

## 1.2 An Encounter of a Special Kind

### Warming up!

#### Chit-Chat



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- What do you think the girl is trying to do? why?
- If you were in the place of that girl, what would you do?
- Do you think she will become successful in her mission?



#### **1)What do you see in the picture?**

**Ans** – A girl is walking through the flood water with a puppy.

#### **2)What do you think the girl is trying to do? why?**

**Ans** – She is trying to carry the puppy away. Because she wanted to save the puppy.



**If you were in the place of that girl, what would you do?**

**Ans** – If I were in the place of that girl, I would have done the same thing to save the puppy.

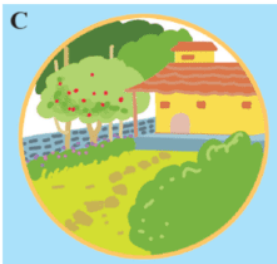
**Do you think she will become successful in her mission?**

**Ans** – Yes I think, she will become successful in her mission. Because where there is a will, there is a way. So she will succeed.

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2. My Favourite Passtime.
3. What a Commotion!
4. Engrossed in my book.



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1. Our Luxurious Bungalows.

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2. My Favourite Passtime.

A

3. What a Commotion!

D

4. Engrossed in my book.

B



**MARGIN QUESTION**

1) What was the profession of the writer's father? Ans: The writer's father was a medical professional.

2) Describe the campus where the writer's family lived. Ans: The campus where the writer's family lived, housed

individual bungalows. The writer's house was in the corner of

the campus with the officer's club adjacent to their garden

boundary wall. The campus had tall and majestic trees with

luxurious green grass and colorful flowers.

3) How did the family relax after lunch? Ans: The family relaxed after lunch by laying down for an

afternoon nap.

4) What wicked custom is practiced by animal who live in groups? Ans: The wicked custom practiced by animal who live in groups is that the dominant male usually does not allow another male baby or adult to survive within its group.

5) What attempts helped the baby langur to revive? Ans: The baby langur revived after he was provided first aid to clean his wounds and stop the bleeding. Splashes of cold water made the baby stir and sit up. He was also provided with a banana for food.

6) When did baby langur finally find comfort? Ans: The baby langur finally found comfort when his mother cuddled him tightly in her bosom.

7) What truth about animal-human relationship did this incident reveal to the narrator? Ans: The incident revealed to the narrator that interspecies communication and mutual trust is indeed a reality and should anyone strike the right chord, the relationship hums into action.

8) What did the mother seem to convey to the narrator? Ans: The mother conveyed her gratitude to the narrator for saving her child.

**ENGLISH WORKSHOP**

- 1. State whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. Justify your choice with proper reasons.**
- 2. The compound where the writer was living, rich in nature's bounty.**

Ans - Agree. The compound was luxurious with green grass colourful flowers and a host of all and majestic trees.

- 1. Holidays provide us an opportunity to read various magazines and storybooks.**

Ans - Agree. Children have free time during holidays and many magazines storybooks are published in this festive season.

- 1. The narrator made a mistake by saving the baby langur.**

Ans - Disagree. Actually, the narrator saved the baby langur from the merciless attack of the dominant male langur.

