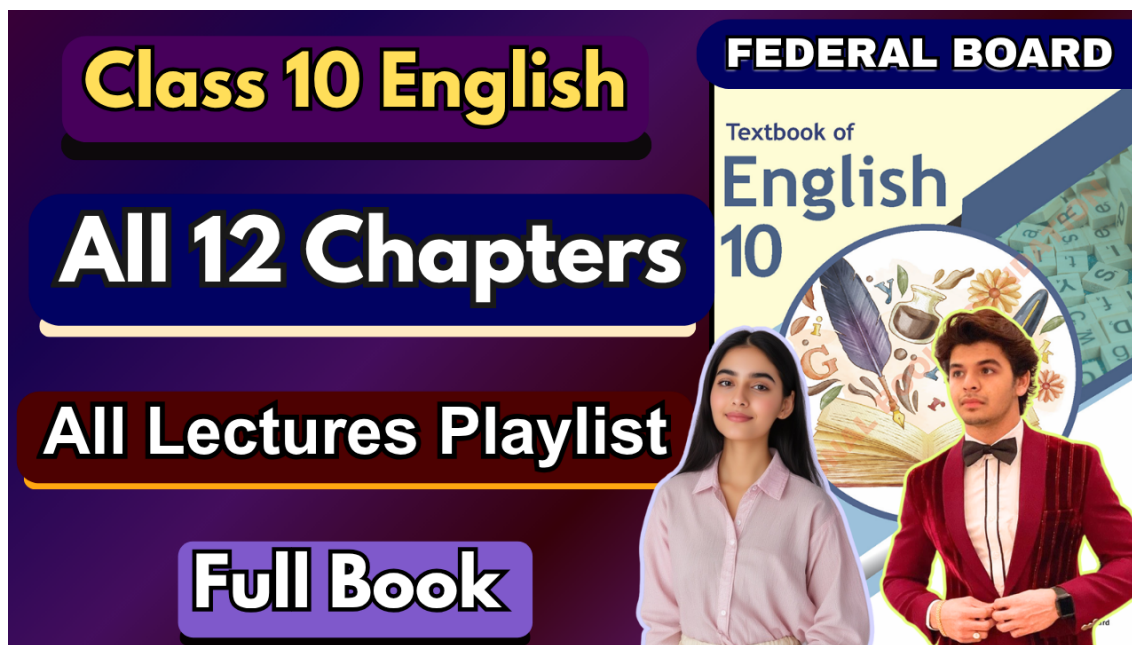


Chapter 1 - ANIMAL RIGHTS IN ISLAM: SHOWING COMPASSION

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Glossary

Given below are the difficult words from the unit. Look at their meanings and use these words in your own sentences.

Words	Meaning
sentient	able to perceive or feel things.
intricately	in a very detailed or complicated manner.
coexistence	the action or condition of living together in harmony.
imperative	of vital importance; crucial.
exploitation	the action or fact of treating someone unfairly in order to benefit from their work.
inextricably	in a way that is impossible to disentangle or separate.
staunch	loyal and committed in attitude.
prevalent	widespread in a particular area at a particular time.
advent	the arrival of a notable person or thing.
stewardship	the responsible planning and management of resources.

a) eagles

b) sparrow-hawks

c) falcons

vii. Once, while on a journey, Hazrat Muhammad Rasulullah (SAW) came across with a broken leg

a) Horse

b) Dog

c) Camel

B. Read the unit carefully and answer the following questions.

i. Provide examples of prevalent practices of mistreatment of animals in pre-Islamic Arabia mentioned in the passage.

Ans.

- Animals were treated as property, not living beings.
- Beating, overloading, starving, and neglecting animals were common.
- Acts of cruelty like dragging them harshly were practiced.

ii. How many verses in the Quran are dedicated to dealing with animals, and what are some Surahs named after animals or insects?

Ans.

