

A Tiger In The Zoo



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- Q) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow:

But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors,

- (i) What does the expression - 'Stalking the length of his cage' mean?

Ans) It means the tiger was walking from one end of the cage to the other.

- (ii) What kind of enclosure was he kept in?

Ans) Small cell made of concrete cell walls, long and strong bars so that that tiger could not escape.

(iii) Whose strength is behind the bars?

Ans) The strength of the tiger is behind the bars.

Q) Answer the given questions briefly with the help of hints.

1) How does the tiger look in his cage?

Ans) The tiger moves slowly from one end of cage to the other in his vivid stripes. He looks majestic. He has velvet soft paws. He stares the stars with his brilliant shiny eyes.

2) What should the tiger be doing if he were in the jungle?

Ans) He should be lurking in the shadows of the trees. He should be sliding slowly through the long grass. He should for ^{up} pump deer at the water hole for eating.

3) Why is the tiger ignoring the visitors?


Ans) As the tiger is behind the bars so he is just a

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piece of entertainment for the visitors. Also, the visitors are not helping him getting out of the cage. The Tiger feels that all of them are fellows without any feelings. So, he stops taking any notice of them.

4) Why do you think the tiger looks at the stars?

Ans) The tiger has lost all hope from mankind. He looks at the brilliantly shining stars with his brilliant eyes, hoping from the heaven for ~~his freedom~~ getting out of cage. He is sad and his eyes are filled with tears.

 Extrapolative Questions.

1) How can tigers be conserved? Are zoos necessary for the conservation of animals?

Ans) Tigers are on the verge of extinction. Government



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should make strict rules against hunting and products made from animal skin etc. Animals who are getting extinct should be put in wildlife sanctuaries and National Parks for conservation.



Literary Devices -:

- 1) Alliteration: use of sound 'b' at the start of two words - behind bars.
- 2) Metonymy: This rhetorical device consists of the substitution of the name of an attribute for that of the thing meant.
Using the device of metonymy in this stanza, the poet uses the word "strength", to mean the body of the tiger, where the entire strength of this majestic creature resides and which is locked up within a cage in the zoo.
- 3) Alliteration: use of sound "h" at the start of two words - he hears.

- 4) Rhyme Scheme - Each of the five stanzas of "A Tiger in the Zoo" follows the same simple rhyme scheme - ABCB.