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Reading

A. Answer the following questions :-

1) What is happening to the tiger family?

Ans - The tiger family is being hunted and its numbers are reducing.

2) What have the poachers used shorū's skin and bones for?

Ans - The poachers ground shorū's bone to powder which would be used in some Chinese medicine.

3) What powder do people think tiger bones have?

Ans - People think that the bones of the tiger could cure a sick man and bring him back to life.

4) According to the speaker, whose soul are sick? Why?

Ans - According to the speaker, the soul of the people killing the tigers are sick. He calls them sick because they are killing a beautiful animal just to experiment with its skin and bones in order

to satisfy their own greed.

5) Why does the speaker say the tiger's black-and-gold won't shimmer now?

Ans - The speaker says the tiger's 'black-and-gold won't shimmer now' because it is not alive anymore.

6) Why have the tiger's bone been packed? Where have they been shipped to?

Ans - The tiger's bone have been packed and shipped to medicine makers.

B. Think and answer

1. Why do you think the tiger's skin is hanging on someone's wall? Why have they displayed it?

Ans - The tiger's skin is hanging on someone's wall as a showpiece. Tiger's skin is illegally sold at extremely high price and those who own it consider it to be an object of pride.

They displayed their wealth and prosperity by hanging the tiger's skin on their walls.

2. ~~Read~~ Read this line aloud

Tyger Tyger, burning bright
In the forests of the night

These lines are from William Blake 18th century poem 'The Tyger'. This poem praised and highlighted the majesty of the tiger. How is Daruwalla's poem different from Blake's?

Ans - William Blake's poem 'The Tyger' highlighted the majesty of the tiger and glorifies the animal. Daruwalla's poem 'Tiger' talks about the mystery of majestic animal. He mourns for tigers.

The tiger, according to him is no longer the hunter, but has become the hunted. It has been captured and killed by humans. His poem explores the pitiful plight of the tiger now.

Appreciating the poem

1. Which line has been repeated in the poem? Why?

Ans- The line, 'The tiger isn't burning bright' has been repeated in the poem for emphasis and effect. The poet tries to emphasise the plight of the endangered animal by repeating the line twice.

2. The speaker has shown us two very different images of the tiger in the poem. Compare these images. Can you tell why the speaker has drawn such

Ans- In one image of the tiger, it is shown as the king of the forest. Mighty and powerful, his roar would scare all the birds and animals away in fear. His fur would shimmer in stripes of gold and black as if it was burning like fire. In contrast to this image the poet describes, how the tiger is weak and powerless in the hands of humans. His beautiful skin is now shipped to be used as a lifeless

ornament on someone's wall. His bones are being powdered to make some Chinese medicine.

Using Words

A) Read these lines from the poem and say what the metaphor in colour refers to :-

Lord God has stamped upon his skin
In equal stripes both night and dawn.

The stripes of gold and black on the tiger's skin are compared to the golden colour of dawn and to the darkness of night.

B) Identify the metaphor in these lines and say what they are describing and how :-

1. My friend Manoj is such a clown!

Ans - Manoj is funny like a clown.

2. Larissa is a walking dictionary

Ans- Larissa is as knowledgeable as a dictionary.

3. My sister is an angel.

Ans- My sister is innocent like an angel.

4. The clouds are balls of cotton.

Ans- The clouds are white like balls of cotton.

5. Life is one long and exciting journey.

Ans- Life is exciting and adventurous just like a trip or a journey.

Writing

~~The writing~~, The tiger, one of the most magnificent animals in the world, is also one of the most endangered species in the world. A cat of beauty, strength and majesty, the tiger is master of all and subject to none - except humans. Of the eight original subspecies of tigers, three have become extinct within the last years; and there are less

than 50 south china tigers left on this planet -
few and possibly non-sur in the wild. Today
from an astonishing 100,000 in 1900s, there
are only an approximated 141 tigers.