

4. What reason did Birbal give for a higher number of crows?
5. How did Birbal explain a lower number of crows?

C. Read these lines and answer the questions.

1. *He knew that they were some of the cleverest people in the kingdom.*
 - a. Who was 'he' and who were 'they'?
 - b. Why was this person thinking about their intelligence?
2. *Nothing intelligent to say?*
 - a. Who said this and to whom?
 - b. What was the reply?

D. Discuss in class.

Why do you think the ministers were relieved when Akbar started laughing?

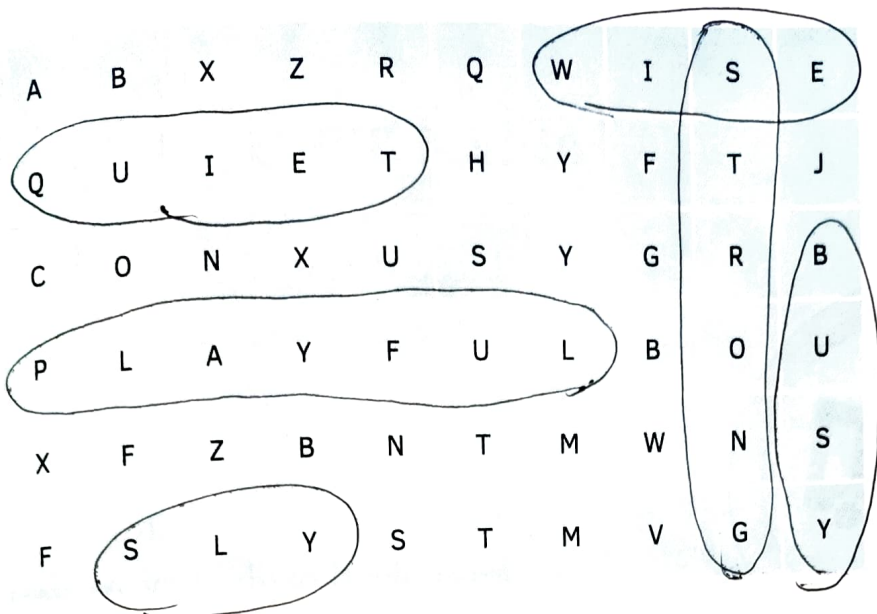
Vocabulary

E. Find the correct words used to describe these animals. Circle them in the wordsearch on the next page.

1. WISE owl
2. SLY fox
3. BUSY bee

4. STRONG bull
5. QUIET mouse
6. PLAYFUL kitten





Listening*

F. Read these sentences. Listen to your teacher read some information about tigers. Write True or False.

1. India is home to 80% of the world's tigers.
2. India has only 2000 tigers in the wild.
3. Most of the tigers are in Madhya Pradesh and Kerala.
4. In Chhattisgarh and Odisha, tigers have decreased in number.
5. Tigers are protected in fewer than a hundred national parks in the country.
6. The Jim Corbett National Park is the oldest national park in India.

True
False
~~False~~
True
False
True

Writing

Project

G. Write a few sentences in your notebook describing your favourite animal. Use capital letters and full stops correctly. You may use these hints for help:

- ❖ the name of the animal
- ❖ what it looks like
- ❖ what it eats
- ❖ where it lives
- ❖ why you like it

You can draw or paste the picture of your favourite animal.

*Listening text for the teacher on page 95

our crows have gone to visit their relatives
now, we have a total of nine thousand, eight
and seventy-six crows in the kingdom.

*Akbar stares at Birbal for a few seconds and then bursts out
The ministers are relieved and start laughing too*

AKBAR: Birbal, you are very wise. That is just the
answer I was looking for!

The ministers congratulate Birbal for his clever answer

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Word Meanings

court	here, a group of people who advise the king
Your Majesty	a title of respect for a queen or a king
keep track of	have the latest information about
helplessly	in a way that shows you cannot do anything
relieved	felt happy that nothing bad happened

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Comprehension

A. Number these sentences correctly.

- ~~4~~ The ministers did not know the answer.
- ~~6~~ Akbar and the ministers appreciated his smart answer.
- ~~2~~ He saw many crows flying in the garden.
- ~~1~~ Emperor Akbar loved asking his ministers questions.
- ~~3~~ He asked his ministers for the number of crows in the kingdom.
- ~~5~~ Birbal gave a clever answer to the question.

B. Answer these questions.

1. When did Akbar ask about the crows?
2. Why did the ministers look at one another helplessly?
3. What number did Birbal give Akbar? Was he sure of it?