

**Chapter -13**  
**Tiger in the Tunnel**  
**Worksheet**

1) Who is Baldeo in “The Tiger in the Tunnel” by Ruskin Bond? Give his character analysis in about 80 words.

2) Read the extract and answer the following question:

At the next station the driver slowed down and stopped his train to water the engine. He got down to stretch his legs and decided to examine the head-lamps. He received the surprise of his life.

Describe the battle between Baldeo and the tiger. Why did the tiger approach Baldeo?

3) Read the passage and answer the following questions:

In "The Tiger in the Tunnel," Baldeo confronts the deadly man-eating tiger in the tunnel after his first month on the job. Even though he has heard the rumors about this dangerous tiger, he is still unafraid to do his job because his family depends upon his wages for their livelihood, and he is skilled with his axe.

The train is late, and Baldeo begins to "nod" in the tunnel. However, he is awakened by the noise of the tiger who is unafraid of the man because he has killed many men previously. There is no possibility of escape, and Baldeo sees the shape of the approaching tiger. Surprising the tiger, Baldeo strikes the first blow on the tiger's shoulder with his prized axe.

- Explain in brief the encounter between Baldeo and the tiger?
- Why was Baldeo not afraid of the tiger?
- What was the result of Baldeo's and tiger's encounter?
- What is the message of the story "Tiger in the Tunnel" by Ruskin Bond?

4) Baldeo was a brave man. Do you agree? Justify his statement in about 100 words.

5) Read the extract and answer the following questions:

Tembu is the twelve-year-old son of the night watchman, Baldeo. He's asleep in the little hut where Baldeo stays at night when he's working.

Some nights, he accompanies his father to his job at the railroad track, where Baldeo makes sure that the lamps stay lit and that the tunnel for the train is free of obstruction. One night, Tembu wakes up and asks if he should accompany his father to check the tunnel, but his father says no. While his father is waiting for the train, the rumble of the approaching train wakes Tembu again.

- Who is Tembu?

- How is he related to Baldeo?
- What role does he have in the story?

6) Read the extract and answer the following questions:

Still drowsy, Baldeo groped for his lamp in darkness then fumbled about in search of matches. When he had produced a light he left the hut, closed the door behind him and set off along the permanent way. Tembu had fallen asleep again.

- What did Baldeo carry with him when he left for the signal post?
- Why was Tembu afraid?
- What do you understand by the term “drowsy”?
- What did Tembu witness after getting up?

7) Read the extract and answer the following questions:

He sat down in the darkness to wait for the train, and sang softly to himself. There was nothing to be afraid of – his father had killed the tiger, the forest gods were pleased; and besides, he had the axe with him, his father’s axe, and he now knew to use it.

- How did Baldeo die?
- What was the effect of Baldeo’s death on his family?

8) Fill in the blanks with the right form of verb.

- He demanded to ..... to the manager. (Speak)
- I miss ..... my grandparents. (Visit)
- We ..... our trip to Goa. (Delay)
- She ..... late. (Get up)
- She admitted ..... the money. (Steal)

9) Read the chapter thoroughly and write down a detailed analysis of the chapter in your own words. You can also try to paraphrase some quotes from the text.

10) Pick your favourite character from the story and write a diary entry from his point of view using his voice.

