

2. Man versus Animals

COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

To look at Montmorency, you would imagine that he was an angel sent upon the earth, for some reason withheld from mankind, in the shape of a small fox-terrier. His expression has been known to bring tears into the eyes of pious old ladies and gentlemen. When first he came to live at my expense, I never thought I should be able to get him to stop for long....

But, when I had paid for a dozen chickens that he had killed; and had dragged him, growling and kicking, by the scruff of his neck, out of a hundred and fourteen street fights; and had a dead cat brought round for my inspection by an irate female, who called me a murderer; and had been summoned by the man next door for having a ferocious dog at large, that had kept him pinned up in his own tool-shed, afraid to venture his nose outside his door for over two hours on a cold night; and had learned that the gardener had won thirty shillings by backing him to kill rats, then I began to think that maybe they would let him remain on the earth for a bit longer, after all.

‘Three Men in a Boat’ by Jerome K. Jerome

A Answer the following questions.

1. Who was Montmorency?

2. Why did the author think he was an angel?

3. Why did the angry woman call the author a murderer?

4. Whom did Montmorency pin up in his tool-shed?

5. How did the gardener win thirty shillings?

B Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the passage.

1. Montmorency had killed _____, _____ and a _____.
2. He was dragged, _____ and _____, by the _____ of his neck from a hundred and fourteen _____.
3. A dead _____ was brought by an _____ female, who called the author a _____.
4. Montmorency looked like an _____ sent upon the _____ in the form of a _____.
5. His expression could bring _____ to the eyes of _____ ladies and gentlemen.



GRAMMAR

A Underline the countable and circle the uncountable nouns in each sentence.

1. I would like a little milk in my cup of tea please.
2. The boy was busy painting the fence with red paint.
3. Has anyone seen my parrot?
4. Several birds perched on the tray pecking at the seeds.
5. The music was very loud so the conversation could not be heard.
6. The earrings were made of gold.

B Give the opposite number of the following nouns.

- | Singular | Plural |
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| 1. Nurse | _____ |
| 2. _____ | Knives |
| 3. Loaf | _____ |
| 4. Fish | _____ |
| 5. _____ | Feet |
| 6. Trouser | _____ |

C State the gender of the underlined words.

1. The pilot saved the lives of his passengers.
2. Can the boy stay at your house tonight?
3. The mice have eaten the cheese that was left on the counter.
4. We bought some vegetables and fruits from the vendor.
5. The lioness was out hunting to feed her cubs.
6. The police will hold classes to teach self-defence to the girls.

D Make nouns of the following words.

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| 1. Great | _____ | 2. Breathe | _____ |
| 3. Brave | _____ | 4. Judge | _____ |
| 5. Arrange | _____ | 6. Live | _____ |
| 7. Hot | _____ | 8. Kind | _____ |
| 9. Safe | _____ | | |

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A Add suffixes from the box to change the following words. Each set of words has the same suffix.

-less -ly -ment -hood -al

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| 1. (a) like | (b) bold | (c) world |
| 2. (a) boy | (b) child | (c) woman |
| 3. (a) fear | (b) time | (c) shame |
| 4. (a) punish | (b) judge | (c) improve |
| 5. (a) nation | (b) fat | (c) fin |

B Use a dictionary to find the meanings of the following words.

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| 1. irate | 2. pious |
| 3. summon | 4. venture |
| 5. withhold | |

C Edit the following sentences by adding capital letters, punctuation marks and suitable conjunctions where necessary.

1. wow prakash won the match
2. sid is going to bengaluru vivek is going to Kolkata
3. i am spending my holidays in delhi reading visiting monuments learning karate
4. why are you carrying your books bags computer to his house
5. oh thats impossible

