

Lesson -2

Thrills of Kanha Kisli

1. Have you ever been to a National Park?
2. Which animals did you see there?

This dialogue is between two cousins, Dev and Suvigya. Dev has recently visited Kanha Kisli and is very excited. He wants to share his excitement and experiences with his cousin.



Dev : Suvigya, have you seen Kanha Kisli?

Suvigya : What's that?

Dev : Oh! Don't you know anything about it? It is a very beautiful National Park.

Suvigya : Where is it situated?

Dev : It is in Mandla district near Jabalpur in M.P. It is 83 kms away from Balaghat.

Suvigya : How can we reach there?

Dev : We can reach there by bus. We can also get there by rail and even by air. The nearest railway station and airport is Jabalpur.

Suvigya : Dev, tell me more about Kanha.

Dev : Kanha National Park came into existence in 1955. Since then it has been protected for its flora and fauna. It preserves the wildlife species in abundance. It is known as one of the finest and best administered National Parks in Asia. It attracts wildlife lovers and tourists in thousands during the peak season. It is also a source of inspiration and attraction for the nature lovers.

Suwigya : (with surprise) How did you come to know about it!

Dev : My uncle is a manager in M.P. State Tourism Department. At present, he is posted at Kanha Kisli. He invited us all to see it. So, recently I visited Kanha Kisli with my parents.

Surigya : What did you see there?

Dev : I went to Baghira log huts, Kisli, where my uncle lives. Kisli has a dense forest with wild ferocious animals. Tourists go there and enjoy the natural scenery, jungle life, wild animals and birds.

Suwigya : Which animals did you see there?

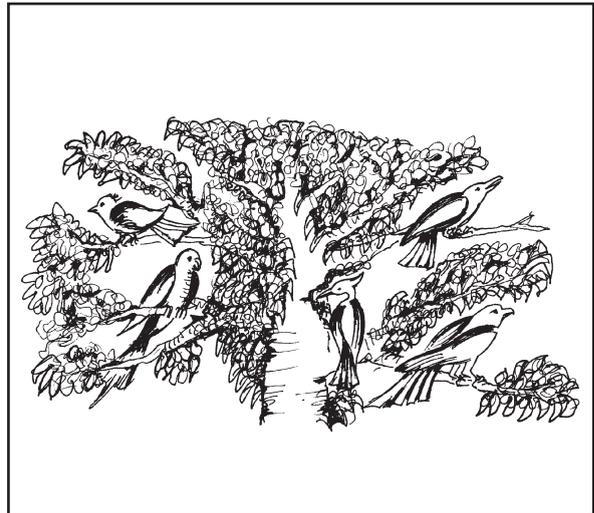
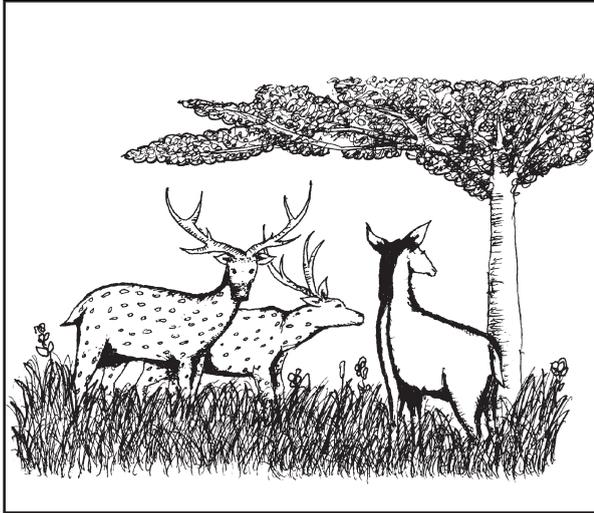
Dev : Oh! The most attractive creature of Kanha National Park is the tiger. Luckily I had a glimpse of the tigers. People go on elephants for locating tigers. It is really thrilling to see the tigers sitting or lying inside the dense bushes and hedges. I saw a tiger drinking water from the nearby rivulet. We happened to see a tigress along with her two cubs. Her eyes were flashing like glassballs.

Suwigya : Don't the tigers attack the tourists?

Dev : Not generally. People enter the forest quietly. People and even children are instructed to keep quiet inside the jungle. We have to maintain some distance too.

Suwigya : Aren't there some other animals?

Dev : Yes, there are. We saw blackbucks, cheetals, sambhars, deer, spotted deer, gaurs (Indian bison), horned antelopes and stags. It is the habitat of twenty species of mammals. There are palm squirrels, apes (langurs), monkeys, jackals, wild pigs, wild dogs, chausinghas (four-horned antelopes), hyenas and jungle cats in plenty.



Suvigya : Oh! It must be a wonderful place to see.

Dev : It is really worth seeing. Even the bird lovers enjoy the site. There are 200 species of birds in Kanha. Water birds are visible near pools. Early morning and late afternoons are the best times for watching birds. Even common fowls, doves, hawks, eagles, pigeons, flycatchers, woodpeckers are abundantly found.

Suvigya : Thank you Dev. You have told me of a pleasant and thrilling place. I shall make a plan to visit Kanha with my parents next summer vacation.

Dev : But try to reach Kisli before the sunset, since vehicles are not permitted in the park after the sunset.

(The children were then called for dinner and the discussion ended on a happy note.)

