

STD V: English Literature Assignment 1

Ch. 1: The owls in the Family.

Answer the following intext questions.

- Q1. Do you think the owlet was happy or scared when grandfather first picked it up?
- A1. The owlet was scared because it hissed and clacked its bill in defence.
- Q2. Why does the writer use the word enquiring?
- A2. Enquiring is used as an adjective to describe the owlet's curious face.
- Q3. How had the owlets come onto the veranda?
- A3. The owlets had fallen onto the veranda from the roughly built nest made by their mother.
- Q4. What did the mother owl do that made the narrator think that she did not trust him to look after the baby owls?
- A4. The mother owl had left a mouse with its tail tucked through the mosquito net for her babies to eat. This made the narrator think that she did not trust him to look after them.
- Q5. Which word is a synonym of scream and squeal?
- A5. The word shriek is a synonym of scream and squeal.
- Write the meaning of the following words.
 1. enquiring: curious.
 2. Prefers: to like something better.
 3. consider : to think about something better.
 4. emerged: appear or come out from somewhere.
 5. rough: not even or not well built.
 6. ledge: a narrow flat surface.