- The Quran has over 200 verses about animals.
- Surahs include: *Al-Baqarah (The Cow)*, *Al-Nahl (The Bee)*, *Al-Naml (The Ant)*, *Al-Fil (The Elephant)*, and *Al-Ankabut (The Spider)*.

iii. According to the Quran, what interconnectedness among living beings is highlighted, and what benefits do animals bring to human life?

Ans.

- The Quran emphasizes that all creatures are communities like humans and interconnected.
- Animals provide food, clothing, transport, and companionship.

iv. What are some teachings of Hazrat Muhammad Rasulullah (SAW) regarding the treatment of animals, as mentioned in the passage?

Ans.

- Show mercy and kindness to all creatures.

- Do not overburden or starve them.
- Avoid cruelty, mutilation, or harsh dragging.
- Protect animals from unnecessary harm.

v. Provide examples from the passage where Hazrat Muhammad Rasulullah (SAW) prohibited certain actions towards animals and the reasoning behind these prohibitions.

Ans.

- Prohibited mutilating animals with hot iron → to prevent pain and cruelty.
- Prohibited killing ants, bees, hoopoes, and sparrow-hawks → to maintain ecological balance.
- Reproved dragging a sheep by its ear → to stop unnecessary suffering.

vi. How does Islamic teachings on animal rights offer a timeless and universal framework?

Ans.

- They emphasize mercy, compassion, and respect for all creatures.
- These principles are not limited to a specific time/place but guide humanity across all eras.
- The Quran and Sunnah provide rules that remain relevant for every generation.

vii. How do Islamic principles direct ethical treatment of animals in today's industrialized and modern world?

Ans.

- Teachings forbid cruelty, which applies to factory farming, animal testing, and exploitation today.
- Encourage humane slaughter, proper care, and avoiding overexploitation.
- Stress balance between human benefit and animal welfare, ensuring sustainability and compassion.

Topic Sentences

A topic sentence is the main idea of a paragraph. It's the most general statement in the paragraph, and all other sentences serve to support, explain, or prove it. Think of it as a mini-thesis for a single paragraph.

A supporting sentence provides the details, evidence, and explanations that flesh out the topic sentence. They offer specific facts, examples, statistics, or reasons to validate the paragraph's main point. Without supporting sentences, a topic sentence would be an unproven claim.

Making an Effective Topic Sentence

Here are some pointers to make a topic sentence effective:

- **Be a complete sentence:** A topic sentence needs a subject and a verb. A phrase or a single word isn't enough.
- **Be a clear and focused statement:** A good topic sentence is specific enough to be manageable within a single paragraph but not so narrow that it leaves nothing to discuss. Avoid broad, sweeping generalizations.
- **Introduce a single idea:** A paragraph should focus on one central point. An effective topic sentence introduces that one idea, and the supporting sentences should all relate back to it.
- **Be arguable or provable:** The best topic sentences are ones that you can support with evidence. They are not simple, undeniable facts. For example, "The sky is blue" is not a good topic sentence because it's a statement of fact that can't be elaborated on. A better one would be, "The unique atmospheric conditions on Mars create spectacular sunsets."
- **Usually placed at the beginning:** While not a strict rule, the topic sentence is most often the first sentence of a paragraph. This placement helps the reader immediately understand the paragraph's purpose and direction.

Example Paragraph

Let's look at an example paragraph with its parts highlighted:

(Topic Sentence) The discovery of penicillin revolutionized medicine and saved countless lives.

(Supporting Sentence) Before its development, a simple bacterial infection could be a death sentence, with no effective treatments available.

(Supporting Sentence) Alexander Fleming's observation of mold inhibiting bacterial growth led to the isolation of this powerful antibiotic.

(Supporting Sentence) Penicillin's ability to combat diseases like pneumonia, syphilis, and scarlet fever dramatically reduced mortality rates around the world.

(Concluding Sentence) As a result, its widespread use marked the beginning of the antibiotic era and fundamentally changed the course of medical history.