EXERCISES

Read and Learn

splendid	situated	approach	reserve	created
existence	administered	inspiration	wildlife	tourism
furnished	facilities	fascinated	reigns	national park
glimpse	quietly	instructed	mammals	squirrel
advisable	innumerable	flora and fauna		

Word Power

- A) The words in a dictionary are arranged in alphabetical order. It is the same order in which you have learnt the alphabet. a, b, c, d, _____'. So the words that begin with the letters that come earlier will be placed first. Thus 'battle' will be written before 'call'. When the first letter of two words is the same, then the second letter is considered. Thus 'climate' will be written before 'cobbler'. If the second letter of two words is the same too, then we consider the third, and so on. Thus 'abacus' will be written before 'abdomen'. As the first two letters 'a' and 'b' are the same, the third letter is considered. The third letter of 'abacus' is 'a' and that of 'abdomen' is 'd'; since 'a' comes before 'd' 'abacus' is written before 'abdomen'.

Now write the following words in the order in which they appear in a dictionary:

national park	attractive	protect	bond	power
beautiful	pick	body	boxing	packet
perform	borrow	bag	tense	place
wonderful	bottle	ferocious	passion	thrilling
boost	law	punch	nearest	bottom

- B) Read the sentence carefully and notice the two underlined words:**

Since then, it has been protected for its flora and fauna. Such words often go in pairs. They are called **binomials**.

Given below are some common binomials, with their collocates missing. Pick

out the correct word from the box and complete the pair. The first one has been done for you.

salt	white	knives	health	order
down	time	bread	now	off

1. Law and order
2. _____ and butter
3. On and _____
4. Up and _____
5. _____ and pepper
6. _____ and then
7. Black and _____
8. _____ and hygiene
9. _____ and tide
10. Forks and _____

Comprehension

Answer the following questions:

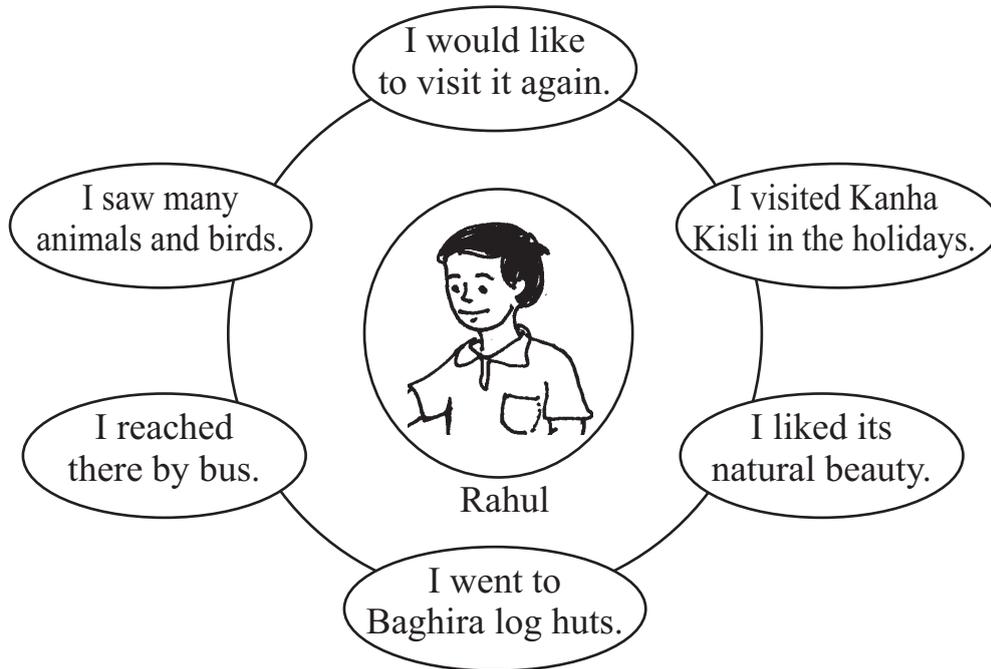
1. What is Kanha Kisli?
2. Where is it situated?
3. When did Kanha National park come into existence?
4. What attracts the tourists there?
5. What type of huts are there at Kanha?
6. What else can be seen at Kanha besides animals?

Let's Learn

(1) Give the plural form:

pony	_____	piano	_____	leaf	_____
proof	_____	ox	_____	tomato	_____
company	_____	army	_____	monkey	_____
knife	_____	deer	_____	man-servant	_____
mouse	_____	dozen	_____	lady	_____

Let's Talk



You meet your friend Rahul and he tells you a few things written above. Now tell your friend Anil what Rahul told you.

1. Rahul said that he visited Kanha Kisli during the holidays.
2. -----
3. -----
4. -----
5. -----
6. -----

Let's Read

Read the passage carefully.

Tigers are found in India and most of the countries of the South -East Asia. They live in forests and grassy plains, where there are lots of other animals for them to hunt for food. If you see a tiger in the zoo, you may think its skin is brightly

coloured and easily seen , but in the jungles and grasslands where it lives, a tiger is hard to see. It has strong, sharp teeth, which it uses for catching animals. A tiger's chief food is deer, wild pigs, monkeys and other animals.

Now complete the given information:

- a) Tigers are found in-
 - i) -----
 - ii) -----
- b) Tigers live in-
 - i) -----
 - ii) -----
- c) Tigers live there because-
 - i) -----
 - ii) -----
- d) A tiger's body is -
 - i) -----
 - 2) -----
- e) A tiger's chief food is -
 - i) -----
 - ii) -----

Let's Write

Write a letter to your friend informing him/her about your visit to Kanha Kisli. Use the layout given on the next page.

27 Poorvi Marg
Vasant Vihar
New Delhi 110057
October 10, 2006
Dear Amit

Yours affectionately
Ranjeet

Let's do it

Take an outline map of India. Locate and mark at least ten National Parks on it and write the names of these National Parks. (Use your internet or a tourist guide map to find this information.)