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While reading

The Good Peasant's Son

1 **Finish these sentences. Try not to look at the book.**

a Martin's father gets very sick and …….. .

b Martin's mother gives him half the money to …….. .

c The first time Martin buys …….. .

d The second time Martin buys …….. .

e Because of his bringing two animals instead of food, Martin's mother …….. .

The Crocodile and the Hunter

2 **Find the mistakes in these sentences and correct them.**

a A hunter hides his food from a wildcat.
……

b A crocodile asks the hunter to help him return to the forest.
……

c The crocodile places the fifth load of fish on the riverbank.
……

d The crocodile uses a rope to drag the hunter into the water.
……

e The mat, the piece of cloth and the horse think humans have treated them fairly.
……

f The crocodile doesn't agree to accept Boaji's final decision.
……

Breaking the Chain

3 **Answer these questions.**

a How are alcohol and the "good light" related?
……

b What does the "good light" bring you?
……

c Where does the voice say Juanantes will find the bag containing treasure and a mandate?
……

d What different emotions does Cardenala experience before they get to the bag?
……

e What happens to Juanantes when he hears the name Prudencio Salvatierra in the bar?
……

f Why does Juanantes have to write his own mandate?
……

g What is the "chain" in the title of this story?
……

h Why does Juanantes blame Cardenala for the death of Prudencio Salvatierra?
……

4 **Put the following sentences in the order of the story.**

a ☐ Juanantes kills Prudencio Salvatierra.

b ☐ Juanantes writes his own mandate.

c ☐ Juanantes hears a voice.

d ☐ A horseman comes to get the bag by the fire.

e ☐ Juanantes reads the mandate.

Lukas's Luck

5 **Who says the sentences below, and who do they say them to? What are they talking about?**

a "We don't have food for ourselves."
……

b "My wife is godmother to your child."
……

c "So this is a debt I have to repay, is it?"
……

d "Yes, of course I will."
……

e "This is my gift to you child."
……

Wisdom for Sale

6 **Use these phrases to write true or false sentences about the story. Then ask your partners to find the wrong ones.**

a a terrible flood
……

b wisdom for sale
……

c a rupee's worth of wisdom
……

d a fool and a thief
……

e the jealous queens
……

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The Wooden Horse

7 Who …

a is at least 100 years old and very ugly?
b does the horse take closer and closer to the sun?
c doesn't believe that the prince married the princess the night before?
d does the prince have to fight to keep his life?
e refuses to eat and drink after the prince leaves Sana'a?

The Wedding Box

8 **Fill in the gaps in the sentences with the words below.**

son working spoiled flood house

Hsiang-ling starts **(a)** …… for Yûan-wai Lu after the **(b)** …… takes place. She takes care of his **(c)** …… . Hsiang-ling can visit all the palace but a small **(d)** …… at the end of the garden. The boy she has to look after is very **(e)** …… .

The Golden Apples

9 **Answer these questions.**

a Who lives in Asgard?
……
b Who lives in Midgard?
……
c How does the eagle make the gods angry?
……
d What does Loki promise the eagle?
……
e What happens to the gods when they eat Idun's apples?
……
f Why is Idun easy to trick?
……
g What happens to the goddess Freyja without the apples?
……
h What is special about Odin's sight?
……
i How do the gods kill Thiazi?
……

10 **Finish the sentences. Try not to look at the book.**

a The gods Odin, Honir and Loki leave their world to …… .
b Loki goes hunting and kills …….. .
c Food takes longer to …… .
d They see an eagle …….. .
e The eagle eats…… .
f Loki attacks …….. .
g The eagle frees Loki after …….. .
h Loki convinces Idun to go with him ……. .
i The eagle is in fact …… .
j As they can't eat any more apples …… .

Happy New Year

11 **Make questions to go with these answers.**

……?
a He gave it away.
……?
b Pork with red wine and red beans.
……?
c Sell her daughter.
……?
d "Borrow" some sweet potatoes.
……?
e The Buddha.
……?
f Because he didn't give Mr. Yeh anything.

After reading

12 **Do some research on another story about Loki, the Scandinavian god. Write the story in your own words and then share it with another student in class.**

13 **What will happen to these people? What will they do now?**

Mr. Yeh / Prince / Martin / The hunter / Juanantes

14 **Write a detailed description about one of the characters from the stories. Exchange descriptions with a partner. Your partner must guess who the character is. You must guess which character your partner has written about.**

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1 Find who did the following. Who …

a has eaten the butcher's best beef?
b made some special cakes?
c is very angry with Martin?
d pays Martin for three years' work with a bag of sand?
e turns into a snake?

2 What happened first? Number the sentences, 1–5.

a ☐ The crocodile wants to eat the hunter.
b ☐ The hunter meets Boaji.
c ☐ The crocodile can't find his way to the river.
d ☐ Boaji asks the crocodile and the hunter to show him exactly what happened.
e ☐ The hunter helps the crocodile.

3 Match a–e with 1–5 to form complete sentences.

a The voice Juanantes hears …..
b He tells Cardenala …..
c Juanantes thinks the voice is …..
d Cardenala thinks the voice is …..
e Inside the bag they find …..
1) an evil curse.
2) the bones of a man.
3) tells him to go to the top of a mountain.
4) about the voice he hears.
5) the way to the "good light."

4 Fill in the gaps with the words below.

careless major's old poor wealthy

Lukas has always been a **(a)** …… farmer but has been **(b)** …… so now he is **(c)** …… . When his baby is born, he and his wife ask the **(d)** …… wife to be the baby's godmother but she rejects them. So Lukas asks an **(e)** …… woman he meets in the street.

5 Find the correct option to answer these questions.

a What advice does the Brahman give the merchant's son? …..
1) Not to stand and watch two people fight.
2) Not to stand and watch to people argue
b Why is this good advice? …..
1) Because you might get dragged into the fight.
2) Because you may get lost.
c What happens when the merchant's son doesn't follow the advice? …..
1) He has to be a witness for both sides.
2) He has to fight to defend one of the men.
d The Brahman advises the merchant's son to pretend to be crazy. What is the problem with this advice? …..
1) He has to show everybody he is crazy.
2) He will have to pretend to be crazy for the rest of his life.
e How does the merchant's son know that the king will be in a good mood? …..
1) Because the king is talking in a nice way.
2) Because it is a beautiful evening and the king has just eaten well.

6 Decide who does the following things. Who …

a thinks the wooden horse is dangerous and should be destroyed? ……
b does the prince hear talking about the wizard, the princess and the horse? ……
c does the prince pretend to be in the land of the Greeks? ……
d spends half a day looking at the sky waiting for the horse to return? ……
e does Prince Kamar Al'Akmar invite to the palace after the wedding? ……

7 What happened first? Number the sentences, 1–5.

a ☐ Hsiang-ling has become spoiled.
b ☐ She gives her wedding box to another girl.
c ☐ There is a flood.
d ☐ She listens to a girl crying.
e ☐ Hsiang-ling doesn't like the wedding box.

8 Write true or false.

a The gods of Asgard explore the land.
b The eagle they meet shares food with them.
c Loki tells Idun a story about a tree.
d The eagle took Idun to the land of the birds.
e Idun's absence is quickly noticed.

9 Who says these things? Who to? Explain the situation.

a "Well, was it a good year?"
……
b "I gave it away."
……
c "I was feeling very happy that I was coming home."
……
d "Let me go! Please!"
……
e "But dear, I can't do this."
……

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