

Comprehension Check

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Q1. Write 'True' or 'False' against each of following statements.

- (i) Mr. Purcell sold birds, cats, dogs and monkeys. True
- (ii) He was very concerned about the well-being of the birds and animals in his shop. False
- (iii) He was impressed by the customer who bought the two doves. False
- (iv) He was a successful shopowner, though insensitive and cold as a person. True

Q2. Why is Mr. Purcell compared to an owl?

Ans Mr. Purcell was a small, fussy man with red cheeks and a tight, melon stomach. He wore large glasses which magnified his eyes and he used to sit on a high stool, which gave him the appearance of an owl.

Q3 From the third paragraph pick out (2)

(i) Words associated with cries of birds,

Ans. twitters, rustling, squeals, cheeps

(ii) Words associated with noise,

Ans. squeals and squeaks

(iii) word suggestive of confusion and fear.

Ans. Scampered, frantic, frightened, bewildered, pulsed.

Q4. "... Mr. Purcell day...")

(i) What does 'it' refer to?

Ans. 'It' refers to the noise made by the birds and animals continuously in Mr. Purcell's shop.

(ii) Why does Mr. Purcell not hear 'it' clearly?

Ans. Mr. Purcell does not hear 'it' clearly because he was habituated to hear that noise everyday. He did not pay any attention to them.