

I really miss the comforts of home.

Storyline: Harry just came back from a vacation in Africa. He told his friend how badly he had missed the comforts of home.

Dialogue:

Gabby: Hi, Harry, it's great to see you again. I heard you've traveled a lot recently.

Harry: Yeah. In the past three months I traveled to many countries in Africa.

Gabby: Well, I really envy you! Did you pet a hyena? (Harry is dumbfounded.) I'm just kidding.

Harry: Well, I didn't pet a hyena, but I was once chased by a rhino, and it was fun!

Gabby: Are you serious?

Harry: No. I'm just kidding.

Gabby: You really scared the heck out of me.

Harry: (Laughing....) Well, I really missed the comforts of home. Now I just want to take a break. A long break!

Vocabularies

Hyena- : doglike nocturnal mammal of Africa and southern Asia that feeds chiefly on carrion

Chased- to follow rapidly in order to catch or overtake

Serious- deeply interested or involve

Scared- to become frightened

Comforts- conditions or feelings of pleasurable ease, well-being, and contentment.

Expressions:

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Practice:

A: Well, I really envy you! Did you pet a _____? (Harry is dumbfounded.) I'm just kidding.

B: Well, I didn't pet a hyena, but I was once _____ by a rhino, and it was fun!

A: Are you _____?

B: You really _____ the heck out of me.

A: Well, I really missed the _____ of home.

Explain: Give your answer in sentence.

1. Have you tried to pet a wild animal? What kind of animal it is?
2. Do you also like to go to Africa to see the different wild animals? Why?
3. How can you help the environmentalist in preserving the animals in Africa?