

# Reading Comprehension

Read the short passage and answer the questions

## The Sick Lion

A Lion had come to the end of his days and lay sick unto death at the mouth of his cave, gasping for breath. The animals, his subjects, came round him and drew nearer as he grew more and more helpless. When they saw him on the point of death they thought to themselves: "Now is the time to pay off old grudges." So the Boar came up and drove at him with his tusks; then a Bull gored him with his horns; still, the Lion lay helpless before them: so the Ass, feeling quite safe from danger, came up, and turning his tail to the Lion kicked up his heels into his face. "This is a double death," growled the Lion.



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1. The lion was about to  
 jump       die  
 eat       run
2. The animals were  
 helping       happy  
 helpless       sad
3. The meaning of the word  
"gasping" is  
 To look for gas  
 Breathing with open mouth  
 Eating gas  
 To drink water
4. The boar drove at the lion  
with his  
 legs  
 tail  
 tusks  
 body
5. Why did the animals hurt the lion more?

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