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Cobra Worship

A snake charmer sits by a large basket at the edge of a road in India. As he plays a flute, a brown cobra rises out of the basket and sways back and forth. People strolling on the road set down bowls of milk and rice for the deadly snake. They follow the road to a temple, enter it and approach a large brass statue of a cobra. They bow before the statue and toss flowers on the floor in front of it.

**Vocabulary:**

India: a country in southern Asia

cobra: a poisonous snake

temple: a building like a church

approach: come near to

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First Sentence: A snake charmer sits by a large basket at the edge of a road in India.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What are you picturing for...

1. the snake charmer? _____

2. the road? _____

3. the basket? _____

4. India? _____

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Second Sentence: As he plays a flute, a brown cobra rises out of the basket and sways back and forth.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What are you picturing for...

1. the snake charmer playing a flute? _____

2. the cobra? _____

3. the cobra rising? _____

4. the cobra swaying? _____

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Third Sentence: People strolling on the road set down bowls of milk and rice for the deadly snake.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What are you picturing for...

1. the people strolling on the road? _____

2. the people setting down bowls? _____

3. the milk? _____

4. the rice? _____

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Fifth Sentence: They bow before the statue and toss flowers on the floor in front of it.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What are you picturing for...

1. the people bowing? _____

2. the people tossing flowers? _____

3. the flowers? _____

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Fourth Sentence: They follow the road to a temple, enter it, and approach a large brass statue of a cobra.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What are you picturing for...

1. the people following the road? _____






2. the people entering a temple? _____

3. the people approaching the statue? _____

4. the statue? _____

Picture Summary:

Number your images in order. Here I saw...

-  the people entering a temple and approaching a cobra statue.
-  the snake charmer playing a flute, and a cobra rising out of the basket and swaying.
-  people strolling on the street and setting down bowls of milk and rice for the cobra.
-  the people bowing before the statue and tossing flowers on the floor.
-  a snake charmer sitting by a basket at the edge of a road.

Critical Thinking

Write a Word Summary:

HOT Questions:

1. From what you pictured, why does the snake charmer sit by the edge of the road? _____

2. From what you pictured, why does the snake charmer keep the cobra in a basket? _____

3. From what you pictured, why do the people set bowls of milk and rice by the snake? _____

4. From what you pictured, why do people visit the temple? _____

5. From what you pictured, why do people throw flowers on the floor in front of the statue? _____

6. From what you pictured, why is the title of this story "Cobra Worship"? _____

Main Idea:

Check the box that best describes all your images—the main idea.

- In India, people worship cobras.
- In India, some people offer food to a live cobra and flowers to a statue of a cobra.
- A cobra rises from a basket and sways back and forth.