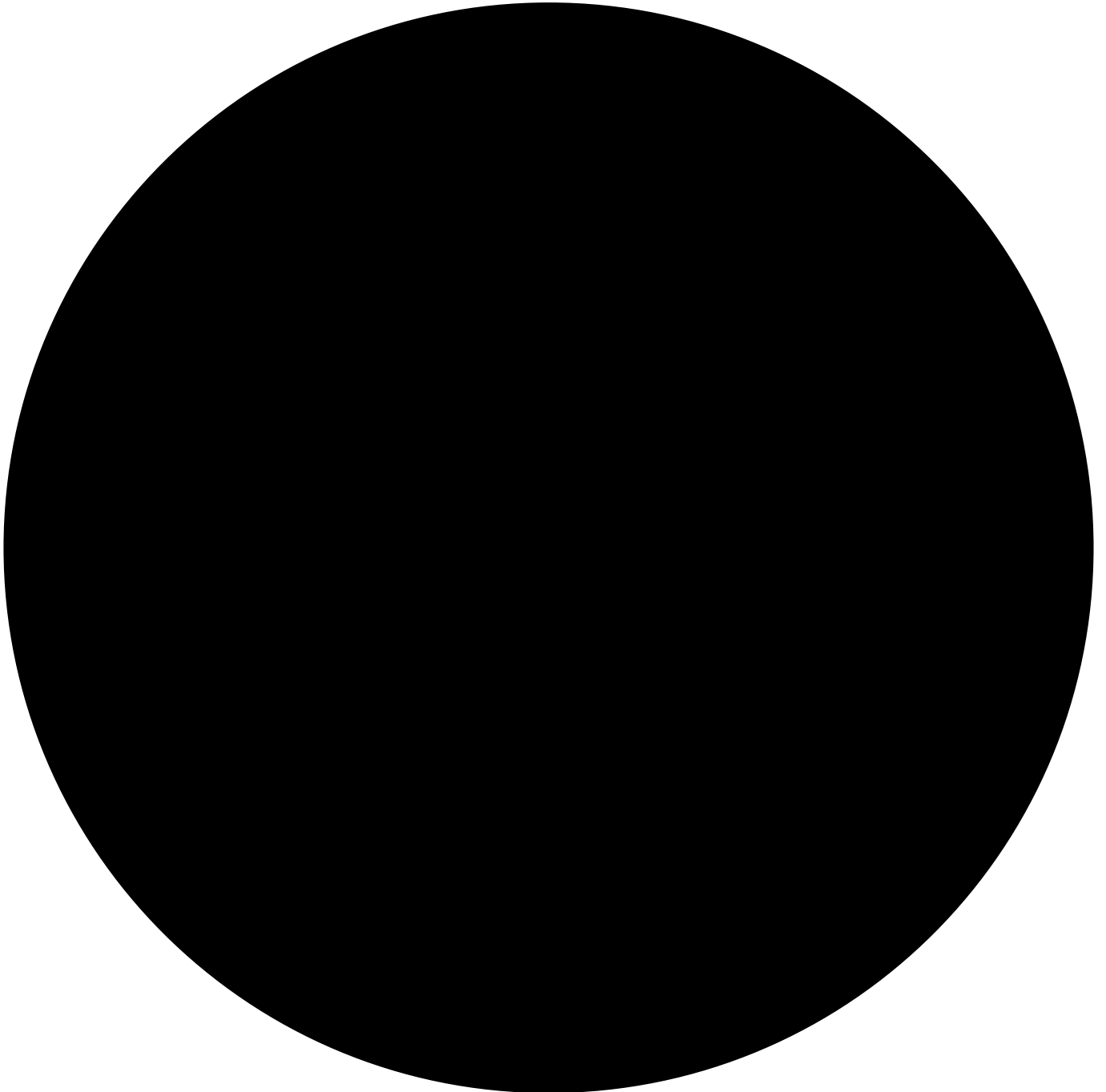
- 1. Animals cannot convey emotions.**

Ans - Disagree. The mother langur kept watch as her baby was being provided 1 st aid as she got an opportunity, she came down and picked up the baby in her arms.

- 1. The narrator was fifty-five years old when this incident occurred.**

Ans - Disagree. He is now 70 years old and the incident happened 55 years ago. So he was 15 years old when this incident took place.

