expedition in the Terai Jungle.**
- Grandmother named him “Timothy.”**
- The cook, Mahmoud, fed him.**
- Timothy’s diet: milk (at first), then raw mutton, cod liver oil, pigeons, and rabbits.**

2. **Who were Timothy’s two companions? How did they show they were not afraid of him?**

- Toto the monkey (pulled Timothy’s tail) and a mongrel puppy (crawled on his back).**

3. **Timothy was more friendly with Toto than with the puppy. (True/Not True)**

- **Not True** (Timothy was initially afraid of the puppy but later allowed it to crawl on his back).**

4. **When the boy took Timothy out for walks, why did people give them a wide berth?**

- Because Timothy was the size of a full-grown retriever and looked dangerous.**

5. **Timothy had an air of superiority about him. (True/Not True)**

- ****True**** (He reclined on the sofa with dignity and snarled at anyone who tried to move him).

6. ****Timothy's wild nature came out gradually. (True/Not True)****

- ****True**** (He began hunting cats and poultry, and stalked Mahmoud).

7. ****Everyone took Grandmother's warning seriously. (True/Not True)****

- ****Not True**** (They laughed it off).

8. ****What changes in Timothy made Grandfather decide to transfer him to a zoo?****

- He became aggressive, hunted animals, and stalked Mahmoud.

9. ****Why did Grandfather say, "Goodnight, Timothy"?****

- He thought the tiger was Timothy and spoke affectionately.

10. ****Why did the tiger lick Grandfather's hand with increasing relish?****

- It was a dangerous tiger, not Timothy, and may have seen Grandfather as prey.

11. ****Why did Grandfather give a scornful look to the keeper?****

- The keeper did not recognize Timothy and gave incorrect information.

****E. Vocabulary****

Fill in the missing letters:

1. Grandfather knew no one would have a tiger as a ****companion****.

2. The onlookers thought Grandfather and the tiger were ****close**** friends.

3. The tiger was ****relaxed****, but the leopard was tense.

****F. Grammar: Adverb Clause of Time****

Fill in the blanks with:

1. ****Whenever**** I go to the zoo, I say “hello” to my tiger.
2. He was shocked ****when**** I went near the tiger.
3. ****While**** I was relaxed, the tiger was too.
4. ****When**** I gave my hand, the tiger licked it.
5. I haven’t seen my tiger ****since**** it ran away.
6. ****As**** I was saying goodbye, the superintendent came.
7. ****While**** I was petting the tiger, the leopard snarled.
8. “Wait ****until**** I ring you up,” the zoo superintendent said.
9. We waited for the tiger ****till**** it was dark.
10. They had left ****before**** we reached there.
11. I came just ****after**** he had hit six sixes in that over. I missed it.

Here are the answers for the missing prepositions in the dialogues:

1. Grandmother: Where is Timothy?

Mother: He has gone out.

Grandmother: Gone out? Who ****with****?

Bond ****with**** Mahmoud.

2. Mahmoud: Grandfather was shouting ****at**** me.

Mother: What ****for****?

Mahmoud: ****For**** not tying up Timothy.

3. Bond: Grandfather has brought home a tiger cub!

Grandmother: A tiger cub? Where ****from****?

Bond: ****From**** the jungle.

4. Superintendent: Sir, why are you standing ****near**** that cage?

5. Grandfather: I have been conversing ****with**** Timothy.

6. Superintendent: Really? ****For**** how long?