

A Snake Charmer's Story

Q.1. Do you think all snakes are poisonous?

Ans: No, all the snakes are not poisonous. In India there are only four varieties of snakes are poisonous:-

(i) Cobra

(ii) Common Krait

(iii) Russel's Viper (Daboilga)

(iv) Saw-scaled Viper (Apai)

Q.2. Like snake-charmers, which other people depend on animals for their livelihood?

Ans: Many other people like snake charmers are dependant on animals for their livelihood like- Milkmen, fishermen, Bullock-cart drivers, Tonga-drivers, circus people, & Farmers --- etc.

Q.3. The government has made a law that no one can catch and keep snakes. What do you think about this law?

Ans: I think this law is very good for protecting animals. Snakes are very helpful for farmers as they eat rats which can destroy the crops. If the snakes are being caught regularly, it may be harmful for the farmers.

Q.4. How do snake charmers earn their livelihood?

Ans: The snake charmers earn their livelihood by making shows of snakes and selling medicines which they prepare from forest plants.