

13. The Dolphin Dance/Lament

Competency-based Questions Based on the Coursebook Lesson

A. Read the stanza and answer the questions that follow.

There's sewage in the water
There's garbage all around
Boats and dams and blockages
And fishing nets abound.
You hunt me for my flesh and oil,
You churn and chop the river
With noises that can make me blind.
Soon, I'll be gone forever.
My shushuk breath no longer heard —
I will not dive nor leap.
The water will lose all its wealth;
The river, then, will weep.

1. Why do you think there is sewage in the water?

There is sewage in the water because of humans throwing their garbage into it.

2. Why do you think the noises make the dolphin blind?

The dolphin's ears act as their eyes. The sounds give them sight. Therefore, the loud noises from the chaffing and churning of

3. What do you think the poet means by the lines: the river make the dolphins blind.

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The river, then, will weep.

If the pollution in water keeps on increasing a day will come when the dolphins will

cease to exist. This way ⁷³ the water will lose a very important creature in its environment.

Vocabulary

A. Underline the incorrect spellings and rewrite the sentences correctly.

1. The news caussed a terribble family row.

The news caused a terrible family row.

2. A dove flow into my bungalow.

A dove flew into my bungalow.

3. The gardenier cultevaites the vegetable patch every year.

The gardener cultivates the vegetable patch every year.

4. The Chief Gueset said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening.

The chief guest said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening.

5. She repeateddly shouted for help till her neighbors came and saved her.

She repeatedly shouted for help till her neighbours came and saved her.

B. Fill the blanks with ie or ei.

1. receive
2. reign
3. ancient
4. counterfeit
5. fierce
6. mischief
7. weird
8. relief

