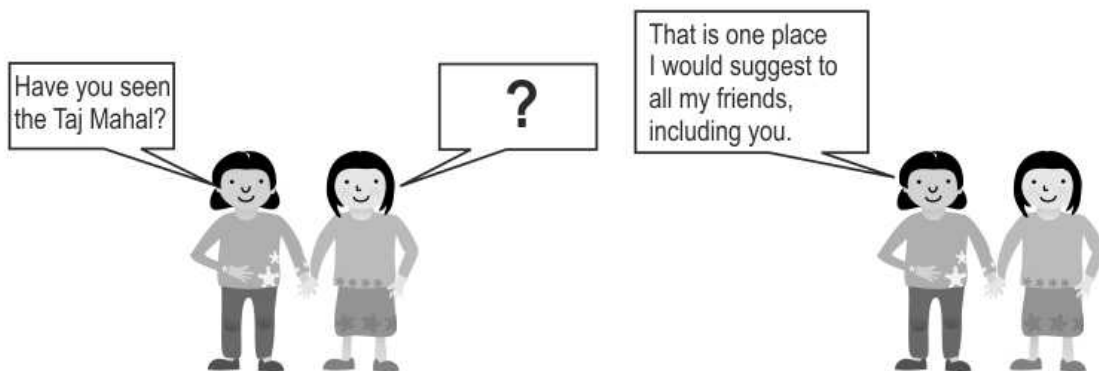


- 1 Sanitation has always been a worry during the monsoons. This is when we find that diseases are rampant as the number of people falling sick grows each day.

The word "rampant" MEANS "_____".

- A. spreading in an uncontrolled way
- B. resulting in other unrelated problems
- C. unsafe and causing a lot of problems
- D. undiscovered and difficult to detect easily

- 2 Choose the GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT RESPONSE that will fit the 2nd girl's speech bubble in the conversation below.



- A. Never seen.
- B. No, not yet.
- C. Yes, already.
- D. Of course yes.

Read "The Ratel and the Honeyguide" and answer questions 3 and 4.

The Ratel and the Honeyguide

The Ratel, or the honey badger is known as the bravest animal on Earth. It is as big as a dog but can fight even leopards and tigers! The colour of its fur scares the animals and birds around it.

It pokes into any hole that comes in its way and searches for snakes in it. Poisonous snakes like cobra, mamba, puff adders, etc., are its favourite food. It also hunts for turtles, frogs, fish, lizards and mongooses.

It has tough and thick fur. It is also very agile. It can turn around and bite even if its opponent catches it by the collar.

Let us now introduce ourselves to its little friend. A tiny bird called the honeyguide is a great friend of the brave ratel.

The honeyguide has a special ability to find beehives. It loves to eat the wax with which the bees make their hive,



but it is afraid of the bee stings. This is where the honeyguide needs help. The brave ratel also loves to eat honey but cannot search for the bee hives. The honeyguide knows this.

When the honeyguide finds a ratel, it comes close to the ratel and chirps. It fans its tail excitedly, showing its white feathers. The ratel notices this and begins to follow the honeyguide with a grunting and growling sound. The bird hops from tree to tree till it comes near the hive. Then she waits for the badger to reach the hive. The ratel breaks the hive apart with its strong claws. Its thick fur protects it from bee stings. It eats all the honey and leaves the wax for the honeyguide!

Source (adapted): '*Honeyguides?!*' - <http://coglab.hbcse.tifr.res.in/teacher-resources/multimedia-resources/symbiosis/honey-guide-and-the-ratel>

3 What makes the ratel a special animal?

- A. its courage to fight large wild animals
- B. its willingness to help all animals
- C. the number of colours on its fur
- D. the amount of food it can eat

4 Based on the information in the passage, the honeyguide can be BEST described as being _____.

- A. hardworking
- B. generous
- C. fearless
- D. clever

1 A

2 B

3 A

4 D