

**ATTINGAL EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT**  
**Standard 10 ENGLISH**  
**The Adventures in a Banyan Tree**

EWS 1

**Answer Key**

1. The old banyan tree became the boy's domain because grandfather, at the age of sixty-five, could no longer climb it.
2. Grandmother teased grandfather because he could no longer climb the banyan tree.
3. The spreading branches of the banyan tree, which curved to the ground and took root again, forming a maze of arches, gave the boy endless pleasure.
4. house and grandfather
5. Magnificent
6. **Value points of letter writing**
  - Message should be conveyed effectively.
  - Should conform to the format of the letter (Informal: Include sender's address, date, proper salutation, body of the letter, leave taking, signature, date, etc.)
  - Use appropriate linkers for coherence of ideas.
  - Choose appropriate language and vocabulary (Informal language)

**Sample Letter**

Rose Cottage  
Landour Cantt  
Dehradun  
28 April 2021

Dear Rahul,

Hope you are enjoying your vacation. How are your parents and others at home? Here I'm at my grandfather's place. It's great fun to be with him. You know, Rahul, there is a huge banyan tree in our place which is home to a variety of birds. I have made a platform on it and you may not believe! Its a spectacular view from up here.

One day while I was sitting on the banyan tree, I witnessed a fierce fight. A fight between a cobra and a mongoose! It was a hot afternoon. I felt drowsy and wanted to go swimming. Suddenly I saw a black cobra coming out of a clump of cactus. A mongoose also emerged from the bushes and went towards the cobra. They came face to face.

The cobra knew that the mongoose was a clever and an aggressive fighter. But the cobra was also an experienced fighter. He could move with great speed and strike the mongoose. His sharp fangs were full of poison. Suddenly, two other spectators arrived to watch the fight. One was a myna and the other, a jungle crow. They settled down on the cactus to watch the fight.

The moment the cobra struck, the crow and the myna swiftly flew fast towards it but they collided in mid-air, and returned to the cactus. This happened in the second and a third time also. But they missed their mark the third time. The myna managed to fly back, but the crow while trying to return was killed by the cobra.

The fight does not get over here. I know, you might be really thrilled to read my letter. Don't you want to know what happened in the end? I will tell you when we meet at school. Convey my regards to all at home.

Thanks and best regards

Rusty

## **7. Value points of news report .**

- Give a catchy and concise headline.
- Include Byline (reporter's details), and Place line.( Place where the story/event occurred)
- The opening section/the lead paragraph should include the introduction of the news story or the most important information.
- The details of the story should be given in the body of the news.
- Use inverted pyramid style to describe the story. (most important comes first)
- Ideas should be well organised (sequential order of events)
- Use appropriate linkers to connect the ideas.
- Use language appropriate to reporting (past tense to report the story, indirect speech, passive language, etc.)

## **Sample News Report**

### **White Squirrels – Wonder of Nature**

Staff reporter

Dehradun: Three white baby squirrels were found in an old banyan tree in a village ten kilometres away from the city.

White squirrels are not a common sight. They are considered very rare. Their white coat makes them very attractive and is a feast for the eyes.

The squirrels were discovered in an old banyan tree which stood in the courtyard of an elderly couple in the town of Dehra nestling in a valley at the foot of the Himalayas. The discovery attracted a lot of people who were eager to see the rare sighting of the white squirrels.

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- a)** Cobra
- b)** knew
- c)** mongoose
- d)** and
- e)** was