



Working with Text (Page 117)

A. 1. Talk to your partner and say whether the following statements are true or false.

- (i) No animal can survive without water.
- (ii) Deserts are endless sand dunes.
- (iii) Most snakes are harmless.
- (iv) Snakes cannot hear, but they can feel vibrations through the ground.
- (v) Camels store water in their humps.

Ans:

- (i) True
- (ii) False
- (iii) True
- (iv) True
- (v) False

2. Answer the following questions.

- (i) How do desert animals survive without water? (1)
- (ii) How do mongooses kill snakes? (6)
- (iii) How does the hump of the camels help them to survive when there is no water? (9)

Ans:

- (i) The desert animals find ways to survive for many days without water. Gerbils keep themselves cool in underground holes. The beetles catch drops of moisture on their legs. The camels get moisture from desert plants.
- (ii) Mongooses have very swift reactions. They get away fast when the snake tries to strike. They trouble the snake till it is tired. Then they attack and kill the snake. They themselves don't get any injury.
- (iii) The hump of the camel is meant for storing fat and not water. That fat meets the camel's need of water and nourishment.

B. Read the words/phrases in the box. With your partner find their meanings in the dictionary.

harsh conditions harmless survive intruder
threatened predators prey continually

Fill in the blanks in the following passage with the above words/phrases.

All animals in forests and deserts struggle to _____ in _____. Though most of the animals are _____, some are dangerous when _____. If an _____ is noticed, they attack or bite to save themselves. They struggle _____ for food and water. Some animals are called _____ because they _____ on other animals.

Ans:

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Speaking (Page 118)

Look at these sentences.

- Deserts are the driest places on earth.
- Gerbils spend the hottest part of the day in cool underground burrows.

Now form pairs. Ask questions using a suitable form of the word in brackets. Try to answer the questions too.

Do you know

1. Which animal is the_____ (tall)?
2. Which animal runs the_____ (fast)?
3. Which place on earth is the_____ (hot) or the_____ (cold)?
4. Which animal is the_____ (large)?
5. Which is the_____ (tall) mountain in the world?
6. Which is the_____ (rainy) place on earth?
7. Which is the_____ (old) living animal?

Can you add some questions of your own?

Ans:

1. Giraffe is the tallest animal.
2. Leopard runs the fastest.
3. Aziza Libya is the hottest and the Verkhoyansk (Russia is the coldest).
4. Blue whale is the largest animal.
5. Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world.
6. Mawsynram (Meghalaya) is the rainiest place on earth.
7. Giant tortoise is the oldest living animal.

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