

4.1 The Vet

Warning up:-

(1) Where do we find all types of wild animals in urban areas?

Ans:- In the zoo.

(2) Do you have a pet?

Ans:- No, I don't have a pet

(3) How do we help animals and birds?

Ans:- We help animals and birds by providing them with food, water and shelter. We also help them by taking them to vets when they are ill.

(4) How do we realise that animals are not feeling well?

Ans:- When animals are not well, they become quiet and inactive. Some may even groan. They also stop eating food.

(5) Who gives medicine / treatment to sick animals and birds?

Ans:- The veterinarian

1. The doctors who do special advanced study of specific parts of the body have special terms.

In your group try to match the specialist doctors with who / what they treat.

Ans:- (1) dentist:- teeth.

(2) cardiologist:- heart.

(3) ophthalmologist:- eye.

(4) orthopedic:- bone.

(5) pediatrician:- small kids.

(6) neurologist:- brain/spine.

(7) veterinarian:- animals/birds.

2. Discuss in your group and write down the most important reason, why Pediatrician and Veterinarians have, a tougher job to diagnose their patients' illnesses.

Ans:- Pediatricians and veterinarians have a tougher job to diagnose their patients' illnesses as their patients cannot communicate their problems clearly.

English Workshop:-

1. What is the Rhyme scheme of stanzas 1 to 3 and the last two stanzas?

How does it differ in the remaining stanzas, 4 to 7?

Ans:- In stanzas 1 to 3 and the last two stanzas, the alternate lines rhyme, i.e. the rhyme scheme is abab, cdcd, and so on. However, in the stanzas 4 to 7, the rhyme scheme is aab

ccb i.e. the first two lines rhyme, then the third and sixth lines rhyme, and the fourth and fifth lines rhyme.

2. Write any five illnesses of the animals in the poem that you find most amusing / laughable.

Ans:- *(Student do it your own)*

3. (A) Out of all names of birds and animals given in the poem, pick out 4 names that are similar in English as well as in Hindi / Marathi or your mother tongue.

Ans:- *(Student do it your own)*

(B) Write four reasons why animals in a zoo suffer more than those who live free in the wild.

Ans:- Animals in a zoo suffer more than those who live free in the wild because of:-

- (i) lack of free space to move around.
- (ii) easy transmission of diseases.
- (iii) food limited in quantity and variety.
- (iv) trouble from human visitors.

4. Think deeply and write. Is the poet really discouraging the youth from becoming vets? Explain your response.

Ans:- No, the poet is not really discouraging the youth. The poem is a light-hearted one. However, the poet wants the reader to know how difficult the work of a vet is, and what a wide variety of patients he has to cure. They have different types of illnesses and different types of organs. They cannot even discuss their problems with him. We must acknowledge all this and respect the vet.

5. Find out from a vet or from a website, what precautions a vet has to take, when he/she is called to treat wild, dangerous animals?

Make point-wise notes of the same.

Ans:- *(Student do it your own)*

6. Select any four zoo animals mentioned in the poem. Imagine that they are able to talk in English. Compose a dialogue among the four animals discussing their discomfort and illnesses.

Ans:-

Animals:- Giraffe, tortoise, hippo, kangaroo

Giraffe:- Ouch, my neck hurts! The whole length of it! How lucky you are, tortoise to have such a short neck!

Tortoise:- Lucky! Do you know what it means to take ages to move a foot? How difficult it is to permanently carry your home on your back?

Kangaroo:- Oh, you find it difficult to move your feet. What about me? My legs are of unequal length; I cannot walk comfortably, I'm expected to jump around. I'm sick and tired

of jumping. I want to walk regally like you, madam hippo.

Hippo:- Regally, my foot! I'm walking so slowly because I'm feeling ill, and I do not know which part of this huge body is actually paining. You, tortoise, have such a small body. Not much searching is needed to find out the cause of the problem.

Tortoise:- Problem! I only want to be able to move quickly, so that I can escape my enemies, and exercise my limbs.

Giraffe:- I agree with madam hippo. The bigger the body, the more the area that has to be investigated to find out the problem. My doctor is never able to find out which part of my neck actually aches.

Kangaroo:- Try balancing yourself on legs of unequal length and having to jump all the time, keeping your baby in your pouch.

Hippo:- Ok, we all have our own problems. Let's hope that the doctor who looks after us has enough knowledge and experience to cure us. He cannot even understand what we say!
All the others:- How true!