



51Talk
无忧英语



The Simple Farmer and His Donkey

We are going to learn a moral story about the farmer who didn't think for himself.



Warm-up

2 min



Who do you talk to when you need help?



Reading 3 min

Read with the teacher and then answer the question below.

There once was a simple farmer who believed whatever he was told. One day, the farmer and his son took their donkey to the market to sell, but some **mischievous** boys stopped them on the way.



What do you think the mischievous boys want?

To be continued... >>

**Reading****3** min

Read with the teacher and then move to the Word Focus.

The mischievous boys suggested that the son should ride the donkey to save him some **effort**. Then, they **ridiculed** the boy for riding the donkey, while his father walked, so they switched places. The boys then laughed at the father for making his son walk and told them that they should ride together.

**Word Focus**

- It's not nice to **ridicule** somebody for looking different.
- Should the boys **ridicule** the farmer and his son?

To be continued... >>



Reading

4 min

Read with the teacher and then move to the Word Focus.

With both the father and the son on its back, the poor donkey **collapsed** from exhaustion. The boys shouted at them for **abusing** the donkey, and then told them to take it to the vet, so once again the farmer followed their advice.



Word Focus

- People should never **abuse** animals.
- Do you think the farmer was **abusing** the donkey?

To be continued... >>



Reading 4 min

Read with the teacher and then answer the questions below.

On the way to the vet, the father and the son came across some **stray** dogs. They got scared and accidentally dropped the donkey into the river. The moral is: You can't please everyone, if you try to please everyone you will perhaps end up pleasing no one.



What moral did the farmer learn? Why is it important?

Let's practice. >>

**Task****4** min

Arrange the sentences in the correct order and then retell the story.

First

The farmer and his son got scared and accidentally dropped the donkey into the river.

Second

The boys ridiculed the son for riding the donkey, while his father walked, so they switched places.

Third

With both the father and son on its back, the poor donkey collapsed from exhaustion.

Fourth

The mischievous boys suggested that the son should ride the donkey to save him effort.

Fifth

The farmer and his son went to the market to sell their donkey.

More challenges! >>



Leadership

4 min

Discuss with the teacher.



Q1. Do you and your friends usually have different ideas?
My friends and I usually ...

Q2. What do you do if you and your friends have different ideas about something?
When my friends and I have different ideas about something, we ...

Q3. Whose advice do you follow most often?
I most often follow ...



Wrap-up

1 min

In this lesson, we...



learned a moral story about a farmer who didn't think for himself.



learned new words.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> mischievous | <input type="checkbox"/> effort |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ridicule | <input type="checkbox"/> collapse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> stray |