Vocabulary and Grammar

A. Synonyms and Antonyms:

Replace the given words with their appropriate synonyms:

1. i. "paramount importance"
a. Supreme significance b. irrelevance c. low priority
2. ii. "compassion":
a. passion **b. empathy** c. compulsory
3. iii. "harmonious coexistence":
a. musical existence **b. peaceful existence** c. harmful existence
4. iv. "sentient beings":
a. satisfied b. stationary **c. Feeling organisms**
5. v. "unnecessary suffering":
a. avoidable pain b. needed distress c. obligatory suffering

B. Identify antonyms of the given words:

1. i. "acknowledging":
a. Neglecting b. Embracing c. Appreciating
2. ii. "compassion":
a. Indifference b. Sympathy c. Empathy
3. iii. "essential":
a. Dispensable b. Significant c. Vital
4. iv. "intricately linked":
a. Disconnected b. Unified c. Interconnected
5. v. Find an antonym for "profound":
a. Superficial b. Deep c. Intense

Nouns

Nouns can be categorized in several ways, and one of the most fundamental distinctions is between concrete nouns and abstract nouns. This classification is based on whether the noun refers to something that can be perceived with the five senses.

Concrete Nouns

A concrete noun refers to a person, place, or thing that exists physically in the world and can be experienced by at least one of the five senses (sight, sound, smell, taste, or touch). Most nouns we use daily are concrete nouns.

Examples:

- People: teacher, Michael, doctor, crowd
- Places: city, school, Paris, backyard
- Things: table, book, car, hamburger

Even things that can't be touched but can be sensed, like air (felt) or music (heard), are considered concrete nouns. Similarly, imaginary or fictional things that have a physical form, like a dragon or Santa Claus, are also classified as concrete nouns because they are described as tangible beings.

Abstract Nouns

An abstract noun refers to a concept, quality, or idea that is intangible and cannot be perceived by the five senses. They exist only in our minds as thoughts or feelings.

Examples:

- Emotions: happiness, anger, fear, love
- Qualities: bravery, honesty, intelligence, kindness
- Concepts/Ideas: freedom, justice, democracy, success
- States of Being: childhood, poverty, chaos

It's important to note that while you can't see or touch "happiness," you can observe its concrete manifestations, such as a smile or laughter. This is a key distinction.

Examples in Sentences

Here's a breakdown of concrete and abstract nouns in a few sentences:

"The dog chased the ball with joy."

Concrete: dog, ball (You can see and touch them.)

Abstract: joy (An emotion that cannot be physically sensed.)

"His bravery was a source of inspiration for the entire team."

Abstract: bravery, inspiration (Intangible qualities.)

Concrete: team (A group of people you can see.)

The distinction helps writers to either ground their descriptions in sensory details (using concrete nouns) or to discuss complex, non-physical concepts (using abstract nouns).

The distinction between these types of nouns is discussed in this YouTube video.

Q: Identify six abstract and six concrete nouns from the given passage:

Passage:

Love is like a cozy blanket, wrapping us in warmth. Intelligence is like a bright bulb, guiding us through darkness. Loyalty is a sturdy bridge, connecting hearts. Peace is a beautiful flower, adding to the beauty of the world. Together, they form a beautiful harmony that everyone deserves to experience.

Ans. Abstract Nouns (ideas, qualities, or concepts — not physical things):

1. Love
2. Intelligence
3. Loyalty
4. Peace
5. Beauty
6. Harmony

Concrete Nouns (physical objects — can be seen, touched, or felt):

1. Blanket
2. Warmth
3. Bulb
4. Bridge
5. Hearts
6. Flower

Noun Phrase

A noun phrase is a group of words that functions as a single noun in a sentence. It's built around a central noun, known as the head noun, and it can be as simple as a single word or a complex group of words that modifies the head noun. The primary function of a noun phrase is to name a person, place, thing, or idea.

Components of a Noun Phrase

A noun phrase can have various components that provide more detail about the head noun. These components can include determiners, adjectives, and other phrases.

1. A noun, a conjunction, and a noun

This type of noun phrase combines two nouns with a conjunction (such as "and", "or", "but") to form a single unit. It acts as the subject or object of a sentence.

