

The Fisherman and the Mermaid

A short story in eight parts

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WORKBOOK

CHAPTER 1 Some good news

VOCABULARY 1

Match the words with their meanings:

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| 1. Where the sea meets the land | a. stream |
| 2. Very happy | b. prepare |
| 3. Not salty, good to drink | c. midday |
| 4. The middle of the day, 12 o'clock | d. repair |
| 5. Not rich, without much money | e. seashore |
| 6. A small river | f. delighted |
| 7. Make something good again when it's broken | g. healthy |
| 8. Going to have a baby | h. poor |
| 9. Not ill, not sick | i. fresh |
| 10. To make something ready | j. pregnant |

VOCABULARY 2 Opposites

Write in the opposite of the **highlighted** words:

A **short** / _____ time ago, in a **large** / _____ village on the seashore, there lived a fisherman and his **ugly** / _____ wife. They lived in a small house made of wood. They were **rich** / _____ but **sad** / _____.

Every day the fisherman went out to catch fish in his small boat. He left very **late** / _____ in the morning, just **before** / _____ sunrise and came back every evening, just before sunset. Every day at midday he sailed to a small island called Duyong Island, where he cooked some of the fish he caught and drank some of the **salty** / _____ water from a stream on the island. In the afternoon he continued fishing.

His wife stayed at home and **broke** / _____ the fishing nets or made baskets from the pandan leaves which she collected from the beach around their house. In the evening, she prepared dinner. The fisherman always came back at the **different** / _____ time, just before it got **light** / _____.

COMPREHENSION 1

Four of the following sentences are not true. Underline the word in each sentence which is not correct.

1. The fisherman and his wife had very little money.
2. They lived in a large, wooden house.
3. The fisherman usually cooked chicken for lunch.
4. The fisherman's wife usually stayed at home when he went fishing.
5. The fisherman and his wife had no children.
6. The wife found out she was going to have a baby.
7. She decided not to tell her husband about the baby.
8. The fisherman was unhappy that his wife was pregnant.

COMPREHENSION 2 Short answers

1. What was the fisherman's house made of?
_____.
2. What did the fisherman eat for lunch every day?
_____.
3. Where did he find fresh water on the island?
_____.
4. What did the wife use to make baskets?
_____.
5. How did the fisherman feel when his wife told him she was pregnant?
_____.
6. What did the fisherman and his wife talk about that evening?
_____.
7. How many children did the fisherman and his wife have?
_____.
9. Which word in the text means when the sun comes up in the morning?
_____.

GAPFILL 1 Irregular Verbs

A long time ago, in a small village on the seashore, there lived a fisherman and his beautiful wife. They lived in a small house made of wood. They _____(be) poor but happy.

Every day the fisherman _____(go) out to catch fish in his small boat. He _____(leave) very early in the morning, just after sunrise and _____(come) back every evening, just before sunset. Every day at midday he sailed to a small island called Duyong Island, where he cooked some of the fish he _____(catch) and _____(drink) some of the fresh water from a stream on the island. In the afternoon he continued fishing.

His wife stayed at home and repaired the fishing nets or _____(make) baskets from the pandan leaves which she collected from the beach around their house. In the evening, she prepared dinner. The fisherman always _____(come) back at the same time, just before it _____(get) dark. Then one day, the fisherman's wife _____(find) out she was pregnant. This was going to be their first child. She _____(be) very happy and decided to tell her husband as soon as he _____(come) home that evening. All that day she _____(think) about their child: would it be a boy or a girl? What should they call it? Would it be strong and healthy?

When her husband arrived home that evening, she _____(tell) him the news. He was delighted and they _____(spend) the evening talking about their first child.

GAPFILL 2 Pronouns (it, he, his, she, they, their)

A long time ago, in a small village on the seashore, there lived a fisherman and _____ beautiful wife. _____ lived in a small house made of wood. _____ were poor but happy.

Every day the fisherman went out to catch fish in _____ small boat. _____ left very early in the morning, just after sunrise and came back every evening, just before sunset. Every day at midday _____ sailed to a small island called Duyong Island, where _____ cooked some of the fish _____ caught and drank some of the fresh water from a stream on the island. In the afternoon _____ continued fishing.

