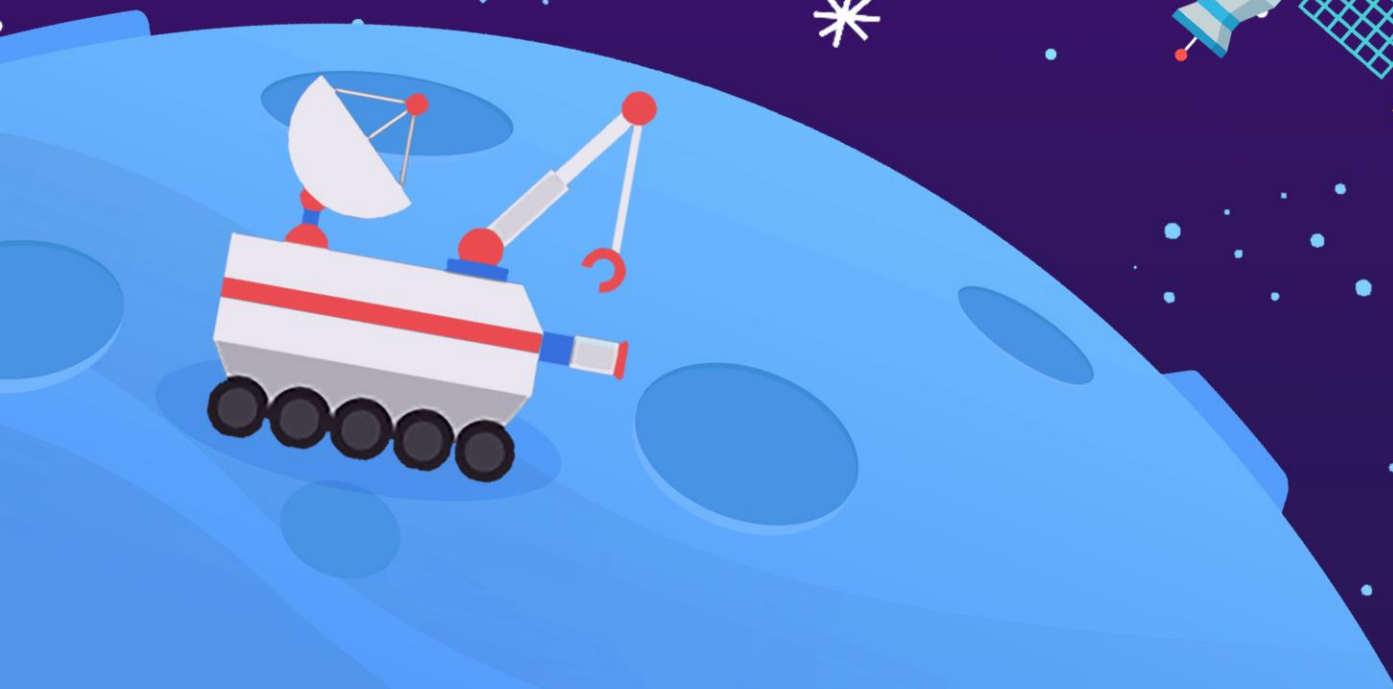




Lesson 173

# Three brothers



01

While-reading



# Read and think



Read the story and answer the questions.



Once upon a time, three brothers were walking on a road. They reached (到达) a deep and long river. But there was no bridge or any way so they cannot cross it.





# Read and think



This was Death's trick (把戏) that was aimed to (目的是) take their lives away. But they built a bridge with their magic power and crossed the river successfully (成功地).



# Read and think



Death stood before them. He pretended (假装) to praise their magic with gifts.

One is The Most Powerful Wand. One is The Magic Stone which can recall (召回) the dead. Another one is The Invisibility Cloak which enables people cannot be seen by anyone.



# Read and think



Q1: If you are one of the three brothers,  
which gift would you like to get? Why?







# Read and think



Q2: If you are the eldest brother, what would you like to do with The Most Powerful Wand? Why?



The eldest brother who wanted to win asked for The Most Powerful Wand.



# Read and think



Q3: If you are the second brother, what would you like to do with The Magic Stone? Why?



The second brother, an arrogant (傲慢的) man, chose to trick Death so he asked for The Magic Stone.





# Read and think



Q4: If you are the third brother, what would you like to do with The Invisibility Cloak? Why?



The third brother was the humblest (最谦逊的) and wisest person of the brothers. He had already found out (找到了) the plan of Death. He asked for The Invisibility Cloak.

Death gave him The Invisibility Cloak unhappily.



# Read and think



Q5: What was the plan of Death?



The three brothers took their gifts and soon walked on their own way.

The eldest brother found and killed the man who had fight against him (争斗过).



# Read and think



Then he showed off (炫耀) this wand and his powerful magic in a bar. When he was drunken (喝醉的), a man who heard his words killed him and stole the wand. Death took the life of the eldest brother happily.





# Read and think



The second brother returned to his home where he lived alone. He brought his beloved but dead girl back to the mortal world (人间) by using The Magic Stone happily.



# Read and think



Though the girl returned to his side (他的身边), she did not truly belong there. She suffered from endless pain. Finally, he was driven mad with hopeless longing to stay with his lover truly and forever. He killed himself. Death also took the life of the second brother much more happily.



# Read and think



Death searched for (找寻) the third brother for many years but never succeeded. After enjoying his whole life, the third brother finally took off The Invisibility Cloak and gave it to his son. Greeting Death as an old friend, they leave World happily.





# Read and think



Q6: Do you change your choice? Which gift would you like to choose now? Why?



Death cannot be avoided (避免) by anyone even the most intelligent and powerful man.

Cherish our lives (珍惜生命) wisely is what we can do.

02

Post-reading



# Look and order



Can you order the pictures according to the story?





See you next class!