- The book and the pen are on the table.
- He gave the dog and the cat a treat.

2. A gerund and a noun

A gerund is a verb form ending in "-ing" that functions as a noun. When a gerund is followed by a noun, they can form a noun phrase.

- Swimming laps is great exercise.
- He enjoys reading books.

3. An article, an adjective, and a noun

This is a very common structure where an article (a, an, the) and an adjective modify the head noun.

- The tall building is a landmark.
- She found a shiny coin.

4. An article, a noun, and a prepositional phrase

In this structure, a prepositional phrase (a phrase beginning with a preposition like "of," "in," or "with") modifies the head noun by providing more specific information about it.

- The house on the hill is very old.
- He held the key to the box.

5. A determiner and a noun

A determiner is a word that introduces a noun and provides context, such as quantity or possession.

- My car is parked outside.
- That dog is friendly.
- Three students arrived late.

Q. Identify the noun phrases from the sentences given below.

- Have you ever visited Paris or Spain?
- Tahir and Anum are my cousins.
- Did you find the two-storeyed building on the fifth street?
- Pasta and cake seem to be my sister's newly-found favourite food.
- Neha helped her sister in finding the missing word in the puzzle.
- Did you find the answer to the question?
- Those shoes are torn; I don't think I can use them anymore.
- Asim and Sonia will be moving to Germany next year.
- Shaan was not able to finish the box of chocolate
- Do you know who was looking for this bag?

Ans.

- Paris, Spain
- Tahir, Anum, my cousins
- the two-storeyed building on the fifth street
- Pasta, cake, my sister's newly-found favourite food
- Neha, her sister, the missing word, the puzzle
- the answer to the question
- Those shoes

- viii. Asim, Sonia, Germany
- ix. Shaan, the box of chocolate
- x. this bag

Past Indefinite Tense

The Past Indefinite Tense, also known as the Simple Past Tense, is used to describe actions or states that happened at a specific point in the past and are now finished. It is one of the most common tenses in English. The key feature of this tense is that the action is not ongoing; it is completed.

Formation

The structure of the Past Indefinite Tense is straightforward: Subject + Verb in the Past Simple form. The main challenge lies in knowing whether the verb is regular or irregular.

Regular Verbs

For regular verbs, you simply add -ed to the base form of the verb.

Structure: Subject + Base Verb + -ed

- Walk → walked
I walked to the store.
- Play → played
They played soccer yesterday.
- Talk → talked
We talked on the phone last night.
- Study → studied (Note: verbs ending in a consonant + 'y' change 'y' to 'i' before adding '-ed')
He studied for the exam.

Irregular Verbs

For irregular verbs, the past tense form does not follow a predictable pattern. These forms must be memorized.

Structure: Subject + Irregular Past Tense Verb

- Go → went
She went to the park.
- Eat → ate
I ate a hamburger for lunch.

- See → saw
They saw the movie.
- Run → ran
He ran a marathon.

Forming Questions and Negatives

For questions and negative statements, the auxiliary verb *did* is used. The main verb then reverts to its base form.

Questions

The structure is: **Did + Subject + Base Verb?**

- Did you eat breakfast? (Not: "Did you ate breakfast?")
- Did she go to the party?

Negative Statements

The structure is: **Subject + did not (didn't) + Base Verb.**

- I did not see him. (Not: "I did not saw him.")
- They didn't finish their homework.

Common Uses of Past Indefinite Tense

- Completed actions in the past:
I lived in New York for two years. (The action of living there is over.)
- A series of completed actions in the past:
He woke up, got dressed, and left for work.
- Past habits or routines:
We often visited our grandparents in the summer.
- Stories or narratives in the past:
Once upon a time, a king ruled a great kingdom.

Exercise: Change verbs to Past Indefinite

Passage:

"The sun is shining brightly, and birds are singing in the trees. Sarah walks to the market and buys fresh vegetables for dinner. Later, she meets her friends at the cafe, and they talk for hours. In the evening, she watches a movie and goes to bed."

