

LION TAMING

Lion taming is the practice of animal training that involves taming lions for protection or entertainment, especially in the circus. Other big cats are tamed too, such as leopards, jaguars, cheetahs, and tigers. Lion taming is a very dangerous occupation because of the obvious risks of working with powerful instinctive carnivores.

This job exists in zoos all across the world, to enable less dangerous feeding and to bring more profit by practicing circus demonstrations.

SNAKE MILKER

Now it may sound crazy, but there are some people that choose to work with snakes - the deadly ones. Snake milkers have a dangerous job, they "milk" snakes for their venom. This means that a snake milker touches poisonous snakes every day.

One slip of a finger and, well, it's all over.

Snake venom plays an important role in science. It can be used for antivenoms and medicines. Snake milkers are doing something great for the world because the venom they extract can be used to create antivenom.

A. READ THE TEXT AND WRITE TRUE OR FALSE FOR THE SENTENCES.

1. Lions are tamed to use them in circus. _____
2. Only lions can be tamed. _____
3. Lions and other big cats are carnivores. _____
4. These jobs have some danger for the employee. _____
5. Snake milkers work with the venomous snakes. _____
6. "Milk" the snake means getting the venom of the snake. _____
7. Snake venom is not important. _____
8. It is used in producing medicine. _____
9. A snake milker's job is not dangerous. _____
10. The venom can be used for antivenom. _____

B. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. What characteristics do you think you would have to have in order to get that job?

2. What do you think you should do in order to get that job?