- 1. Match the phrases given in Group 'A' with their meanings in Group 'B'.**



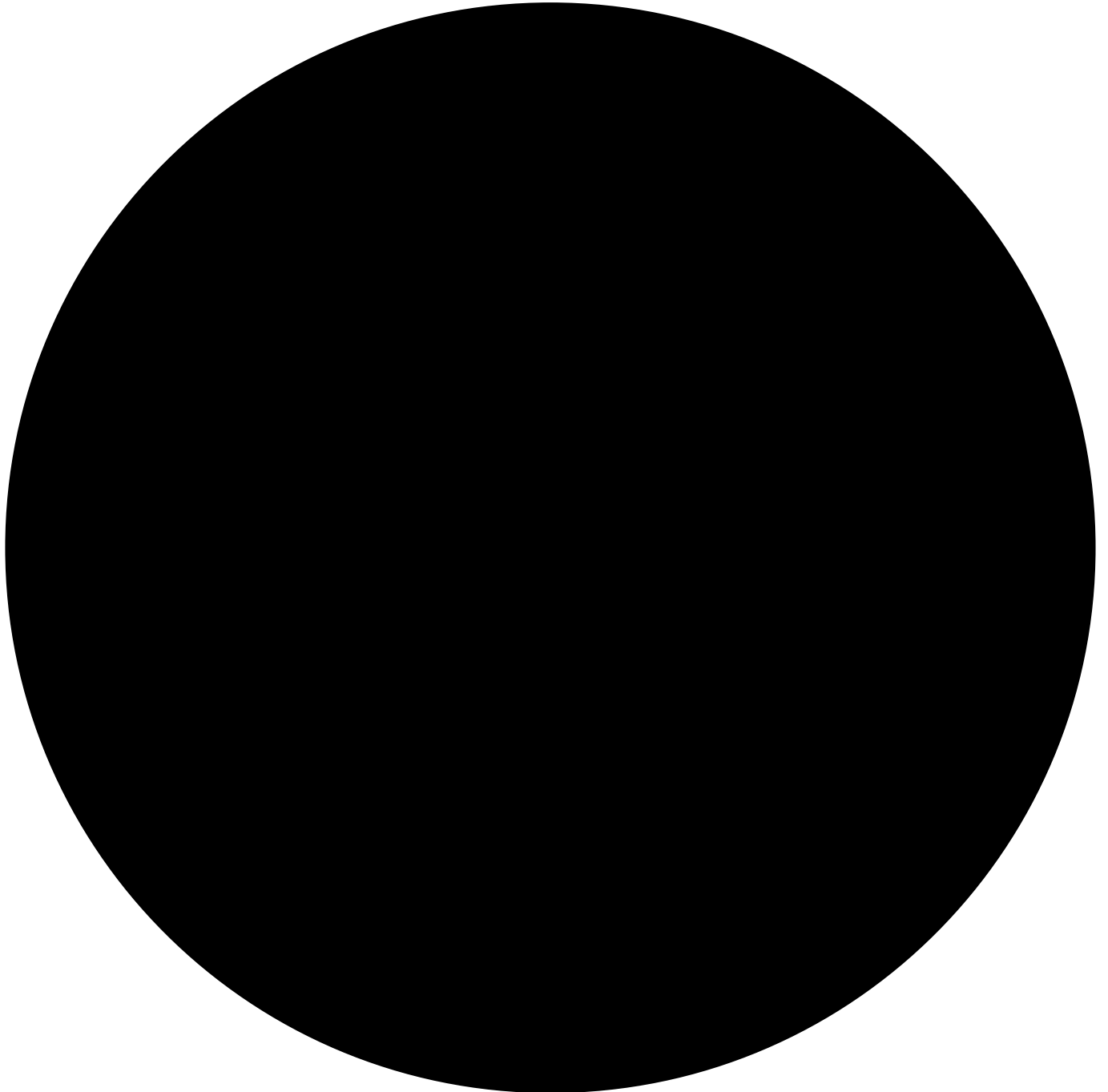
1. **Write in your own words.**
2. **Why did the narrator ignore the barking of dogs?**

Ans - i) It was a quiet afternoon as his parents and sisters were taking a nap. He had perfect backdrop for reading an adventure story.

1. He became deeply absorbed in reading the book.
2. **Why did mother-langur make no effort to grab her baby from the coop?**

Ans - i) She was convinced that no harm was being done to her child.

1. Her baby was under the care of the narrator. So, she had not access to her baby.
2. **Read the text carefully and arrange the occurrence of happenings in the text in a sequential order.**



