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Good morning students

Today we are going to do the poem How to Tell Wild Animals as a part of your English Literature assignment which will be submitted to you on dated 26th July 2021. All the students are requested to open page no - of your English Literature book titled New Trends in English Reader. Students, keep your practice notebook ready as during this lesson you will be asked a few questions in order to check your understanding of the lesson.

Students now pay attention as I am going to explain you the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals'.

In this poem various characteristics of animals are explained in a funny way. The poet suggests some dangerous ways of identifying wild animals. The suggested ways create humour so the theme of the poem is to create humour.

Some animals are famous for their weird behaviour that is described in the poem. Let us start with the introduction.



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This poem is written by Carolyn Wells. This is a humorous poem about wild animals. In the poem, the poet has explained the characteristics of various wild animals in a very funny way. She has used language in a way that it generates humour. She is introducing to the various kinds of wild animals like Asian lion, Bengal tiger, bear etc. The humour lies in the fact that that your life may come to an end just before you recognize such an animal by close contact.

★ Summary of the Poem :-Stanza - 1

If you ever you - - - - - tiger to discern. In the first stanza the poet says that if you are visiting the forest of the east and there you see an animal which has tawny skin and roars so loudly then you will die out of fear. It means you must have seen an Asian lion. Then she tells about the Bengal tiger that it is a royal animal that at once attacks and kills a man. She says by adding humour that if this beautiful black striped animal kills you and eats you, then you have surely met a Bengal tiger. So

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in the first stanza poet describes or suggests the dangerous way to identify the Asian Lion and the Bengal tiger. And it creates humour in the poem.

— Students now let us take a short break in order to check your understanding of the poem. You will be asked a few questions and after listening to the questions you may kindly pause the audio for three minutes to write your answers.

Q1. Who is the poet of the poem How to tell wild Animals?

Q2. How do you identify a wild animal intro?

Q3. Which animal has tawny skin and it roars too loudly?

Q4. How does the poet try to create humour in the poem?

— Students three minutes break is over now we will continue with the poem.

Before break we have done with



Stanza one, now let us start with stanza 2

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★ Stanza - 2

If strolling forth - - - - - leop and leop again
In the second stanza the poet describes about a leopard she says that if there is an animal that has black spotted skin and it at once jumps on the visitor, then it means you must have met a leopard. She also explains that if you will cry out in pain, it maybe of no use as the leopard will not stop attacking on you. She says if you cry instead of stop attacking on you it will attack again and again.

★ Stanza - 3

If when you're - - - - - is a Bear.
In the third stanza the poet explains the way how do a bear kill the man by hugging him tightly. She says that if you want to recognize a bear you can see him hugging a person as a bear kills a person by hugging him very tightly. She says a bear will continue to hug you tightly and that is the only way to recognize him.

★ Stanza - 4

If you have any doubts - - - - - they're crocodiles
In the fourth stanza the poet asks a question to the readers that do

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they know how to recognize beasts that hunt their prey. Here she explains about hyenas which she thinks have a smiling face and the crocodiles that have tears in their eyes. This can be seen when they are killing their prey.

► Stanza - 5

The true chameleon ----- you see. In the fifth and the last stanza the poet describes about the chameleon. She says that it is a lizard like creature which doesn't have ears and wings just like a lizard. Only. She further explains that chameleon has a quality of changing its colour according to the colour of the surface. So, she says if you look at the tree and if you can only see the tree, this means that there is a chameleon sitting on it which has turned its colour to brown just like the branch of the tree.

Alright students you have been given stanza wise summary of the poem. Now you all are required to revise the content carefully and attempt ex-3 Q/A given on page no- 39, 40 in your notebook as a part of your home assignment. Thank you!

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