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RAINFOREST
ANIMALS



WHAT IS THE
SHORTEST COMPLETE
SENTENCE IN THE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE?



Who will tell
the lion about
his bad breath?



Sam visits
LENCOIS NATIONAL
PARK

FOLKTALE

Panchatantra: The Lion's Bad Breath



Once, a lion was in a very foul mood because his wife, the lioness, had told him that his breath smelled, and he needed to do something about it. The lion acted as if he did not care as he was the king of the jungle, but secretly though, he was worried and wanted to know from others also if he had bad breath.

So, later that day, the lion summoned three of his counsellors – the sheep, the wolf and the fox.

He first addressed the sheep and asked, "Tell me, do you think my breath smells?"

The sheep thought the lion wanted to know the truth. So, she humbly bowed before the lion and said, "Yes, Your Majesty! Your breath smells terrible. In fact, it smells so bad that it makes me feel sick."

This was not what the lion wanted to hear. He roared loudly with anger and killed the sheep for her audacity.

Then, he called the wolf and said, "Tell me, O Wolf! Do you think my breath smells?"

The wolf had already seen what the lion did to the sheep when she told him the truth. He had no intentions of ending up the same way. He folded his hands and said, "Your Majesty! I wonder who in

the world told you that your breath smells! Your breath smells as sweet as the flowers in spring. I simply love to be around you."

The lion understood that the wolf was lying. His anger knew no bounds. He pounced on the wolf and ripped him to pieces.

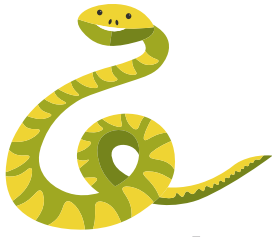
At last, the lion called the fox. The fox had seen the fate of the sheep and the wolf. They had both been punished for telling the truth and as well as for lying. So, the fox was caught between the devil and the deep sea. He did not know what to tell the lion. Still, he went near the lion, while desperately thinking of a suitable plan to escape from the lion's wrath.

"Tell me, O Fox," growled the lion, sharpening his claws, "Do you think my breath smells?"

The fox coughed and sneezed and blew her nose, and then clearing her throat noisily, said in a hoarse voice, "I am so sorry, Your Majesty! I have such a nasty cold that I cannot smell anything."

The lion found her excuse to be genuine, and let her go scot free. This is how the clever fox saved her life.

Rainforest animals a-z



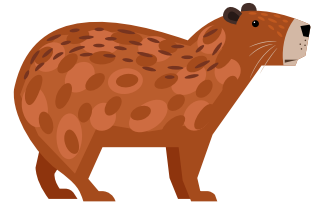
Anaconda

World's largest snake.



Bengal tiger

Roar can be heard upto 2 miles away.



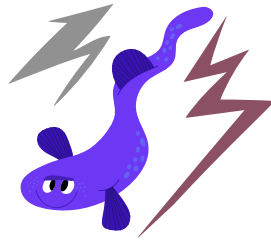
Capybara

World's largest rodent.



Dawn bat

Has a long tongue to reach nectar and pollen.



Electric eel

Can generate shocks of 650 volts.



Flying dragon

A lizard that can glide.



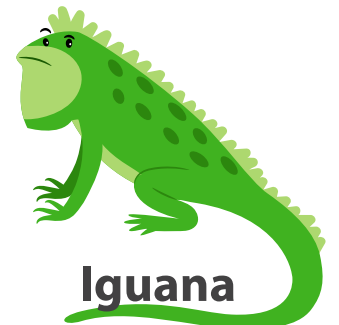
Gorilla

World's largest primate.



Hummingbird

Can fly backwards.

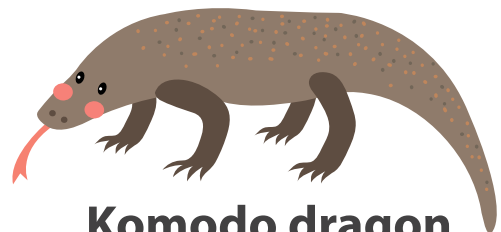


Iguana

Uses tail as whip to drive predators off.

Jaguar

Can eat 85 kinds of animals.



Komodo dragon

Largest lizard, can eat a pig.



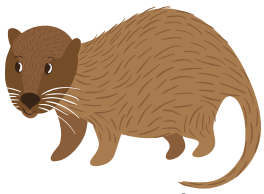
Lemur

World's smallest primate.



Macaw

Can have a tail as long as its body.