**5) Discuss the following and write about it in your own words in 5-6 lines.**

a) What would you do, if you found an injured bird while



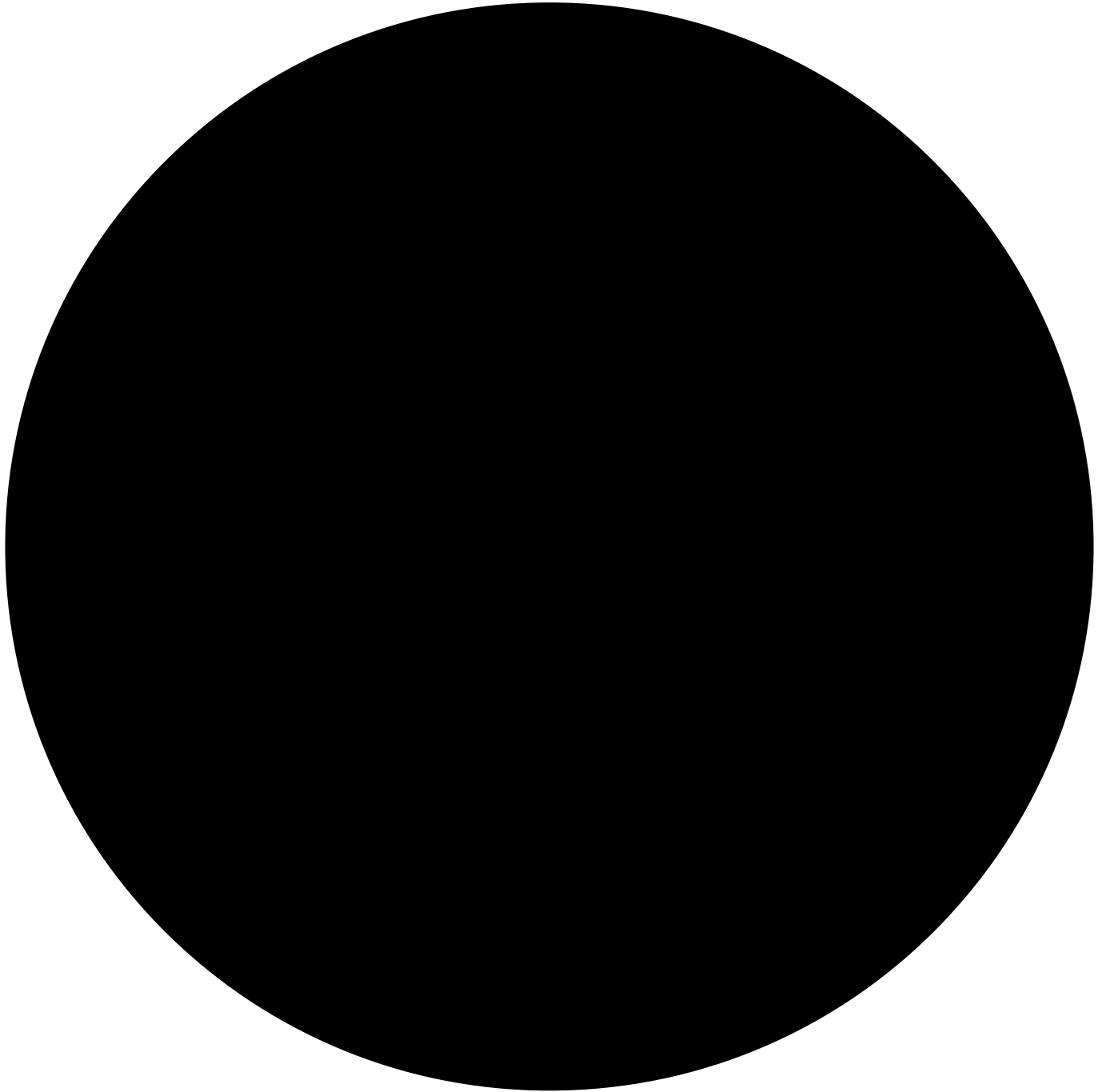
returning from your school?

Ans: If I found an injured bird while returning from school, first I would pick the bird up and get it to my home. I would then try to provide first-aid on the bird's injured parts and check if it can move its parts properly. I would also try to feed the bird some food and provide water. If the bird is still not able to move properly, I would ask my parents to take us to a vet so that the bird could get proper medical attention.

**b) What opinion do you form about the narrator, from the story?**

Ans: I feel the narrator was a kind and caring person. He could have easily ignored the barking of the dogs and continued with reading his book. However, when he found out about the baby langur being mercilessly attacked by the adult male langur, he ensured he helped the baby survive and scare the bad langur away. He also took the baby langur to his backyard and provided first-aid and food till the baby felt better and was able to go to his mother. All this showed the kind and caring nature of the narrator.

