

Nilgai Fun Quiz – Solutions

Q 1. Where are you likely to see the Nilgai in its natural habitat?

A 1. You are likely to see the Nilgai in a forest or an open plain in Northern India.

Q 2. Why are you likely to look at the Nilgai again?

A 2. You are likely to look at the Nilgai again because it looks like a large deer but its name says it's a cow (Gai means cow in Hindi).

Q 3. What is the Nilgai also called?

A 3. The Nilgai is also called the Blue Bull.

Q 4. Why is the Nilgai also called by this name?

A 4. The Nilgai is also called the Blue Bull because of the blue-gray hide of the male deer (Nil means blue in Hindi).

Q 5. What colour are female Nilgai?

A 5. Female Nilgai are reddish-brown above, with an underside that's pale.

Q 6. What do Nilgai feed on?

A 6. Nilgai feed on leaves and grass.

Q 7. How do Nilgai graze?

A 7. Nilgai graze together in a herd.

Q 8. Why do people leave the Nilgai to graze in peace without harming it?

A 8. People leave the Nilgai to graze in peace without harming it because they think the Nilgai are cows, which are considered sacred by Hindus in India.

Q 9. What do the male Nilgai use their horns for?

A 9. The male Nilgai use their horns to fight.

Q 10. How do Nilgai behave most of the time?

A 10. Most of the time Nilgai are peaceful.

Fun with words – Meanings in Context

curious = eager to learn more

discovered = found out or became aware of something

graze = feed like deer or cattle on grass or leaves

herd = a group of deer, cattle or other similar animals

laze = relax, sit or lie in an idle way

Tidbit – Helpful Hint

> Animals that feed only on leaves and grass are known as **Herbivores**, such as Deer, Rhinos, and Elephants. Some other types of animals based on what they eat are:

Carnivores that eat only meat, such as Tigers and Lions, and **Omnivores** that eat both meat and fruit, such as Bears.