

**National Institute of Open Schooling**  
**Secondary Course - English**  
**Lesson 5: A Tiger Comes to Town-I**  
**Worksheet – 5**

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Sheer hopelessness seemed to have seized the townspeople. They withdrew into their homes and even there they remained nervous. All doors and windows everywhere were shut, bolted and sealed.

- i) Why did everyone become so nervous?
- ii) Was the speaker surprised at their reaction? Why/ Why not?
- iii) Find a word similar in meaning to ‘paralysed’.

2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

After I woke up, I heard a teacher saying, ‘Now that this brute is safely locked up, we must decide...’

- i) Who is the ‘brute’ mentioned here?
- ii) Where had the brute been locked up?
- iii) Write the word opposite in meaning to ‘safely’.

3. Because of the tiger strolling down the road, everyone became scared and rushed to escape. Can you think of any other possible reactions to the sight of the tiger in the town? Think and write them down here:

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been to a circus? Not likely! Speak to your parents or someone else who might have visited one as a child, or watch a video regarding it. Write 3-4 lines describing a circus based on your conversation or video or your own imagination.

5. You must have played hide-and-seek with your friends as a child. It must have been a lot of fun! Mention two of your favourite hiding places that you had while playing the game.

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_



6. The scared Head Master jumped onto his table and heaved himself into the loft to escape the tiger. Have you ever reacted in a similarly startled/scared manner upon seeing an animal? Write about your similar episode in 3-4 lines.

7. There are three similes given here. Now get creative and change each to suit your own imagination/feeling and write them in the space provided.

i) As white as snow

ii) As wise as an owl

iii) As cool as a cucumber

8. Read the following sentences and then write them in indirect speech in the space provided.

i) Mother said to Rishi, 'Switch off the computer. Go read a book.'

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ii) Ginni said to Johnny, 'Hold the book for me, please.'

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iii) Suman said to Rita, 'Why are you late?'

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9. Slogans help to catch people's attention for a cause. Think of an appropriate slogan to appeal to people to be kind to animals and write it in the space provided.

10. 'Tigers attack only when they feel hungry, unlike human beings who kill one another without purpose or hunger'. What does this line tell us about human nature? Express your opinion in about three lines.