_____ wife stayed at home and repaired the fishing nets or made baskets from the pandan leaves which _____ collected from the beach around _____ house. In the evening, _____ prepared dinner. The fisherman always came back at the same time, just before _____ got dark.

Then one day, the fisherman's wife found out _____ was pregnant.

WRITING

1. *Put the sentences into the correct order. Write the numbers in the boxes:*

- He was very happy to hear this
- Every day the fisherman went to the sea in his small boat.
- While he was fishing, his wife repaired the nets and made baskets.
- One day she found out she was going to have a baby.
- A fisherman and his wife lived in a small house by the sea
- That evening she told her husband about the baby.

2. *Imagine you are the fisherman. Write a diary page about today. Write a few sentences to describe what you did. Describe what happened when you got home and describe how you felt when your wife told you she was going to have a baby.*

CHAPTER 2 A Magic Fruit!

VOCABULARY 1

Match the words with their meanings:

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| 1. Normally e.g. it happens most of the time | a. mermaid |
| 2. (Almost) the same as (you) | b. true, truly |
| 3. Better than normal | c. flesh |
| 4. Half woman, half fish | d. like (you) |
| 5. Tastes very good | e. special |
| 6. Strong power to do unusual things | f. wish |
| 7. The part of the fruit that you eat | g. delicious |
| 8. Gives | h. grants |
| 9. A strong desire to do something | i. magic |
| 10. Really | j. as usual |

VOCABULARY 2 Anagrams

Find the words from the passage hidden in the anagrams below:

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|------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| 1. HEN IS FARM | _____ | Clue: he catches seafood |
| 2. RANG ME THROD | _____ | Clue: your mother's mother |
| 3. HEY HALT | _____ | Clue: not sick |
| 4. CAP LIES | _____ | Clue: not just normal |
| 5. DISCO LIEU | _____ | Clue: very tasty |
| 6. NEVER HEW | _____ | Clue: at any time |
| 7. GAMIC | _____ | Clue: special powers |
| 8. HAS PREP | _____ | Clue: maybe |
| 9. HANS BUD | _____ | Clue:and wife |
| 10. DID CEDE | _____ | Clue: chose what to do |

COMPREHENSION 1

What do we know about the mermaid fruit? Write **TRUE** or **FALSE**:

1. It grows in the grandmother's garden. _____
2. It grows in many different places. _____
3. It tastes very good. _____
4. Some people believe it is magic. _____
5. Everyone who eats the fruit can have one wish. _____
6. The grandmother ate the fruit when she was young. _____
7. The fisherman's wife wants to eat some. _____
8. The grandmother wants the fisherman's wife to eat the fruit. _____

COMPREHENSION 2 Short answers:

1. Who did the wife visit that day?
_____.
2. What did they drink?
_____.
3. Who told the grandmother about the mermaid fruit?
_____.
4. What does 'buah duyong' mean?
_____.
5. Where does the mermaid fruit grow?
_____.
6. How many wishes can the fruit give each day?
_____.
7. Who can find some fruit for the wife?
_____.
8. What does the fisherman's wife want to wish for?
_____.

GAPFILL 1 Verbs

The next day the fisherman went out in his boat as usual. After he _____ (leave), his wife decided _____ (go) and visit her grandmother. She wanted _____ (ask) her grandmother what she should _____ (do) to make sure her baby would be healthy and strong.

Her grandmother made her a cup of strong coffee and they _____ (sit) down to talk about the baby.

‘When I was a young woman like you,’ said the grandmother, ‘my mother _____ (tell) me about a special fruit which _____ (grow) on an island not far from here. The fruit is called ‘mermaid fruit’ and grows only on Duyong Island. People _____ (say) it is delicious. People also say that the flesh from this fruit is magic. Whenever someone _____ (eat) the flesh they can make a wish and the wish _____ (come) true. But according to the story, the fruit _____ (give) only one wish each day.’

‘Oh, really?’ _____ (ask) the young woman. ‘I would love _____ (find) this fruit and eat some. I would wish for a strong, healthy baby. Perhaps my husband can find some of this fruit. He _____ (sail) his boat near Duyong Island every day.’

‘Mmmmm,’ said the grandmother. ‘Perhaps he can. But _____ (be) careful. Not all magic is good magic.’ And with that, she took away the coffee cups and sent her grand-daughter home.

