



Ruskin Bond

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Comprehension Check

1. "He had the distinction of being the only member of the party to have bagged any game..."

The phrase in italics means

- (i) Grandfather was the most distinguished member of the party.
- (ii) Grandfather was the only sportsperson in the party.
- (iii) Grandfather was the only successful member of the hunting party.

Mark the right Answer.

Answer: The phrase in italics means (iii) Grandfather was the only successful member of the hunting party.

2. Complete the following sentences.

- (i) Toto climbed up the curtains when -----
- (ii) ----- , I became one of the tiger's favourites.
- (iii) Timothy had clean habits, -----

Answer: (i) Toto climbed up the curtains when Timothy lost his temper.

(ii) One of Timothy's favourite amusements was to stalk anyone who would play with him, and so, when I came to live with Grandfather, I became one of the tiger's favourites.

(iii) Timothy had clean habits, and would scrub his face with his paws exactly like a cat.

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1. Grandmother's prophecy was that the tiger

- (i) would prefer Mahmoud's bed to sleep in.
- (ii) and the cook would disappear together from the house.
- (iii) would one day make a meal of Mahmoud.

Mark the right Answer.

Answer: Grandmother's prophecy was that the tiger (iii) would one day make a meal of Mahmoud.

2. When Timothy was about six months old, a change came over him.

The phrase in italics means that

- (i) Timothy had grown to his full size.
- (ii) Timothy grew more friendly.
- (iii) Timothy grew less friendly, in fact more dangerous

Answer: The phrase in italics means that (iii) Timothy grew less friendly, in fact more dangerous.

3. Write 'True' or 'False' against each of the following statements.

- (i) Timothy and Grandfather went to Lucknow in a special compartment.
- (ii) The compartment in which Grandfather and Timothy travelled had no other passenger.
- (iii) Timothy and Grandfather travelled in a first class compartment.
- (iv) All passengers in the compartment thought that Timothy was a

well-fed and civilised tiger.

Answer:

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

4. Grandfather suggested that Timothy should be put in another cage.

The reason was that

- (i) the tiger had become very bad tempered.
- (ii) a leopard in the next cage would constantly rush at Timothy.
- (iii) the cage was too small for a full grown tiger.

Answer:

The reason was that (ii) a leopard in the next cage would constantly rush at Timothy.

5. The tiger was still licking his arm, with increasing relish. The phrase in italics suggests that Timothy

- (i) was good natured.
- (ii) recognised an old friend.
- (iii) smelt fresh food.

Answer:

The phrase in italics suggests that Timothy (iii) smelt fresh food.

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