**6. Complete the following and write a paragraph on each of the given activities.**



Paragraph

### **1. Mother-child Relationship**

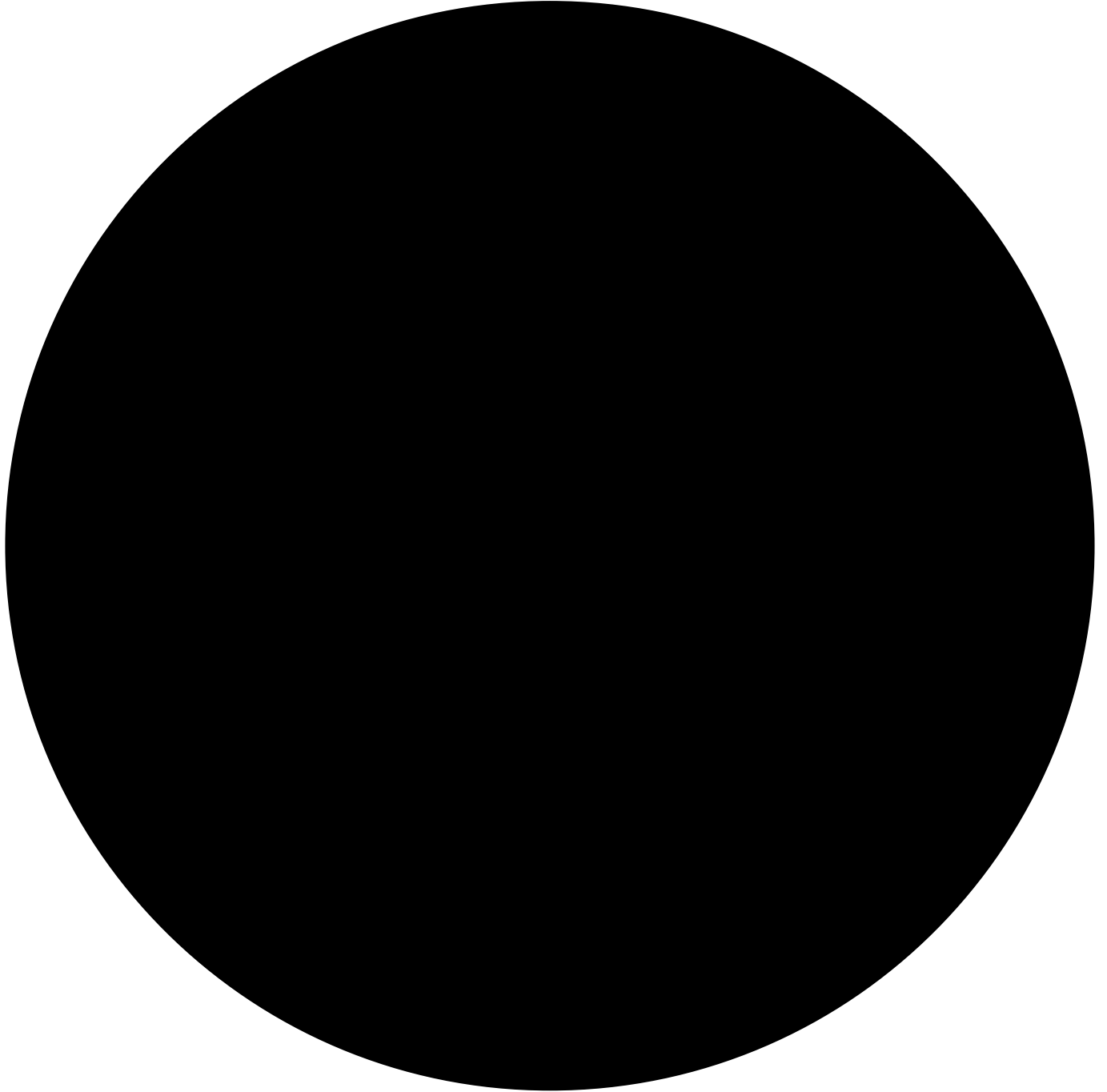
Mother-child relationship is one of the most special relationships in the world. The love and affection between a mother and her child is incomparable to any other relationship. No one

can care for their children like a mother and this forms an unique bond between the mother and child. Children also continuously look for protection as well as support from their mother as they grow and well into their adult life as well. The warmth of the mother and child relationship is truly something to celebrate.

### **1. How will I help an injured animal ?**

When an injured animal come across me, I will help that animal as following.

First of all, I will provide it with 1st aid. I will observe / examine the injury of that animal. I will provide-water and food to that animal. If the injury is serious, I will take it to a nearby vet hospital. I will call the rehabilitation centre and if the animal is wild animal, I will call the officials of the forest department to look after that animal. Animals and birds are a part of parcel of our life, so, it's our prime duty to take good care of them.



**8. Translate the following proverbs in English.**

(1) സർവ്വമനുഷ്യ സേവനം ദൈവ സേവനമാണ്. Service to man is service to God.

(2) നീ വിതയ്ക്കുന്നതുപോലെ നീ തരിയ്ക്കും. You reap as you sow.

