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A. Answer these 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 Sheru's skin and bones for?

Ans- The poachers ground Sheru's bone to powder which would be used in some Chinese medicine. His bones and skin would be shipped to some place where they would be hung on the wall as decoration.

3) What powers do people think tiger bones have?

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

4) According to the speaker, whose souls are

sick? why?

Ans. According to the speaker, the souls 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 that the tiger's 'black-and-gold won't shimmer now' because it is not alive anymore.

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

Ans. The tiger's bones have been packed and made ready to send to the 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 display their wealth and prosperity by hanging the tiger's skin on their walls.

2) Read these lines aloud.

"Tyger Tyger, burning bright
In the forests of the night"

These lines are from William Blake's 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 misery of the 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 explains 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 a contrast?

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. The tiger is now a pitiful animal, at the mercy of mankind.

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.

Using Words

Q. Read this line 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".

Ans. 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 metaphors 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 ~~so~~ 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

Q. Use the information from the poem to write and deliver a speech in class on the plight of tigers. Also talk about what you can do to help save the tigers.

Ans. 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 none, survive in the wild. Today, from an astonishing 1,00,000 in 1900s, there are only an approximated 1411 tigers left in the jungles of India, constantly living in danger and on the brink of extinction. The tiger, a critically endangered species, once lived in a vast region of wilderness that extended as north as Siberia, as far south as the Indonesian island of Bali,

as far west as Turkey, and as far east as
the Russian and Chinese coasts.