

“The Man-Eaters of Tsavo” Quiz

Directions: Read the article “The Man-Eaters of Tsavo” in the September 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. What was the purpose of Colonel Patterson’s trip to Africa?

- a. to study lions
- b. to build a railroad
- c. to command an army
- d. to hunt wild animals

2. Where is the Tsavo forest located?

- a. present-day Kenya
- b. present-day Uganda
- c. India
- d. Great Britain

3. At first, Patterson didn’t believe the lions were responsible for the attacks because

- a. lions usually attack lone, vulnerable people.
- b. his workers often made up stories.
- c. lions are vegetarians.
- d. the camp was surrounded by lion traps.

4. What caused Patterson to change his mind and decide to kill the lions?

- a. a bad nightmare
- b. a letter from the workers
- c. boredom with his daily work
- d. Inghan Singh’s death

5. Which word best describes Patterson’s attitude toward catching the killer lions?

- a. vicious
- b. excited
- c. determined
- d. careless

6. Where could you see the lions preserved and on display today?

- a. Kenya
- b. London
- c. France
- d. Chicago

7. Which sentence describes the main problem addressed in the article?

- a. “It was backbreaking work, and there were constant food and water shortages.”
- b. “And they’d be cutting a path through a punishing African desert and snake-infested jungle.”
- c. “Two male lions began stalking and eating the men—one by one, night after night.”
- d. “The men became so terrified that they refused to work.”

8. When describing the night Patterson killed the first lion, the author uses details to make the reader wonder what will happen next. This makes the story

- a. predictable.
- b. suspenseful.
- c. difficult to understand.
- d. happy.

9. Scientists believe the man-eating lions were forced to eat people because they couldn’t get other food due to all the following reasons EXCEPT

- a. they had damaged teeth and jaws.
- b. there was a drought; other prey was scarce.
- c. people had hunted their natural prey.
- d. a disease called rinderpest had wiped out other prey.

10. What does the word “cunning” mean in the sentence “The lions behaved with such cunning that some of the workmen could not believe they were animals”?

- a. meanness
- b. laziness
- c. cleverness
- d. tameness