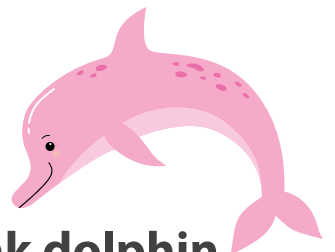
Nutria

Rodent faster in water than on land.



Orangutan

Can hang from a branch for hours.



Pink dolphin

Gets pinker when excited.



Queen

Alexandra's Birdwing
World's largest butterfly.

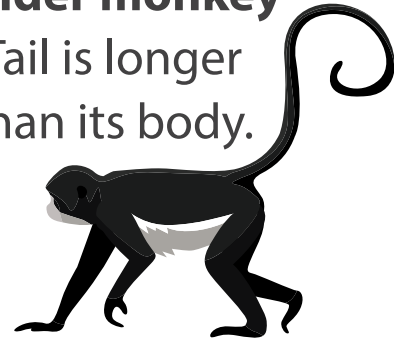


Red-eyed tree frog

Called the monkey frog for its jumping abilities.

Spider monkey

Tail is longer than its body.



Toucan

Air pockets in the beak make it light.



Umbrella bird

Throat pouch on male inflates during breeding season.



Vampire bat

Only mammal to live just on blood.



Woolly monkey

When it comes to the ground from a tree, it only uses its legs.

Xenops

It is just 5 inches long.



Yapok

Only kind of opossum that can move in water.



Zodiac moth

Flies in the day.

sam visits the Lençóis Maranhenses national Park

Discover a new Place



The Lençóis Maranhenses National Park is a unique white sand dune ecosystem interspersed with ice blue lagoons that change seasonally. At first sight, it might look like a white sand desert, and the blue lagoons may seem like mirages, but this is one desert where if you think you've spotted a waterhole to swim in, you have. In fact, swimming in these lagoons is one of the best swimming experiences ever, with no threat of chlorine or Loch Ness monsters.

This beautiful sandscape lies just outside the Amazon basin, and hence receives regular rainfall. That's what causes the lagoons to form here. The lagoons are formed afresh each year during the rains, and begin to evaporate once the rainy season ends. Needless to say, the region is best visited during the rainy season, although it is bound to be beautiful year round. The area was deemed a national park in June, 1981, as a means to protect and preserve it.

According to local folklore, the region was inhabited by Caeté Indians, who woke up one day to find their town covered by sand. Mysterious, isn't it? As of today, the region is inhabited by 90 men, women and children, who live in two oases, and change their habits seasonally. They live off the land, in palm-roofed huts, cultivating beans and cashews and raising chicken and cattle.

