

Indian woman fights and kills leopard

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An Indian woman has killed a leopard that attacked her near her village. Kamla Devi, 56, was on her way to fetch water from a canal in India's northern Uttarakhand state when the big cat jumped on her. She fought the animal for 30 minutes and finally

killed it. She is now recovering in hospital. She has many deep bites and cuts on her body and three fractures on her hands. Ms Devi told reporters: "I thought I was dead but I did not lose patience and courage....I fought head on with it for almost half an hour. Then I understood it was dead." She said she tried to stab the leopard with the small sickle she carried for use on her small farm. She remembers smashing some of the animal's teeth during the struggle.

Doctors are surprised she survived the attack. Most people attacked by a leopard have almost no chance of surviving. Her doctor Abdul Rahul said: "She has two fractures on the right hand and one on the left. She also has deep injuries on her head and legs. There are bite marks all over her body." Another doctor said: "The condition of the woman is stable. We have not counted the number of stitches, but there must be more than 100." One of Ms Devi's friends said: "She is very brave. She attacked the leopard and took the fight head on." Lakshpat Rawat, a leopard expert, told 'India Today': "Walking for one kilometer after the attack, with blood oozing out from her body, speaks a lot about her strong willpower to survive."

Sources: BBC / Hindustan Times / India Today

Writing

Compare leopards and lions. Which do you like better? Why?

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

leopard / fetch water / recovering / hospital / bites / patience / farm / teeth / struggle / surprised / survived / doctor / injuries / condition / stable / stitches / expert / blood

True / False

- A 26-year-old Indian woman fought and killed a leopard. T / F
- The fight between the woman and the leopard lasted half an hour. T / F
- The woman never feared for her life during the fight. T / F
- The woman managed to break some of the leopard's teeth. T / F
- Doctors are not surprised the woman survived the attack. T / F
- The woman has injuries to both of her hands. T / F
- The woman needed more than 100 stitches for her cuts. T / F
- The woman had to walk for 10 kilometres after the leopard attack. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. fetch | a. steady |
| 2. fractures | b. breaking |
| 3. courage | c. courageous |
| 4. smashing | d. breaks |
| 5. struggle | e. wounds |
| 6. chance | f. bravery |
| 7. injuries | g. possibility |
| 8. stable | h. fight |
| 9. brave | i. determination |
| 10. willpower | j. get |

Discussion – Student A

- What animal are you most afraid of and why?
- How might the attack change the woman's life?
- Have you ever had a fight? What about?
- How many times have you needed stitches? Why?
- What do you think of leopards?
- What's your favourite among the big cats?
- What three adjectives best describe this story? Why?
- What questions would you like to ask the woman?

Phrase Match

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| 1. a leopard that attacked | a. in hospital |
| 2. on her way to fetch | b. out from her body |
| 3. She is now recovering | c. patience |
| 4. I did not lose | d. marks all over her body |
| 5. She said she tried to | e. her near her village |
| 6. have almost no | f. of stitches |
| 7. There are bite | g. willpower |
| 8. counted the number | h. stab the leopard |
| 9. blood oozing | i. water from a canal |
| 10. strong | j. chance of surviving |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- How lucky is this woman?
- How dangerous are the animals in your country?
- What would you do if a leopard attacked you?
- Would you live in an area where there are leopards nearby?
- What injuries have you had?
- What do you think the woman thought of during the attack?
- How much courage do you have?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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| 6. g | 7. e | 8. a | 9. c | 10. i |

Role Play

Role A – Leopard

You think a leopard is the most dangerous creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't so dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): a tarantula, a crocodile or a shark.

Role B – Tarantula

You think a tarantula is the most dangerous creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't so dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): a leopard, a crocodile or a shark.

Role C – Crocodile

You think a crocodile is the most dangerous creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't so dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): a tarantula, a leopard or a shark.

Role D – Shark

You think a shark is the most dangerous creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't so dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): a tarantula, a crocodile or a leopard.

Speaking – Dangerous

Rank these with your partner. Put the most dangerous at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- leopard
- shark
- wolf
- bear
- tarantula
- scorpion
- snake
- crocodile

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.