

## THE NIGHT OF THE SCORPION WORKSHEET (2\*5=10)

After twenty hours it lost its sting.  
My mother only said,  
“Thank God the scorpion picked on me,  
And spared my children.”

### Questions and Answers

1. How was the mother finally cured? Do you think it was the result of prayers and incantations? Explain.
2. Why did the mother thank God for letting the scorpion sting her and sparing her children?
3. The poem projects superstition. Mention any superstition that still prevails in India.

I watched the flame feeding on my mother.  
I watched the holy man perform his rites to  
tame the poison with an incantation.

4. What came to the poet's mind when he saw the fire?
5. How was the holy man trying to tame the scorpion's poison in the poet's mother's body?