GAPFILL 2

The next day the fisherman went out in his boat _____ usual. After he left, his wife decided to go and visit her grandmother. She wanted to ask her grandmother what she should do to make _____ her baby would be healthy and strong.

Her grandmother made her a cup _____ strong coffee and they sat down to talk _____ the baby.

‘When I was a young woman _____ you,’ said the grandmother, ‘my mother told me _____ a special fruit which grows on an island not far _____ here. The fruit is called ‘mermaid fruit’ and grows only _____ Duyong Island. People say it is delicious. People also say that the flesh from this fruit is magic. Whenever someone eats the flesh they can make a wish and the wish will come _____. But according to the story, the fruit gives only one wish _____ day.’

‘Oh, really?’ asked the young woman. ‘I would love to find this fruit and eat some. I would wish _____ a strong, healthy baby. Perhaps my husband can find some of this fruit. He sails his boat near Duyong Island _____ day.’

‘Mmmmm,’ said the grandmother. ‘Perhaps he can. But be careful. Not _____ magic is good magic.’ And with that, she took _____ the coffee cups and sent her grand-daughter home.

WRITING

What do you know about the mermaid fruit? Write a few sentences about it.

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CHAPTER 3 The Promise

VOCABULARY 1

Match the words with their meanings:

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| 1. Went back | a. A couple |
| 2. Gather together | b. Darling |
| 3. Husband and wife; two people | c. Promise |
| 4. A place to buy and sell food | d. Market |
| 5. Arrived somewhere | e. Far |
| 6. A long way to go | f. To collect |
| 7. A sea creature with large claws | g. Returned |
| 8. Someone you love very much | h. Reached |
| 9. Midday meal | i. Crab |
| 10. Say you will do something for sure | j. Lunch |

VOCABULARY 2 Anagrams

Find the words from the passage hidden in the anagrams below:

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|--------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1. lop cue | _____ | Clue: Two people |
| 2. grin lad | _____ | Clue: Someone you love |
| 3. ripe som | _____ | Clue: 'I'll do it, I _____' |
| 4. met ark | _____ | Clue: Where you buy food. |
| 5. cot cell | _____ | Clue: Get together |
| 6. truer end | _____ | Clue: Came back |
| 7. he raced | _____ | Clue: Arrived |
| 8. barc | _____ | Clue: A sea creature |
| 9. huncl | _____ | Clue: Midday meal |
| 10. raf | _____ | Clue: Not near |

COMPREHENSION 1 True / False?

1. The fisherman and his wife sold all their fish at the market. _____
2. The wife thinks the fruit would be good for their child. _____
3. The fisherman didn't really want to find any fruit for her. _____
4. The fisherman always ate breakfast on Duyong Island. _____
5. The wife told the fisherman about her visit to her grandmother. _____
6. She didn't tell him about the magic wish. _____
7. The fisherman was interested to hear about the magic fruit. _____
8. The fisherman quickly forgot about the fruit. _____

COMPREHENSION 2

Answer these questions in **FULL** sentences, not just short answers:

1. Where did the fisherman and his wife take the fish?
_____.
2. What did they do with the fish they didn't sell?

_____.
3. What did the wife ask the fisherman to do?
_____.
4. What did the fisherman promise to do?
_____.
5. How did the fisherman feel about the magic fruit?
_____.

GAPFILL 1 Verbs

When the fisherman returned home that evening, his wife ran down to the beach to meet him. She helped him _____ (pull) the boat onto the sand and she collected the nets which she would _____ (repair) the next day. Then the fisherman and his wife carried the fish to the market where they _____ (sell) as much as they could. They gave some of their fish to a poor old couple who lived in the village, and the rest they _____ (leave) for the birds and crabs to finish.

When they reached their small house, she said to him:

'Husband, I would really like to eat mermaid fruit. I _____ (hear) there are some delicious fruits on Duyong Island, not far from where you go _____ (fish). The fruit is very good for our child. Could you find some for me?'

'Of course, my darling wife,' said the fisherman. 'I _____ (find) some for you when I go fishing tomorrow. I always sail to Duyong Island _____ (have) my lunch. I will find some mermaid fruit for you then, I promise.'

