







INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

Lesson 41:

A Lion Tamer

Conversation Lesson with a Story,
Vocabulary Practice,
Questions and Activities

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The Story

A novice lion tamer was being interviewed.

'I understand your father was also a lion tamer,' the reporter queried.

'Yes, he was,' the man replied.

'Do you actually put your head in the lion's mouth?'

'I did it only once,' said the new tamer, 'to look for Dad.'

Source: Some Humorous Stories



- 1) 'Novice' means ...
 - a) a sign put in a public place
 - b) someone who is just beginning to learn a skill or subject
 - c) someone who has entered a religious community but is not yet a full member

- 2) A 'lion tamer' means ...
 - a) a female lion
 - b) a doctor for animals
 - c) someone who trains animals to stay calm when people are near them

- 3) To 'query' means ...
 - a) to ask because you want information or because you are not certain about something
 - b) to have tears coming from your eyes
 - c) to admire someone

- 4) 'Actually' is here used ...
 - a) for emphasizing what is really true or what really happened
 - b) when correcting what someone has said
 - c) for admitting something

Questions for Discussion

- 1) What happened to the tamer's father?
- 2) If you were the reporter what 3 questions would you ask the tamer?
- 3) Which job would you prefer to have being a reporter, or being a lion tamer? Why?
- 4) What qualities should a lion tamer have?

Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
 - a) novice
 - b) lion tamer
 - c) query
 - d) actually

A Related Proverb

'Roaring lions kill no prey.'

- What does the proverb mean?
- Is there a proverb in your mother tongue which bears the same meaning?

Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You are working at a summer camp in England. The camp leader has asked you to prepare a one-day trip for a group of children. First, you should agree on one activity and then talk about the details of the trip. Person B is going to play the role of the camp leader and will start the conversation.



Role Play:

Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- Place/Distance from the camp
- Transport
- Length of the trip
- Costs
- Food
- Other