

CHAPTER-8 | Mijbil the Otter

QUIZ-01

1. Where did Gavin Maxwell live when he decided to adopt an otter?

- A. London
- B. Camusfearna, Scotland
- C. Basra, Iraq
- D. Paris, France (B)

Explanation : The story begins with Gavin Maxwell living in a cottage in Camusfearna, located in the West Highlands of Scotland, where he felt lonely without a pet.

2. Why did Maxwell decide to get an otter instead of another dog?

- A. He was advised by a friend
- B. He thought it would suit Camusfearna's environment
- C. He loved otters since childhood
- D. He found otters easier to care for (B)

Explanation : Maxwell considered Camusfearna, surrounded by water, an ideal place to keep an otter as an experiment, instead of another dog.

3. Where did Maxwell acquire Mijbil the otter?

- A. From a market in London
- B. From an otter farm in Scotland
- C. From the Tigris marshes near Basra
- D. From a zoo in Paris (C)

Explanation : Maxwell's friend suggested that he could find an otter in the Tigris marshes near Basra, where otters were commonly tamed by locals.

4. What was unique about Mijbil's species?

- A. It was the only otter species in Iraq
- B. It was unknown to science before Maxwell found it
- C. It was found only in London
- D. It was an endangered species (B)

Explanation : Mijbil belonged to a previously unknown species later named *Lutrogale perspicillata maxwelli* or Maxwell's otter by zoologists.

5. How did Mijbil behave during his first day with Maxwell?

- A. Hostile and aggressive
- B. Aloof and indifferent
- C. Playful and friendly
- D. Scared and hiding (B)

Explanation : Mijbil was initially aloof and indifferent, choosing to sleep far from Maxwell's bed and showing no hostility or friendliness.

6. What did Mijbil do when taken to the bathroom for the first time?

- A. Refused to enter the water
- B. Played joyfully in the water
- C. Scratched the bathtub surface
- D. Slept inside the bathtub (B)

Explanation : Mijbil showed great joy in the water, rolling, plunging, and splashing around in the bathtub, characteristic of otters' playful nature.

7. What incident occurred when Maxwell transported Mijbil to London?

- A. Mijbil escaped from his box in the aircraft
- B. Mijbil was left behind at the airport
- C. Mijbil refused to board the plane
- D. Mijbil chewed through the aircraft seat (A)

Explanation : On the aircraft, Mijbil escaped from his box, causing panic among passengers, including someone mistaking him for a rat.

8. What game did Mijbil invent with a ping-pong ball?

- A. Passing it back and forth
- B. Rolling it down a suitcase lid and ambushing it
- C. Hiding it in water
- D. Tossing it into the air repeatedly (B)

Explanation : Mijbil enjoyed rolling the ping-pong ball down a damaged suitcase lid, ambushing it at the bottom, showcasing his intelligence and playfulness.

9. What were some of Mijbil's compulsive habits during walks in London?

- A. Chasing other animals
- B. Jumping onto a wall and running along it
- C. Sniffing every flower on the path
- D. Dragging Maxwell toward water (B)

Explanation : Mijbil had a habit of running along a low wall near a primary school on his way home, much to the distraction of the students and teachers.

10. What question surprised Maxwell the most about Mijbil from a passerby?

- A. Is that a baby seal?
- B. Is that a squirrel?
- C. What is that supposed to be?
- D. Is that a walrus? (C)

Explanation : A laborer's incredulous question, "What is that supposed to be?" after closely observing Mijbil, surprised Maxwell the most.