That evening she told the fisherman about her visit to her grandmother. She told him how delicious the mermaid fruit _____ (be), and she told him about the magic wish. He was very excited, too, and in his head he _____ (think) about what he would wish for.

GAPFILL 2 Prepositions

When the fisherman returned home that evening, his wife ran down to the beach to meet him. She helped him to pull the boat _____ the sand and she collected the nets which she would repair the next day. Then the fisherman and his wife carried the fish _____ the market where they sold as much as they could. They gave some of their fish to a poor old couple who lived in the village, and the rest they left _____ the birds and crabs to finish.

When they reached their small house, she said to him:

'Husband, I would really like to eat mermaid fruit. I've heard there are some delicious fruits _____ Duyong Island, not far _____ where you go to fish. The fruit is very good _____ our child. Could you find some for me?'

'Of course, my darling wife,' said the fisherman. 'I will find some for you when I go fishing tomorrow. I always sail to Duyong Island to have my lunch. I will find some mermaid fruit _____ you then, I promise.'

That evening she told the fisherman _____ her visit to her grandmother. She told him how delicious the mermaid fruit was, and she told him about the magic wish. He was very excited, too, and _____ his head he was thinking about what he would wish _____.

WRITING

What do you think the fisherman was thinking about that night? What do you think he would wish for? If you could have a wish, what would you wish for?

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Chapter 4 A Good Day's Fishing!

VOCABULARY 1

Match the words with their meanings:

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| 1. Got something ready | a. reminded |
| 2. Helped someone to remember something | b. filled |
| 3. Certainly, sure | c. shore |
| 4. Became full | d. prepared |
| 5. Having a lot of work to do | e. busy |
| 6. Nearly | f. set sail |
| 7. Started the journey in the boat | g. almost |
| 8. Far down, opposite of 'high' | h. low |
| 9. Without danger | i. of course |
| 10. Edge of the sea, beach | j. (in) safety |

*Now use some of the words above to replace the **highlighted** words in these sentences:*

1. I'm glad you _____ **told** me to send that letter or I would have forgotten.
2. 'Do you think it will rain today?'
_____ **Sure**, it always rains during this month.'
3. When I arrived home, dinner was already _____ **cooked**.
4. It was raining very heavily but we reached home _____ **without any danger**.
5. The water level in the river was so _____ **far down** that the boat couldn't _____ **start the journey**.
6. 'Have you finished writing your book yet?'
'_____ **Nearly**, but I'm _____ **working hard** trying to find a good ending.'

VOCABULARY 2 Opposites

Write in the opposites of the **highlighted** words to give the original meaning of the passage:

The next day the fisherman and his wife got up _____ / **late** and prepared the boat for the day's fishing. Just _____ / **after** the fisherman left the house, his wife reminded him:

'Husband, don't _____ / **remember** to bring me some mermaid fruit when you come back today.'

'Of course I _____ / **will** forget,' said the fisherman and he climbed _____ / **out of** his boat and sailed out to the sea.

That day was a very _____ / **bad** day for the fisherman. Every time he threw his net into the sea, it soon filled up with fish. After only a _____ / **lot of** hours his boat was _____ / **empty** of fish. He was so busy catching fish that he forgot to sail to Duyong Island for his lunch, and he forgot about his promise to _____ / **lose** some mermaid fruit for his wife. It was only when he was pulling in his net for the _____ / **first** time that day that he remembered his promise.

COMPREHENSION 1 True /False

Decide which of the following sentences are **True** and which are **False**.

1. The couple prepared the boat for the day's fishing. _____
2. His wife told him not to forget to find the mermaid fruit. _____
3. The fisherman caught few fish that day. _____
4. He didn't eat lunch that day. _____
5. He sailed to Duyong Island as usual that day. _____
6. He went home early because he caught so many fish. _____
7. The journey home was quite easy. _____
8. He arrived home just after sunset. _____

COMPREHENSION 2

1. When did the wife remind the fisherman about his promise?
 - a. When they woke up
 - b. Just before they went out of the house
 - c. When they reached the seashore

2. Why did the fisherman forget to eat at midday?
 - a. He was trying hard to catch some fish.
 - b. He wasn't very hungry.
 - c. He was catching a lot of fish.

3. When did he remember his promise?
 - a. When he was almost finished fishing.
 - b. When he arrived home.
 - c. When his wife asked him about it.

