

The lion's paw



The lion opened his mighty jaws, gnashing his teeth and flashing his claws, and then he stretched out on the dusty floor.

Looked up at Androcles, held out his paw...

"Poor beast," said Androcles.

For a sharp thorn was stuck deep in the lion's paw. He took the sore paw in his hands, and he pulled the thorn until it came out. The lion yawned, and was soon snoring peacefully. The lion woke at dawn and went hunting. Soon, Androcles was feasting on fresh, raw meat, and the lion was gnawing the bones.

Androcles and the lion lived happily together in the cave for many months.

1. Tick (✓) the best answer.

What does *gnashing his teeth* mean?

Brushing his teeth. _____

Grinding his teeth. _____

2. Tick (✓) the best answer.

What's another way to say *gnawing the bones*?

Painting the bones. _____

Biting the bones. _____

3. Tick (✓) the best answer.

What does *paw* mean?

Someone who has no money. _____

An animal's foot. _____

4. What's another word for *scornfully*?

Nastily _____

kindly _____

5. Describe what the lion looks like.

6. Tick (✓) the best answer.

Why did Androcles say "Poor beast,"?

A) A wild beast came into the cave. _____

B) He felt sorry for the lion and wanted to help him. _____

C) The lion had no money. _____

7. Copy and write two words from the text that tell us the lion and Androcles were eating.
