



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION



SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TOPIC: READING SKILL

Class VI _____ Name: _____ Roll No: _____ Date: ____/08/18 Worksheet Number: 14

I. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

- 1) When I was six, I once saw a beautiful picture in a book titled *True Stories From Nature*. The picture was about an ancient forest, and it had a picture of a boa constrictor, which was just about to swallow an animal. The caption below the picture read, "Boa constrictors swallow their prey without chewing it. After that they are not able to move around for days and then they sleep through the next six months that they need for digestion!"
- 2) After seeing the picture, I was in deep thought about the adventures of the jungle, about boa constrictors and their prey. I wanted to draw something, so I took a coloured pencil and pulled out my drawing book and drew a sketch. I showed my masterpiece to the grown-ups and asked them, "Does this drawing look frightening to you?" They replied, "Frightening? Why should anyone be frightened by a hat?" They did not understand my drawing. I had not drawn a hat! It was a picture of a boa constrictor with an elephant in its stomach. So I decided to make another drawing. I drew the inside of a boa constrictor so that the grown-ups could understand the drawing clearly – you see, grown-ups need to have things clearly explained to them.
- 3) The grown-ups still did not understand my drawing. They thought for a while and then gave me a piece of advice. "Why don't you lay aside your drawings of boa constrictors and devote your time to geography, history, arithmetic, and grammar?" they asked. Grown-ups never understand anything by themselves and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them. So, I kept my drawings aside and forgot about becoming an artist. I chose another profession and learned to pilot aeroplanes.

I. Choose the correct option and fill in the blank to complete each sentence.

- a) The book that inspired the narrator to start drawing pictures was _____.
i) Adventures Of The Jungle ii) True Stories From Nature iii) The Jungle Book iv) Boa Constrictors
- b) After a meal, boa constrictors sleep for _____.
i) six months ii) six years iii) six days iv) six hours
- c) When the narrator showed his first sketch to the grown-ups, they thought he had drawn _____.
i) a camel's hump ii) a bumpy road iii) a sack of potatoes iv) a hat
- d) The antonym of the word **ancient** (Para.1) is _____.
i) new ii) latest iii) modern iv) trendy

II. Complete the following sentences.

- a) Boa constrictors swallow _____

- b) The first sketch that the narrator drew was a picture of a _____

- c) Instead of becoming an artist, the narrator chose _____

III. Answer the following questions briefly.

- a) What happens to boa constrictors after they have swallowed their prey?

- b) What did the narrator draw the second time? Why?

- c) What advice did the grown-ups give the narrator after looking at his second drawing?

- d) According to the narrator, what is it about grown-ups that children find tiresome?

IV. Find a word in the passage which means the same as each of the following.

- a) a work done with great skill (Para. 2) _____
- b) any type of work that needs special training or a particular skill (Para. 3) _____

V. The following sentence contains incorrect information. Rewrite it with the correct information.

- a) The picture in the book was of a man-made forest showing a python swallowing an animal.



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- I. a – ii) True Stories From Nature b-i) six months c-iv) a hat d-iii) modern
- II. a) their prey without chewing it.
b) boa constrictor with an elephant in its stomach.
c) another profession, and learned to pilot aeroplanes./ to become a pilot./ to fly aeroplanes.
- III. a) – can't move around for days – then sleep - six months – digestion
b) – drew – inside of a boa constrictor – understand the drawing clearly – grown-ups need to have things clearly explained to them.
c) – lay aside – drawings of boa constrictors – concentrate on geography, history, arithmetic, grammar.
d) - grown-ups never understand anything by themselves – find – tiresome to always explain things to them.
- IV. a) masterpiece b) profession
- V. a) The picture in the book was of an ancient forest showing a boa constrictor swallowing an animal.

