

# The Lion King

## Pre Reading

- Do you like stories? If yes, name any story you may have heard or read.
- Have you heard any story about animals of the forest?
- Who is the king of the forest? Why is he called the king of the forest?

## Reading

I am the king of the forest. My kingdom had once been very beautiful. The forest had been full of tall trees, taller than your tallest buildings. Well, not only tall trees, there were climbers, bushes, shrubs, and grass too. The forest looked beautiful with water springs, pools, hills, valleys, and many a wonderful scenery.

Deers, tigers, elephants, bears, monkeys, crocodiles, wolves, peacocks, mynahs, owls, pigeons, and many more were among my subjects.

We had enough food to eat and plenty of water to drink. My birds sang the sweetest song. My animals ran the longest races. Our children, the cubs, lambs and fawns moved about freely without fear. We all lived happily in the forest, our home.



The hill tribes also lived with us. They were happy with what the forest gave them. They worshipped forest as god. They enjoyed the touch of the earth, the smell of the air and the taste of the freshness. And most of all, they loved the forest and respected our freedom.



But now, everything has changed. You the civilized people, entered my kingdom. I thought, you visited my kingdom to enjoy its beauty. I was happy to have you as visitors as I was proud of my kingdom. But I was wrong. You are greedy and unkind. You cut trees for your selfish wants. You hunt animals for flesh, skin, tusks and claws.

Many of my subjects died and our number decreased. Most of the trees were cut and the forest became bare. Hunters and smugglers among you attacked my kingdom again and again. You either killed or captured my animals and birds. You robbed our resources. You are merciless. You destroyed the forest, in spite of its number of benefits.

Even now, I am the king. But what has become of my kingdom and my subjects! Why this sorry state of affairs? Aren't you responsible for that? Aren't you? Think well! Please find a solution to this problem.

### Word Meaning in Context

<b>kingdom</b> (ruled by a king/queen)	a territory or state साम्राज्य
<b>captured</b>	took as prisoners कैदी
<b>fawns</b>	young one of a deer हिरन के बच्चे
<b>worshipped</b>	service paid to a god पूजा की
<b>selfish</b>	thinking of oneself only स्वार्थी
<b>tusks</b>	outer teeth of an elephant हाथी के दाँत
<b>claw</b>	a curved nail on the toe of an animal पंजा
<b>decreased</b>	became smaller घट गया
<b>smuggler</b>	one who sells and buys things तस्कर
<b>merciless</b>	showing no pity निर्दयी
<b>destroy</b>	damage नष्ट करना
<b>civilized</b>	polite/refined सभ्य
<b>resources</b>	natural wealth संसाधन
<b>benefit</b>	usefulness फायदा

### Comprehension

#### I. Which of the following sentences are spoken by the king? Tick (✓) them.

1. My kingdom was never beautiful.
2. My birds sang the sweetest songs.
3. None of the hilly tribes lived with us.
4. I was proud of my kingdom.
5. Many of my subjects died.

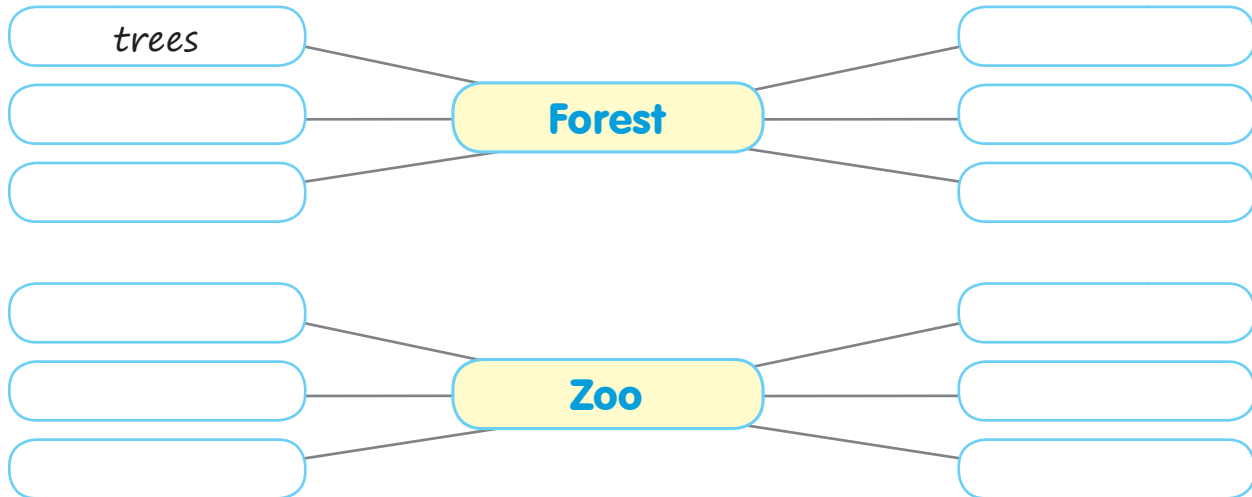
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#### II. Answer the following questions.

1. How did the forest look before the civilized people came there?
2. How did the hill tribes look upon the forest?
3. Who was responsible for the destruction of the forest? How did they destroy it?
4. What steps do we need to take to protect the forest?
5. Pick out word/phrases in paragraphs 5-6 that show the anger of the king of the forest.

## Vocabulary

- I. Write the words related to the words given in the box. One has been done for you.



- II. Match the following animals with their young ones.

lion	▶	◀	fawn
deer	▶	◀	colt
horse	▶	◀	cub
cow	▶	◀	kitten
cat	▶	◀	puppy
dog	▶	◀	piglet
pig	▶	◀	calf

## Grammar

Pick out the verbs from the passage and change them into nouns. One has been given as an example.

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	Verb	Noun		Verb	Noun
1.	Live (d)	life	4.		
2.			5.		
3.			6.		

### Listening and Speaking



**Listen to the story carefully and fill in the blanks.**

Rita loved her \_\_\_\_\_ Sheroo. Every day, Sheroo would go out of the \_\_\_\_\_ and come back on its own. But one day he did not come home. Rita looked everywhere for him. \_\_\_\_\_ rolled down her cheeks. Sheroo was lost. He was nowhere to be found. Rita was \_\_\_\_\_ when she reached home. She got into her \_\_\_\_\_. All of a sudden something jumped on her. Can you guess who it was? Rita was very \_\_\_\_\_.



### Writing

**Krishna went to a zoo with his parents. Describe his visit to the zoo keeping in mind the following hints:**

- when he went
- with whom he went
- who else he went with
- things he took with him
- how he felt to see the animals

**Write in your notebook.**

### Follow Up

**Collect pictures of some wild animals and paste them in your notebook.**