

**LISTENING CULTURE UNIT 6: THE SNAKE CATCHERS (HIGH LEVEL)**



It's five o'clock in the morning and Kannan and his \_\_\_\_\_ (5).  
However \_\_\_\_\_ (5) an office or in a factory. All day they  
\_\_\_\_\_ (5) looking for tracks of snakes –which aren't easy to  
see in the long grass. Kannan and his family are from the Irula tribe. For centuries, people from  
this \_\_\_\_\_ (5). Now they are the only people in  
this area of southern India that have the skills to catch snakes. This is because identifying and  
following a \_\_\_\_\_ (5). When the snake hunters find a  
snake, they put it in a bag and bring it back to  
the \_\_\_\_\_ (5). Then they return the snake to the  
fields. Every year a snake catcher \_\_\_\_\_ (5) but you only  
get a small amount of venom from each snake. The poison is very valuable because  
laboratories use \_\_\_\_\_ (5) the only cure for a snake  
bite. Snake catching is one of the most important jobs for the Irula people, and many Irula  
children become snake \_\_\_\_\_ (5). Kannan's son says:  
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