4. What did he decide to do?
 - a. Find some mermaid fruit the next day.
 - b. Go to Duyong Island on his way home.
 - c. Take the fish home and then look for some fruit.

5. Why did the fisherman find it difficult to reach the shore?
 - a. It was almost dark.
 - b. His boat was heavy with fish.
 - c. He forgot his promise to his wife.

GAPFILL 1 Verbs

The next day the fisherman and his wife _____ (get) up early and prepared the boat for the day's fishing. Just before the fisherman _____ (leave) the house, his wife reminded him:

'Husband, don't forget _____ (bring) me some mermaid fruit when you come back today.'

'Of course, I _____ (not forget),' said the fisherman, and he climbed into his boat and sailed out to the sea.

That day _____ (be) very good for the fisherman. Every time he _____ (throw) his net into the sea, it soon filled up with fish. After only a few hours his boat was full of fish. He was so busy _____ (catch) fish that he _____ (forget) to sail to Duyong Island for his lunch and he forgot about his promise _____ (find) some mermaid fruit for his wife. It was only when he was pulling in his net for the last time that day that he remembered his promise.

'Oh dear!' he _____ (say) to himself. 'I almost forgot my promise to my wife. But what shall I do? It's almost dark and I must return home with all this fish. Never mind about the mermaid fruit. I _____ (find) some tomorrow.'

So he _____ (set) sail and returned to the sea shore. It _____ (not be) easy because the boat was full of fish. The boat was so heavy that it _____ (sit) low in the water but the fisherman reached the safety of the shore just before it _____ (get) dark.

GAPFILL 2 Prepositions

The next day the fisherman and his wife got _____ early and prepared the boat _____ the day's fishing. Just before the fisherman left the house, his wife reminded him:

'Husband, don't forget to bring me some mermaid fruit when you come back today.'

'Of course, I won't forget,' said the fisherman, and he climbed _____ his boat and sailed _____ to the sea.

That day was very good for the fisherman. Every time he threw his net _____ the sea, it soon filled up with fish. _____ only a few hours his boat was full of fish. He was so busy catching fish that he forgot to sail to Duyong Island _____ his lunch and he forgot _____ his promise to find some mermaid fruit for his wife. It was only when he was pulling _____ his net for the last time that day that he remembered his promise.

'Oh dear!' he said _____ himself. 'I almost forgot my promise _____ my wife. But what shall I do? It's almost dark and I must return home _____ all this fish. Never mind _____ the mermaid fruit. I will find some tomorrow.'

So he set sail and returned to the sea shore. It wasn't easy because the boat was full _____ fish. The boat was so heavy that it sat low _____ the water but the fisherman reached the safety of the shore just before it got dark.

WRITING

Write a few sentences about this part of the story. What did the fisherman and his wife do in the morning? Explain why the fisherman forgot about his promise and what he decided to do.

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Chapter 5 A Broken Promise!

VOCABULARY 1

Match the words with their meanings:

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| 1. A little bit unhappy about something | a. calm |
| 2. Said you're sorry (you did something wrong!) | b. angry |
| 3. Flat, no waves (in the sea), also not angry | c. mirror |
| 4. When you look into this, you can see yourself | d. disappointed |
| 5. Place | e. empty |
| 6. Nothing inside | f. spot |
| 7. Ask yourself | g. apologised |
| 8. Lucky, luckily | h. fortunate(ly) |
| 9. Now, without waiting | i. wonder |
| 10. Very annoyed | j. immediately |

Now use some of the words above to complete this passage:

I said I would meet my friend outside the cinema because we wanted to see a movie together. I was a little bit _____ when she didn't arrive on time. 'I _____ where she can be,' I thought. I waited and waited on the same _____ for more than an hour! When she finally arrived I was really _____ with her and wouldn't speak to her. She _____ to me and asked me to _____ down. We went into the cinema _____ and found our seats. _____ the movie hadn't started yet so we were able to watch the film even though we were so late.

