



The Snake and I

One day I saw a small snake in the **compound**. It was crawling along slowly but when it saw me, it moved away quickly and hid itself in a coconut shell. I quietly went near and closed the mouth of the coconut shell with a **stone**. Then I took the shell and ran to Grandmother. "Look, Grandma," I cried, "I have caught a snake."

"Snake?" asked Grandmother in **alarm**. She pulled me towards her and shouted for help. Grandfather came running. When he learnt that I had a snake in the shell, he **snatched** the shell and threw it away. The snake **crawled** away and disappeared behind some bushes.

I was **trembling** with fear. Grandfather **warned** me never to go near a snake because snakes are **dangerous**.

Q. 1) What do the following words refer to-

- a) Itself -
- b) She -
- c) It -

Q. 2) Give words from the passage that mean-

- a) Silently -
- b) Took away -
- c) Shaking -
- d) Cautioned -
- e) Scared and shocked -

Q. 3) Give short answers

- a) Where did the snake hide itself?

- b) How did Raja cover the shell?

c) What did the grandmother do when Raja told her about the snake?

d) What did the grandfather do with the shell?

e) Where did the snake go?

f) Why did the grandfather tell Raja to keep away from the snake?

If you had to warn Raja about snakes, what would you say?