

Class 7 (English)  
5. Laughing Matters  
Sec. 1 Henry

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**1. Word meanings:-**

1. ornaments – unique features on the body of animals
2. crest – the pointed top part of the chameleon's head
3. squint – a condition in which both eyes look in a different direction
4. brandishing – waving something around
5. risen up in arms – protested
6. wary – cautious
7. overawe – impress someone so much that they feel nervous
8. boomerang – a curved piece of wood which comes back to the person who throws it
9. riot – noisy confusion
10. looked none the worse – seemed fine
11. abroad – out of the garden

**2. Tick the most appropriate options:-**

1. The people threw stones at the chameleon because someone said it could spit poison.
2. *Tiring of his wary attitude, I would tickle him gently in the ribs.* Wary attitude refers to the chameleon's distrust of the writer.
3. .... *the other eye would begin an independent survey of its own.* An independent survey of its own means both eyes moved at the same time.
4. What was the reason for the noise and excitement in the classroom? Henry had entered the classroom.

### 3. Answer the following questions:-

**Q.1** How did Henry behave when he was upset?

**Ans.** When Henry was upset, he would blow himself up to enormous size, change its colour from green to red and sit up on his hind legs, swaying from side to side.

**Q.2** How did Henry reach the principal's office in the school?

**Ans.** Grandmother sent a basket of papayas to her friend who was a school principal. Henry slipped into the basket in search of beetles and reached principal's office unnoticed along with the basket.

**Q.3** Why do you think Henry came back and never went out of the garden again?

**Ans** Henry was terrified after the school incident. Earlier also he had a bad experience when people hurled stones and brandished sticks to him. So it was safe for him to be in the garden.

### 4. Fill up the blanks with the correct words:-

1. Azim sits beside Krish in class.
2. People like to be on their own sometimes.
3. I saw a tree being struck down by lightening on a stormy night.
4. This water bottle is good for everyday use.
5. The residents listed numerous examples to prove that the neighbourhood park needed maintenance.

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