My name is Jadav. I am sixteen years old. I live on an island in India. The island is called Majuli Island. It is in the middle of a great river.

One night, it starts to rain. It rains a lot. The water washes over the land. I wake up in the morning. The storm is over. I go outside and walk down the side of the river. There is a lot of mess. I see the sandbar in the river. It has no trees on it. There is something on the sand.
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I go to the sandbar and see snakes. There are a lot of them. They are all dead. The river brings them to the sandbar in the storm. There are no trees to shade the snakes. The hot sun kills them.

“This is not right,” I think. “I will talk to the village elders. Maybe they will help me.”

I walk to see the village elders.

“The snakes are dying,” I say. “The river is washing away their homes. They have no shelter from the hot sun. We need more trees. The animals need new homes.”

The elders give me some bamboo.

“Take this,” they say. “It grows quickly. It will make a good home. The snakes will like it.”

I take the bamboo.

**shade** (v) to keep sunlight from shining on something
**elder** (n) an older person
**shelter** (n) something that covers or protects; home
**bamboo** (n) a tropical plant
I take the bamboo. I plant it on the sandbar.

It grows very well.
VOCABULARY QUIZ

Test-1

Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs below.

hold together       wake up       look after       wash away

1. What time do you usually ................................ every day?
2. My neighbours are going on holiday.
   I will ............................ their cat.
3. Heavy rains .............................. the bridge.
4. Strong tape will .............................. the box ...............................

Test-2

Match the words with their definitions.

1. poacher  ___ a) the part of a tree that grows under the ground
                  b) not happy, upset
            c) a raised area of sand in a river
            d) to stop someone or something from dying or being hurt
            e) to keep sunlight from shining on something
            f) someone who hunts animals without permission
            g) all of something, full, complete

2. save
3. whole
4. sad
5. root
6. shade
7. sandbar