Change the verbs into the Past Indefinite Tense.

Ans. "The sun shone brightly, and birds sang in the trees. Sarah walked to the market and bought fresh vegetables for dinner. Later, she met her friends at the cafe, and they talked for hours. In the evening, she watched a movie and went to bed."

Past Continuous Tense

The Past Continuous Tense (also known as the Past Progressive Tense) is used to describe an action that was ongoing or in progress at a specific time in the past. It describes what was happening around a particular moment.

Structure

The structure of the Past Continuous Tense is formed with the past tense of the verb "to be" (was or were) and the present participle of the main verb (base verb + -ing).

Subject + was/were + Verb(-ing)

was is used for singular subjects (I, he, she, it).

were is used for plural subjects (we, you, they).

Examples

- I was reading a book.
- She was studying for her test.
- They were playing soccer.
- The birds were singing in the trees.

When to Use It

The Past Continuous Tense is used in several key situations to provide context and detail about past events.

1. To describe an action interrupted by another action

The ongoing action (in Past Continuous) is interrupted by a shorter, completed action (in Simple Past).

Example: I was walking to the store when I saw my friend.

She was cooking dinner when the phone rang.

2. To describe a specific time as an interruption

At 8 p.m. last night, I was watching a movie.

What were you doing at midnight?

3. To describe two parallel actions happening at the same time

While I was doing my homework, my brother was watching TV.

He was listening to music while he was jogging.

4. To set the scene in a story or narrative

The sun was shining and the birds were singing as she walked through the park.

It was raining heavily, and the wind was howling.

Exercise: Fill in with Past Continuous forms

Passage with blanks:

Last night, while I _____ (cook) dinner, my friends _____ (play) board games in the living room. The rain _____ (pour) outside, and thunder _____ (rumble) in the distance. Suddenly, the lights went out, and we _____ (use) candles for the rest of the evening. As I _____ (prepare) the meal, my friends _____ (tell) funny stories, and we all _____ (laugh) together.

Ans. Last night, while I was cooking dinner, my friends were playing board games in the living room. The rain was pouring outside, and thunder was rumbling in the distance. Suddenly, the lights went out, and we were using candles for the rest of the evening. As I was preparing the meal, my friends were telling funny stories, and we all were laughing together.

Essay Writing

An essay is a structured piece of writing that presents an argument, analysis, or explanation on a particular topic. It's an organized composition that typically includes an introduction (with a thesis statement), body paragraphs (each with a topic sentence and supporting evidence), and a conclusion. The main goal of an essay is to persuade the reader, provide a detailed analysis, or present a cohesive argument based on research, facts, and logical reasoning.

Summary Writing

A summary is a concise and objective overview of the main points of a text. It condenses the original material into a shorter form, highlighting the most important ideas while leaving out minor details, examples, and repetitions. The purpose of a summary is to provide a quick understanding of the source text's core message without misrepresenting the author's original intent. A good summary is always written in your own words.

How to Write a Summary

1. **Read and Understand the Original Text:** Read the text at least twice. The first time, read for a general understanding. The second time, read more carefully to identify the main idea and key supporting points.
2. **Identify the Main Idea and Key Points:** Ask yourself:
 - What is the central topic of the text?
 - What are the most important arguments or pieces of information the author provides?
 - What is the author's purpose for writing this?
3. **Draft the Summary:**
 - Start by stating the main idea in a single sentence.
 - In the following sentences, briefly explain the key supporting points you identified.
 - Use your own words as much as possible. Do not copy sentences or phrases directly from the original text.
 - Maintain a neutral, objective tone. Do not include your personal opinions, interpretations, or new information.
4. **Review and Refine:**
 - Read your summary to ensure it's coherent and flows logically.
 - Check that it accurately reflects the original text's meaning.
 - Make sure it is significantly shorter than the source text—typically, a summary is about one-fourth the length of the original.



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