



Lesson 11

Pobitora Calling

The annual examination is now over. Sagar and Karabi are discussing their plans for the winter vacation. They have a lot of things on their mind.

Sagar : Karabi, what are your plans for the winter vacation? What will you do?

Karabi : I do not know, Sagar. My father is busy with his work. Where will you go?

Sagar : I will go to Shillong with my parents. Do you know where Shillong is?

Karabi : Yes, Sagar. It is in Meghalaya. We went there last year. The natural scenery of Shillong is very beautiful. But this year we cannot go outside Guwahati. My father does not have time.

Sagar : Oh! That is very sad.

Karabi : Sagar, will you go to Shillong only?

Sagar : No. My mother says that we will go to the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary also.

Karabi : Wow ! You are so lucky.

Sagar : Have you ever visited the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary?

Karabi : No. Where is it?

Sagar : Oh! You don't know. It is not very far from Guwahati. It is situated in the Morigaon district. It is about 48 kilometres by road from Guwahati. It is located towards the east of Guwahati. If we take a car it will only take about an hour to reach there.



Great Indian one horned rhinoceros



Asian palm civet

Sagar
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Karabi : Tell me more about Pobitora, Sagar. What can we see there? Are there tigers? I love tigers. They are so beautiful !

Sagar : Yes, tigers are very beautiful. But there are no tigers in Pobitora.

Karabi : Oh ! Then, what can we see there ?

Sagar : Pobitora is famous for the Great Indian one-horned rhinoceros. ^{Important} The sanctuary has the highest concentration of the one-horned rhinoceros in the world. You will also see wild boar, wild buffalo, Asian palm civet, Indian jackal in the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary. Pobitora was first a reserved forest. Later in 1987 it was declared a wildlife sanctuary.

Karabi : Wow ! So many animals. Now I also want to go there.

Sagar : You can come with us Karabi. I hope your parents will give you permission if you ask nicely.

Karabi : Sure Sagar, I will ask my parents tonight. Ok, tell me more. Are there any birds in Pobitora?

Sagar : Yes Karabi, there are different types of birds in Pobitora. You will also see migratory birds there.

Karabi : What are migratory birds, Sagar?

Sagar : Some birds come to Pobitora from other parts of the earth. Some come from different parts of India and some others come from outside India. I do not know much about them. My father knows a lot about them. He also knows the names of the birds.

Karabi : That's great. Do you remember the names of those birds?

Sagar : I know some. Some local birds found in Pobitora are barn swallow, lesser adjutant stork, kingfisher, owl, hoopoe, parrot, myna, black drongo, woodpecker etc.



Barn swallow



Black drongo



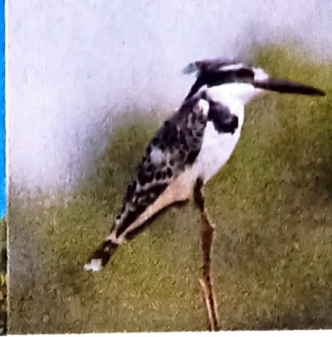
Parrot



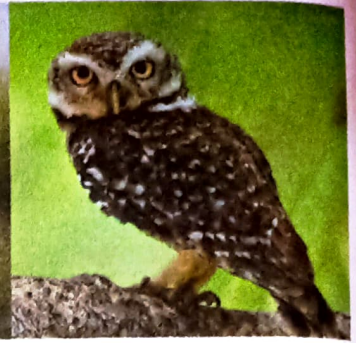
Common hoopoe



Lesser adjutant stork



Pied kingfisher



Spotted owl

Karabi : That's interesting Sagar. You really know a lot about Pobitora.

Sagar : My father knows more. Karabi, you know you can ride on elephants in Pobitora. The elephants will take you inside the sanctuary.

Karabi : That will be fun Sagar.

Sagar : We can also take a jeep safari to go inside the sanctuary. We can all go together then. Oh! I forgot to tell you. We can also see the Hadug Hanging Bridge there.

Karabi : That will be great Sagar. But, I will ask my parents first. I hope they will give me permission to go to Pobitora with you. It will be a good experience.



New Words

Concentration Safaris Vacation Plan Permission
Migratory Hanging Bridge Experience

For the teacher only

The students are expected to learn the usage of Introductory 'There' and Introductory 'It' in sentences. They might also be provided information about various other animals and birds and other wildlife sanctuaries and national parks of Assam.

Comprehension :

1. Answer the following questions in complete sentences.
 - a) Where will Sagar go during his winter vacation?
 - b) Where is Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary?
 - c) Which animal does Karabi love?
 - d) For which animal is Pobitora famous?
 - e) What is the name of the hanging bridge in Pobitora?
2. Write the names of the animals found in Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Write the names of the birds found in Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary.
4. Write whether the following statements are true or false.
 - a) Pobitora is famous for the Great Indian one-horned rhinoceros.
 - b) Sagar is Karabi's brother.
 - c) Pobitora is a National Park.
 - d) Sagar will go to Shillong with his parents.
 - e) Karabi will also go to Shillong with Sagar.
 - f) We can ride on elephants in Pobitora.

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Grammar and Usage :

Look at the sentences given below:

There are ten cows in the field.

There is no one at home now.

There was a king in Magadha.

The 'There' in the sentences given above has been used to introduce a sentence. So, it is called Introductory 'There'. It does not have any particular meaning of its own.

Likewise, in the sentences given below, the 'It' has been used to introduce a sentence. Like the Introductory 'There' this 'It' is also called Introductory 'It' and it does not have a meaning of its own.

It is Monday.

It is summer.

It is raining.

N.B. Introductory 'There' and Introductory 'It' are used to begin a sentence where the verb does not have any particular subject (doer of the action).

Activity 1

Fill in the blanks with 'There' or 'It' to complete the following sentences.

- There are ten boys in the room.
- It is ten o' clock now.
- There is a big basket in my room.
- There are no girls in our class.
- It is very hot today.
- There is a library in our school.
- It is good to get up early in the morning.
- It is a holiday today.

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Activity 2

Find out the errors in the following sentences and write them correctly.

- ~~It are~~ forty students in our class. -
- ~~There is~~ There are seven bananas in the basket.
- ~~There a~~ beautiful bird in the tree. There is a
- ~~It~~ is Tuesday.
- ~~There~~ It is raining.

Writing Activity:

Look at the picture given below and read the paragraph carefully.



This is a rhinoceros. ~~It~~ is a big and strong animal. Its skin is very thick. The tail of the rhinoceros is very short. It has a horn on its nose. The skin of the rhinoceros looks like a coat. It lives on grass.

Now look at the following pictures and describe them with the help of the words given in the boxes.

I.



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big animal long trunk big ear grey in colour
short tail small eyes loves to eat banana leaves

II.



beautiful bird long tail green in colour strong and curved beak

Build Up Your Vocabulary

Masculine Gender

✓ Hero
✓ Lion
✓ Horse
Master
✓ Fox
Peacock
Drake
✓ Tiger
He-goat
Tailor
Milkman
✓ Nephew
Male
✓ Sir
✓ Lord
Gander
Ram
✓ Wizard
✓ Host
✓ Poet

Feminine Gender

✓ Heroine
✓ Lioness
✓ Mare
Mistress
✓ Vixen
Peahen
Duck
✓ Tigress
She-goat
Seamstress
Milkmaid
✓ Niece
Female
✓ Madam
✓ Lady
Goose
Ewe
Witch
✓ Hostess
✓ Poetess

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