

Think & Tell

Q1. Have you ever seen anyone playing a been? Where?

Answer: Yes, I have seen snake-charmers playing a been. They are seen in rural areas during festivals.

Q2. Have you ever seen a snake? Where?

Answer: Yes, I have seen a snake on a paddy field, at farms, etc.

Q3. Were you scared by it? Why?

Answer: Yes, I was very much scared of it since it is poisonous and would bite.

Q4. Do you think all snakes are poisonous?

Answer: Not all snakes are poisonous.

Q5. In chapter 1, you read that snakes do not have ears which you can see. Can the snake hear the been, or does it dance when the been moves? What do you think?

Answer: No, the snakes cannot hear the been, but they dance to been movements.

Write

Q1. Have you ever seen animals being used for the entertainment of people? (For example, in a circus, on the road, or in a park) When and where did you see this?

Answer: Yes, many animals are being used for the entertainment of people. I saw them at circuses, parks and on roadsides.

Which animal show did you see?

Answer: I saw a snake dancing to the snake-charmer been on a roadside.

Q2. How did people behave with the animals in the show?

Answer: People behaved warmly with animals at the show.

Q3. Was anyone teasing the animals? How?

Answer: Yes, some of them were calling out to the animals at the zoo.

Q4. What kind of questions came to your mind after seeing that animal show?

Answer: A few questions arose in my mind after seeing the animal show, such as:

- Is the animal trained well enough?
- How carefully are they handled?
- How did they capture the animals from the forest?
- Is it so necessary to give stress to the animals to entertain people?

Q5. Imagine that you are an animal in a cage. Think how you would feel. Complete the following sentences:

- I am afraid that** my trainer will beat me if I do anything wrong.
- I wish I** was left free from this cage.
- I am sad when** I am locked up in a cage for long hours.
- If I had a chance, I would** escape from these people and go back to the forest.
- I do not like it at all when** people tease or irritate me.

Write

Q1. Like snake charmers, which other people depend on animals for their livelihood?

Answer: Like snake charmers, fishermen, poultry farmers, milkmen, tonga wala, etc., depend on animals for their livelihood.

Survey-people who keep animals.

Talk to some people in your neighbourhood who keep one or more animals for their livelihood, for example, a horse for a tonga, hens for eggs, etc.

- Name the animal they keep.
- How many animals are there?
- Is there a separate place for the animals?
- Who looks after them?
- What do the animals eat?
- Do the animals ever fall ill? What does the keeper do, then?
- Make some more questions and discuss.
- Make a report on your project and read it out in the class

Answer: Let us assume there is a milkman who has 5 cows. He has also constructed a separate room to maintain these cows. Along with the cows, there are calves which are kept at a distance away from the cows. The milkman and his wife look after these cows and calves by providing them with grass, fodder, etc. Sometimes, the cow falls sick, which is then been looked after by the veterinary doctor. These cows, in turn, give milk, and by selling the milk, the milkman earns his livelihood.

What we have learnt

Q1. The government has made a law that no one can catch and keep snakes. What do you think about this law? Give reasons for your answer and write in your own words.

Answer: The government has made a law that no one can catch and keep snakes. I support this law. Even though many animals are made captive by killing their freedom, no human has any right to take another's freedom. To earn a livelihood out of taking an animal's freedom is wrong. I completely support this law of not catching and keeping animals captive.

