

## Comprehension



### Q.1. Read the passage and answer the following questions:

The Constitution of India came into effect on 26th January, 1950; therefore, this day is celebrated as the Republic Day every year.

The Republic Day is celebrated throughout the country with great enthusiasm and vigour. A grand parade is held in New Delhi near the Rashtrapati Bhavan, along the Rajpath, past the India Gate and to the historic Red Fort.

The events of the day begin with the Prime Minister laying a wreath at the Amar Jawan Jyoti, commemorating the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the nation. The President unfurls the National Flag of India and the National Anthem is played 21 guns salute. Following this, a brief ceremony takes place where the President honours soldiers from the armed forces for their exceptional courage and awards those civilians whose acts of bravery in different situations distinguish from the rest.

The President takes salute of the marching contingents of the

Army, Air force, Navy, Paramilitary forces, Police and the National Cadet Corps.

**A. Answer the following questions:**

1) When did the Constitution of India come into effect?

Ans) The Constitution of India come into effect on 26th January 1950.

2) When do we celebrate the Republic Day?

Ans) We celebrate the Republic Day on 26th January 1950 throughout the country with great enthusiasm and vigour.

3) Where is the grand parade held?

Ans) The grand parade is held in New Delhi near the Rashtrapati Bhavan, along the Rajpath, past the India Gate and to the historic Red Fort.

4) How does the event of the Republic Day begin?

Ans) The events of the day begin with the Prime Minister laying a wreath at the Amar Jawan Jyoti, commemorating the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the nation.

5) Name two monuments mentioned in the passage.

Ans) Red Fort and India Gate.

**B. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following:**

1) all over- throughout.

2) happenings- events / commemorating.

3) Short- brief .

4) bravery- Courage.

5) Zeal- Enthusiasm.

6) Energy- Vigour.

**Q.2. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:**

Lions belong to the 'cat' family. They are unique because they are the only cats to live in groups or prides. Lions are yellowish-brown in colour, with a yellow or black mane. Male lions have a thick, long mane around the head that extends down the chest. Female lions do not have manes.

Lions have massive shoulders and strong legs , long, sharp claws, and powerful jaws. A lion's roar can be heard more than 8km away.

Prides of lions generally consist of one male and thirteen to forty females. However , some prides have as few as two members. A pride's home area varies in size from 20 to 400 square km.

Lions capture their prey mainly during the night, and are reputed to sleep or rest for about twenty hours a day. You will often find them lying under a shady bush, particularly after they have fed.

**Q. Answer the following questions:**

1. Do you consider lions to be powerful animals? Give reasons from the passage.

Ans) Lions are considered as powerful animals because Lions have massive shoulders and strong legs , long, sharp claws, and powerful jaws. A lion's roar can be heard more than 8km away.

2. When do lions generally capture their prey?

Ans) Lions generally capture their prey during the night.

3. What do lions do(perform) for the most part of the day?

Ans) Lions are reputed to sleep or rest for about twenty hours a day.

4. Why are lions unique?

Ans) Lions are unique because they are the only cats to live in groups or prides.