VOCABULARY 2 Anagrams

Find the hidden words from the text in the anagrams below and then match them with their meanings:

EXCEL TIDY	_____	with great emotion
TIRED NEFF	_____	not the same
NOT FORGET	_____	couldn't remember
MOTOR ROW	_____	the next day
DAME RIM	_____	half woman, half fish
MILE RET OK	_____	one thousand metres
TABS FREAK	_____	first meal of the day
MEDIAL YET MI	_____	don't wait!
NING EVE	_____	late afternoon
A DIED PIN POST	_____	not very happy

COMPREHENSION 1 True / False

1. When he arrived home his wife was cooking dinner in the kitchen. _____
2. The first thing she spoke about was the mermaid fruit. _____
3. She was unhappy when he said he didn't bring any fruit. _____
4. She apologized to him for being angry. _____
5. The fisherman gave two reasons why he didn't bring any fruit. _____
6. The fisherman caught a lot of fish the next morning. _____
7. The second spot where he fished was better than the first. _____
8. The fisherman didn't remember his promise to his wife
until he arrived home in the evening. _____

COMPREHENSION 2 Short answers

1. How did the wife feel when she found out her husband did not bring
mermaid fruit that day? _____
2. Which word describes the sea the next day? _____
3. In what way was the fisherman not so lucky in his usual place the next
day? _____
4. How long did he spend in the usual place? _____
5. How far did he sail to the new fishing place? _____

GAPFILL 1 Verbs

When he arrived home that evening, his wife _____ (run) to the beach to meet him.

'Have you brought me some mermaid fruit?' she asked excitedly. She was very disappointed when he _____ (tell) her that he _____ (not have) any with him.

'But you promised me you would find some!' she _____ (say).

'I'm sorry!' he said but my boat was full of fish and it was getting dark so I _____ (have) to come home immediately. I promise I will bring you some tomorrow.'

The next day, early in the morning, the fisherman _____ (get) up early, _____ (have) some breakfast and _____ (go) down to the sea.

Once again his wife reminded him about the promise to bring some mermaid fruit from Duyong Island.

'Of course, I won't forget this time,' he promised, and _____ (set) sail in his boat.

The sea _____ (be) very calm, almost like a mirror, as he reached the place where he _____ (throw) his net into the sea. But today he was not so lucky. Each time he pulled in his net, it was almost empty.

'Oh dear,' he _____ (think), 'I wonder where all the fish have gone today.'

He _____ (spend) a long time in his usual place but he _____ (not catch) many fish. After a few hours he decided to try a different place, about five kilometers away. When he threw his net into the sea it wasn't long before it filled up. This happened a few times and by early evening he _____ (have) enough fish so he decided to return to the shore.

GAPFILL 2

When he arrived _____ that evening, his wife ran to the beach to meet him. 'Have you brought me some mermaid fruit?' she _____ excitedly. She was very _____ when he told her that he did not have any with him. 'But you promised me you would find some!' she said. 'I'm _____!' he said but my boat was full of _____ and it was getting dark so I had to come home immediately. I promise I will bring you some _____.'

The next _____ the fisherman got up early, had some breakfast and went down to the sea. Once again his wife reminded him about the _____ to bring some mermaid fruit from Duyong Island. 'Of _____ I won't forget this time,' he promised, and set sail in his _____.

The sea was very _____, almost like a mirror, as he reached the place where he threw his _____ into the sea. But today he was not so _____. Each time he pulled in his net, it was _____ empty. 'Oh dear,' he thought, 'I wonder where all the _____ have gone today.'

WRITING

Write a few sentences about why the fisherman forgot his promise to his wife in this part of the story.

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Chapter 6 A Sleepless Night!

VOCABULARY 1

Match the words with their meanings:

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| 1. Water from your eyes when you feel sad | a. in her head |
| 2. Water moving quite quickly in large amounts | b. ashamed |
| 3. Part of your face, just under your eyes | c. cheeks |
| 4. On her mind | d. furious |
| 5. Feeling bad about something you've done | e. streaming |
| 6. All | f. plan |
| 7. Very angry | g. tears |
| 8. Decide to do something and how to do it | h. whole |

Now use some of the words above to complete this passage:

When the boy's parents found out he had stolen the money, he felt very _____ because he loved his parents very much and didn't want to hurt them. His _____ turned dark red in colour. His father was really _____ with his son and wouldn't speak to him. His mother spent the _____ day crying. You could see the _____ streaming down her face.

VOCABULARY 2 **Opposites**

Write the opposites of the **highlighted** words to give the meaning of the original passage.