Spot ten differences



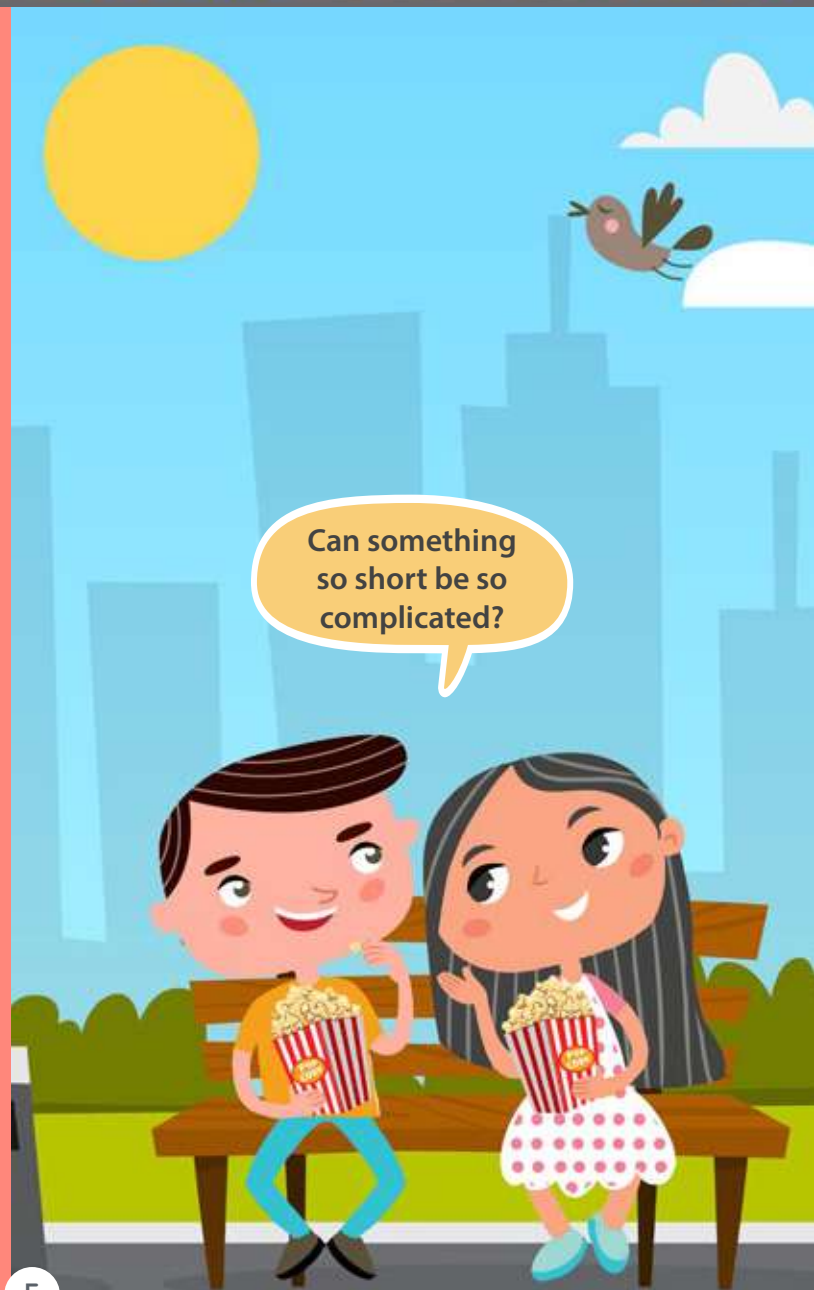
Enquiry

Questions about the English Language

What is the shortest complete sentence in the English Language?

Have you ever wondered what is the shortest sentence in the English language? 'I am' is the shortest sentence in English language. Is it a complete sentence? Yes! To make a complete sentence in English you need a subject and a predicate. The sentence 'I am' has both- the subject- I and predicate- am. It also expresses a complete thought. So 'I am' is the shortest sentence.

'Go' is a short sentence too! In the case of 'Go' as a sentence, the subject is understood as it is said to either singular or plural beings. Thus by omitting 'you' it just becomes an ellipsis. 'Go' is an imperative sentence. 'I am' is a non-imperative short sentence.





comic story



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fun With Carbon Dioxide

Eeshan was looking forward to the evening. Mr Samuel was a very good friend of their parents' and it was their son Nevin's 8th birthday party. Eeshan often enjoyed going over to their house and playing in the small front yard with his classmate, Nevin's older brother Lijo.



The house was silent when they rang the doorbell. When they got inside they understood why. Nevin was slumped in a corner, moody and irritable.

Things seem quieter than I expected.

What's wrong?



Nevin is throwing a fit. Earlier this week, we went to Mr Mathew's son's birthday...as you know, they are very rich, so they had a grand party with lots of fancy fireworks. Nevin wanted that for his birthday but it was costly. Also, we want to discourage our children from using things that pollute the environment. But now he's upset and won't talk to anyone.



Eeshan was standing nearby and had overheard the whole conversation. He turned to Lijo, Nevin's older brother.

Can you do me a favour? Bring all those big bottles of diet coke and those empty film canisters from your room to the front yard. Also get a few fizzy tablets from your dad's cabinet.



After all the items had been procured, Eeshan took out a Mentos from his pocket, opened a new Diet Coke bottle, dropped the Mentos into the bottle and ran back.

As everyone watched in amazement, a huge geyser of the soft drink came flying out of the bottle. For the first time since the party had started, Nevin smiled and as the geyser continued, the smile slowly became wider and wider.



A throng of people made their way over to where Eeshan was standing.

How did you make this happen?



I didn't. Science did. More specifically, carbon dioxide did! We had taken a recent trip to the Coca Cola factory where we learnt that soft drinks have carbon dioxide pumped in them just before bottling which makes them bubbly. In an unopened bottle, there's a huge amount of carbon dioxide waiting for release.



Dropping something into the Diet Coke breaks the surface tension of the liquid and also allows bubbles to form on the surface area of the Mentos. There are little dimples on Mentos, which help many more bubbles than usual form, and that causes an eruption when the bottle is opened.



As the adults marvelled at Eeshan's ability to learn theoretical concepts in a classroom and apply them in real life situations, the children settled down for another round of safe and environmentally-friendly fireworks.



Tickle
your
funny
bone

Q: What do you call a sleepy rainforest?

A: Pajamazon

Q: Can a bird fly through the rainforest?

A: no, but two can

Q: Why is a tree better than a guard dog?

A: it has more bark.



HELP the GORILLA get HOME



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