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## Chapter-6 | Mijbil the Otter Worksheet-1

## Multiple Choice Questions

1. **How does the writer mainly feel about Londoners' reaction to seeing an otter?**  
(a) Amused (b) Perplexed  
(c) Astonished (d) Frustrated
2. **How did Mijbil respond to hearing Maxwell's voice?**  
(a) By following him (b) By hiding behind the curtain  
(c) By ignoring him (d) By attacking him
3. **Why did Maxwell go to Basra?**  
(a) to go and meet their old friend  
(b) for some official work  
(c) to collect and answer his mail from Europe  
(d) to spend their vacation
4. **What is the main purpose of the story?**  
(a) To draw attention to the difficulties in transporting pets.  
(b) To caution people wanting to keep otters as pets.  
(c) To recount a series of entertaining incidents.  
(d) To highlight important events in the writer's life.
5. **What was Mijbil's behaviour at the beginning of the plot?**  
(a) Friendly (b) Hostile  
(c) Timid (d) Indifferent
6. **Why didn't Maxwell take British Airline to London?**  
(a) The flight was not available for the required dates  
(b) It was comparatively expensive  
(c) The airways did not permit animals to fly  
(d) The flight was not a direct one
7. **How much time did Maxwell take to remove the dust on the otter's body?**  
(a) One month (b) One hour  
(c) One week (d) One day
8. **Who was Mijbil?**  
(a) A dog (b) A friend  
(c) An otter (d) A roommate

9. **How did the Arabs bring the otter to the narrator's room?**  
(a) Packed in a box (b) In a carry bag  
(c) In a suitcase (d) Tied in a sack
10. **To whom did the otter resemble according to the narrator?**  
(a) A snake (b) A mongoose  
(c) A dragon (d) A rat

### Fill in the blanks :

11. The narrator's friend suggested to get an otter from \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The writer most likely to be feeling \_\_\_\_\_ when the otter arrived.

### True / False

13. Maxwell and Mijbil stayed at London for one week.
14. Maxwell made a body belt for Mijbil.

### Very Short Type Questions

15. Maxwell's fear of sending Mij to England was legitimate. Give a reason.
16. What does the writer say is the effect of otters on their owners?

### Short Type Questions

17. Why is Mij's species now known to the world as Maxwell's otter?
18. What did Mijbil do during the second night?

### Essay Type Questions

19. Give an account of Mijbil's journey to London.
20. How was Mij to be transported to England?

### HOTS

21. **Assertion (A) :** Mijbil caused a sensation in London.  
**Reason (R) :** Expound with reference to the chapter Mijbil the Otter.
- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.  
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.  
(c) A is true, but R is false.  
(d) A is false, but R is true.



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#### Answer & Solution

1. (a) Amused
2. (a) By following him
3. (c)  
He and his friend went to Basra to collect and answer their mail from Europe but after they reached they saw that his friend had gotten the mail but his mail did not arrive yet.
4. (c)  
To recount a series of entertaining incidents.
5. (d)  
The otter was indifferent and aloof for the first twenty-four hours. It chose to sleep on the floor to maintain a distance with the narrator.
6. (c)  
The British airline to London restricted the entry of animals. So Maxwell had to book another flight to Paris as he wanted to take Mijbil along.
7. (a)  
Maxwell took a month to get rid of all the dust that was settled on the otter's body. In fact, Mijbil's true colours were visible only after being cleaned thoroughly by the narrator.
8. (c)  
This was the author's new pet
9. (d)  
The otter was tied inside a sack brought by the two Arabs.
10. (c)  
According to Maxwell, the otter looked like a small dragon belonging to the Middle Ages.
11. Tigris marshes
12. Surprise
13. False
14. True
15. When Maxwell opened the box, in which he carried me in the aircraft, Mijbil ran out and disappeared at high speed. He caused a great hue and cry in the aircraft. There were sounds of shrieks across the flight.
16. Otter fixation  
Otter thraldom.
17. Mij's species is now known to the world as Maxwell's Otter, in the beginning, it was unknown to the science and was at length christened by zoologists as *Lutrogale Perspicillata Maxwelli* or Maxwell's otter.

18. The second-night Mijbil came on to Maxwell's bed in the small hours and remained asleep in the crook of his knees until the servant brought tea in the morning and during the day he began to lose his apathy and take a keen, much too keen, interest in his surroundings.
19. The author wanted to go to England. So he approached the British Airlines which refused to fly his otter, Mijbil. The author then booked a flight to Paris and then to London. The airline insisted on placing the otter in a box of 18 square inches. The author had a box made and placed the otter in it. When the author came after his meal, he was surprised to see that blood had trickled from the air holes of the box and its chinks. He opened the box and was horrified to see the otter's blood-spattered. In the aeroplane, the author was advised by the air hostess to keep Mijbil near his knees. When the box was opened, the otter was out of the box in a flash and disappeared down the aircraft. The author returned to his seat. Soon Mijbil came bouncing on his knees. It began to nuzzle his face and neck.
20. Maxwell and Mij had a peaceful time at Basra. Then there arose the problem of transporting Mij to England. Since British Airlines did not fly animals, Maxwell had to book a special flight to Paris on another airline and from there to London. The airline laid two conditions. Firstly, the animals should be packed in a box not more than eighteen square inches. Secondly, the box should be carried on the floor near the passenger's feet. Hence, Mij was put in the box. Maxwell had put Mij in the box and left for a meal. When he came back, he saw a horrific spectacle. There was complete silence in the box. However, from its air holes and chinks around the lid, blood had trickled and dried. He took off the lock and tore open the lid. Mij, exhausted and covered with blood, whimpered and caught his leg. He removed the last of it so that there were no cutting edges left..
21. The average Londoners were surprised to see such a unique animal. They made wild guesses about the otter. Some called him 'a baby seal', 'a squirrel', 'a walrus'. Others called him 'a beaver', 'a bear cub' and 'a leopard'. The best remark came from a labourer. On seeing Mijbil, he asked, "What is that supposed to be?"