

"Amazing Animals"

Summary

'Who's Who at the Zoo' is a very good book of animals written by Ruskin Bond, no animal is stupid or ugly, says the author. Out of twenty four animal friends talked of in the book.

The author says that in an overcrowded world, where the forest and wilderness are fast disappearing and becoming more and more difficult for many birds and animals to find food and shelter. Some species have already died out. For others, the Zoo is often the last shelter. Wild life is best preserved in natural sanctuaries. The function of a Zoo is rather to bring animals closer to human beings so that we may be provided with a close-up of the beauty, charm and fascinating way of life, of birds and animals coming from different parts of the country.

It is true that everyone is not in a position to visit sanctuaries and forests to see several animals and birds, but any field school child can see the animals in the Zoo.

The best zoos are those which provide their animals conditions and surroundings like forests.

The Delhi Zoo is very reputed and largest in Asia. It is equivalent of a good hotel for people.

To watch animals is the best way to learn about them, It is difficult to describe all the animals in the world.

If you have lived in or near an Indian village, you may have seen the 'Adjutant', the adjutant has fine flowing feathers, a great bare head and long legs, an altogether handsome bird, worthy of an officer's rank. It has a powerful beak, for it clears the village street of refuse and destroys snakes and lizards. It is useful like vultures. It is a silent bird because he does not have any voice muscles.

### Assignment

1. Answer these questions,

- (i) Why is it becoming more and more difficult for many birds and animals to find food and shelter?
- (ii) What is the difference between a zoo and a wild life sanctuary?
- (iii) Which are the best zoos?
- (iv) What has the Delhi Zoo been compared to?

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- (V) What, according to the author, is the best way to learn about different animals in the world?
- (VI) Why is an adjutant known as an army officer?
- (VII) What makes an adjutant a virtuous bird?
- (VIII) How are vultures and adjutants similar?

#### d. Animal Sounds

Different animals make different sounds. Write the correct sound in front of each animal's name. Choose sounds from the help box.

bellow, growl, quack, scream, trumpet, bleat,  
roar, screech

owls \_\_\_\_\_

oxens \_\_\_\_\_

eagles \_\_\_\_\_

elephants \_\_\_\_\_

bears \_\_\_\_\_

bats \_\_\_\_\_

ducks \_\_\_\_\_

giraffe \_\_\_\_\_