

Worksheet-10

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READING COMPREHENSION

Passage 1:

Using repellents made by various companies foreign or Indian that are flooding the markets in different brands and types assures all a safer sleep, protected from the mosquitoes' bites.

But, in studies that have been carried out by experts, Neem oil would be a better mosquito repellents when compared to the market's repellents in terms of cost and impact on human health.

The studies have revealed that domestic Neem tree, of a botanical name of *Azadirachta indica*, has amazing repellent property against mosquitoes' movements.

The Neem oil, what is produced from the fruits of Neem tree, can provide a more than ninety percent protection from the mosquitoes responsible for malaria, and is effective on dreadful dengue carrier parasites too.

The most attractive feature of Neem oil is that it is cheaper.

The study emphasized instruction of the people especially of rural areas to use it for their personal protection.

Market based repellents like coils, mats, vapourisers etc. contain usually parathion or allethrin as main compound with insecticidal properties.

But, the repellents of these synthetic chemicals are not proven as non-hazardous product due to toxins. The study of Industrial Toxicological Research Institute, Lucknow, has revealed that some serious health consequences have been reported after the use of synthetic repellents.

Abnormal facial sensations, sneezing, sniffing, dizziness, fatigue, skin reaction etc. were the complaints that were recorded.

The Malaria Research Centre (MRC), a premier body of government of India, says that 31 worst affect of these repellents is seen in the case of children.

Neem oil, therefore, has been found to be the best solution to the mosquito nuisance and promising a phytochemical (a plant chemical) in malaria control.

1. Complete the following sentences :

- Mosquito repellents are being used by people all over the world to
- The repellents that are found in the market are unsafe as
- The fascinating feature of neem oil is
- If you apply coconut oil with two percent mixing of Neem oil on your body parts it
- Neem oil is better mosquito repellent because
- Using market based repellents can cause

2. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following :

- something that causes problem (Para 1-4)

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- very surprising (Para 4-7)

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- made known/shown (Para 7-10)

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- results (Para 9-12)

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Passage 2

D. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Mt. Everest has continued to attract ever since June 8, 1924, when two members of a British expedition George Mallory and Andrew Irvine, had first attempted to climb the summit. The two men were last spotted "going strong" for the top, until the clouds perpetually swirling around Everest, engulfed them. They then vanished.

Mallory's body was not found for another 75 years, in May 1999. Ten more expeditions were to follow before the historic climb of Everest for the first time, by Edmund Hillary, a New Zealand beekeeper, and Tenzing Norgay, an acclaimed Sherpa climber. The news of the climb reached England at the time of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth U and Hilary became famous overnight, in all of the British Empire. Tenzing on the other hand, became a symbol of national pride across both Nepal and India.

Today, Mt. Everest is drawing attention for all the negative reasons. The entire route that the climbers follow to reach the top is littered with rubbish and in sore need of cleaning up. The rubbish strewn all over the mountain includes oxygen cylinders, human waste, and even climbers' bodies which do not decompose in the extreme cold.

Under the new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back eight kilograms of garbage. This amounts exclusive of the climbers own garbage weight. This measure is taken to restore the pristine nature of the peak.

The rule will be applicable to those climbers of Mt. Everest who will ascend beyond Everest's base camp, from April onwards. Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule are likely to be charged and legal action would be taken against them. The action would involve the paying of a fine, or other penalty.

Expeditions returning back to the base will have to submit their trash at an office to be set up in the precincts of the Everest Base Camp.

1. Answer the following questions :

- (a) When was the first attempt to scale Mt. Everest made?
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- (b) By whom was the first attempt made?
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- (c) What was the outcome of the first expedition?
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- (d) What was the climbing record before the first successful attempt?
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- (e) Who were the first successful climbers of Everest?
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- (f) Why is Everest drawing attention today?
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- (g) What is the nature of the waste littering the mountainside?
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- (h) What is the nature of the new regulation?