

Thinking About the text

1. where is Coorg?

Ans: Coorg is present midway between Mysore and coastal town of Mangalore.

2. what is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?

Ans: The fiercely independent people of Coorg are descendants of Greeks or Araks. A section of Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled here only when they were unable to return to their country, they married among the locals.

3. what are some of the things you now know about

(i) the people of Coorg

→ they are fiercely independent and descendants of Araks/Greeks

(ii) the main crop of Coorg?

→ coffee is the main crop of Coorg.

(iii) the sports it offers to a tourist?
→ canoeing, rock climbing, white rafting, mountaineering

(iv) the animals you are likely to see in Coorg?
→ Malabar squirrel, langurs, slender horned, elephants

(v) Its distance from Bangalore and how to get there?
→ 250-260 km, we get there by road, rail and air

4. Find phrases from the text that have same meaning

(i) During monsoon it rains so heavily that tourists do not visit Coorg.
→ to keep visitors away

(ii) some people say that Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled there.
→ As our story goes

(iii) the Coorg people are always ready to tell stories of their sons and fathers' valour.
→ are more than willing to recount

(ii) Even people who normally lead an easy and slow life get smitten by the high energy adventure sports of cooey.
→ the most laidback individuals become converts to

(v) the theory of the Azeas origin is supported by the long coat with embossed waist belt they wear
→ draws support from

(vi) Macaques, Malabar squirrels observe you carefully from the tree canopy.
→ keep a watchful eye

Thinking About language

1. Culture : unique culture, ancient culture

Moules : serious moules, unique moules

Surprise : sudden surprise, unforgettable surprise

Experience : terrible experience, unforgettable experience

Weather : terrible weather, unforgettable weather

Tradition : unique tradition, ancient tradition.

Tales of valour A piece of heaven bridge rope

Coastal town Evergreen forest wild meat

Wild coffee plantations