**Q. Write the antonyms of the following words:**

1. Night- Day.

2. Thick- Thin.

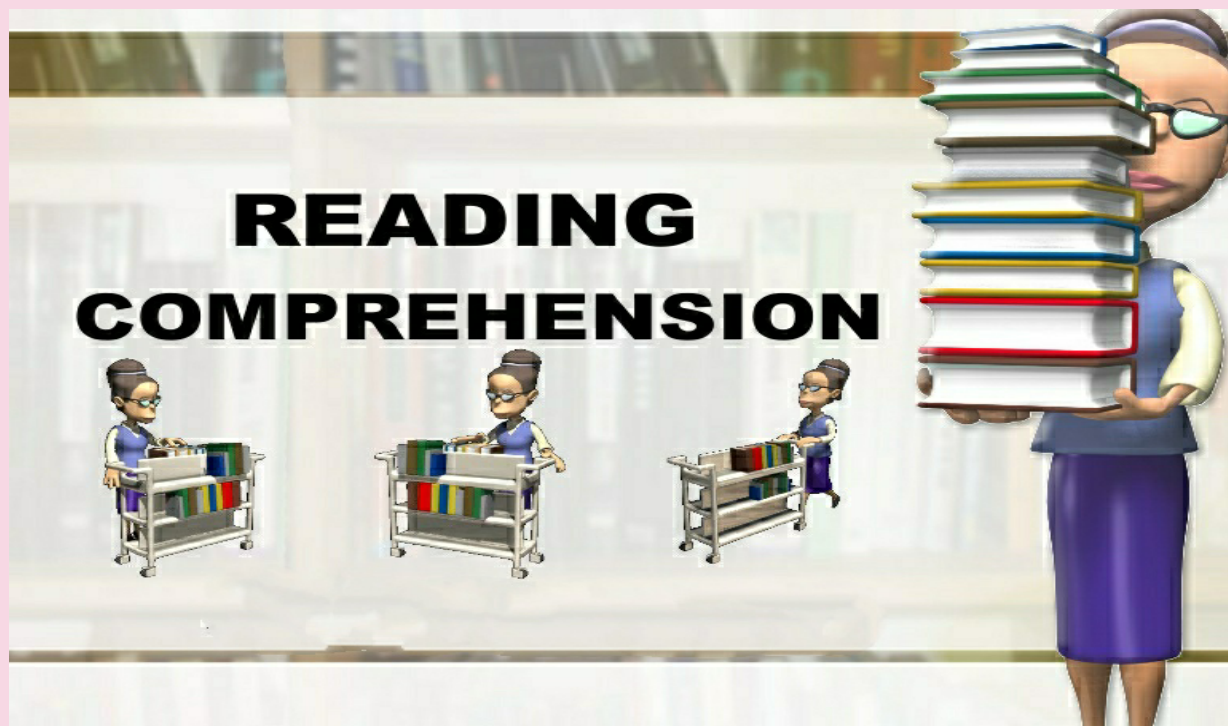
3. Find- Lose.

4. Long- Short.



**Skills for increasing comprehension:**

- 1. Finding main ideas and supporting details/evidence**
- 2. Making inferences and drawing conclusions**
- 3. Recognizing a text's patterns of organization**
- 4. Summarizing/Paraphrasing**
- 5. Reading for Information/details**



## Comprehension “Noting Details”



**Q.1. Read the passage and answer the following questions:**

Once upon a time, on the banks of a mighty river, there was a monkey, who lived on a magnificent tree. The tree bore fruits as

sweet as nectar, and the monkey lived a happy and content life.

Once, a hungry crocodile swam up to the bank of the river. 'Hello! Try out these fruits!' called out the monkey, tossing the juicy fruits to the crocodile. Every day, the crocodile would come to eat the fruits, and soon, they became great friends.

But the crocodile's wife was very greedy, and wanted to have the monkey for her supper. 'I want to devour the monkey's heart, for it will be as sweet as the fruit he eats,' schemed the wife.

Next day, the gullible crocodile invited his dear friend to his house for supper. The poor monkey believed the story, and without hesitation, jumped on the crocodile's back and they left for the crocodile's home on the other side of the river.

In the middle of the river, the crocodile began sinking deep. The frightened monkey screamed, 'what are you doing?' The crocodile said, 'forgive me, my friend, but I have to kill you! My wife has heard so much about you, and now she wants to eat your juicy heart.'

'Oh, silly friend,' baited the monkey. 'Why didn't you say so in the beginning itself? My heart is stored safely in the burrow of tree.' 'Really? Let's go and get it then,' said the silly crocodile, and he started swimming back to the tree. Once the crocodile reached the river bank, the terrified monkey sprang to safety, on a high branch.

Once out of reach, the monkey yelled at the crocodile, 'your wife is a greedy crocodile and you foolish one. I have only one heart and it's beating inside me.' The crocodile was ashamed of what happened and swam back into the sea, having lost a dear friend due to his foolishness.

**1. Answer the following questions:**

- a) Where did the monkey live?
- b) What did the monkey give to the crocodile one day?
- c) What did the crocodile's wife tell the crocodile to do?
- d) What did the crocodile tell the monkey in order to take him home?
- e) How did the monkey escape? What trait of monkey's character is revealed here?