When he arrived home his wife helped him pull the boat _____ / **into** the water, collected the nets and took the fish to market to _____ / **buy**. When they sold all the fish and went back home, she _____ / **answered** him excitedly:

'Well, my _____ / **wife**, have you brought me mermaid fruit? Where is it? I can't see any.'

She was very _____ / **happy** when he told her that he didn't have any mermaid fruit.

'Don't you _____ / **hate** me anymore? Why do you _____ / **never** break your promises?' she asked _____ / **calmly** and immediately _____ / **stopped** crying, tears streaming _____ / **up** her cheeks.

COMPREHENSION 1 **Short answers**

1. 'Well, my husband, have you brought me mermaid fruit?' Which word in the passage describes **how** she said this? _____
2. Where did they sell the fish? _____
3. How did she feel when he told her he didn't have any fruit for her?

4. Which word in the passage describes how he felt about forgetting his promise? _____
5. Which word in the passage describes how the wife felt that night?

COMPREHENSION 2

1. ***'Don't you love me anymore?'*** Why did the wife ask this?
 - a. Because he had brought back a lot of delicious fish.
 - b. Because he had forgotten his promise to her again.
 - c. Because he didn't want to find mermaid fruit for her.

2. ***'But look at all the beautiful, delicious fish I have caught for you, my love!'*** What was the fisherman thinking when he said this?
 - a. He thought his wife would be happy to have the fish.
 - b. He thought his wife wanted him to catch as many fish as many.
 - c. He thought his wife wouldn't be interested in the fish.

3. How did the fisherman feel because he had forgotten the mermaid fruit?
 - a. ashamed
 - b. angry
 - c. not interested

4. Why couldn't the fisherman sleep well that night?
 - a. He wasn't tired.
 - b. He was planning what to do the next day.
 - c. He felt ashamed because he had broken his promise.

5. Why couldn't the fisherman's wife sleep that night?
 - a. She wasn't sleepy.
 - b. She was ashamed about the broken promise.
 - c. She was deciding what to do the next day.

GAPFILL 1 Verbs

When he arrived home his wife helped him _____ (pull) the boat out of the water, collected the nets and _____ (take) the fish to market to sell. When they _____ (sell) all the fish and went back home, she asked him:

'Well, my husband, _____ (you bring) me mermaid fruit? Where is it? I can't _____ (see) any.'

She was very disappointed when he _____ (tell) her that he didn't have any mermaid fruit.

'Don't you love me anymore? Why do you always break your promises?' she asked angrily and immediately started _____ (cry), tears streaming down her face.

'But look at all the beautiful, delicious fish I _____ (catch) for you, my love!' said the fisherman, but he _____ (know) that she was not so interested in the fish. He knew that the only thing on her mind _____ (be) the mermaid fruit.

The fisherman _____ (feel) sorry for her and was a little ashamed that he _____ (not keep) his promise. He _____ (think) about this all night and couldn't sleep.

'I must keep my promise tomorrow,' he said to himself. 'I _____ (not forget) again!'

His wife _____ (cannot) sleep either.

GAPFILL 2

Prepositions

When he arrived home his wife helped him pull the boat _____ of the water, collected the nets and took the fish _____ market to sell. When they sold all the fish and went _____ home, she asked him:

'Well, my husband, have you brought me mermaid fruit? Where is it? I can't see any.'

She was very disappointed when he told her that he didn't have any mermaid fruit _____ him.

'Don't you love me anymore? Why do you always break your promises?' she asked angrily and immediately started crying, tears streaming _____ her face.

'But look _____ all the beautiful, delicious fish I have caught for you, my love!' said the fisherman, but he knew that she was not so interested _____ the fish. He knew that the only thing _____ her mind was the mermaid fruit.

The fisherman felt sorry _____ her and was a little ashamed that he didn't keep his promise. He thought _____ this all night and couldn't sleep.

'I must keep my promise tomorrow,' he said _____ himself. 'I will not forget again!'

His wife couldn't sleep either. She was angry that her husband couldn't remember to bring some mermaid fruit. All night long she couldn't sleep but _____ her mind she was making a plan _____ the next day.

'I'll make sure he doesn't forget tomorrow,' she thought _____ herself.

'Tomorrow I will eat mermaid fruit and make my wish _____ last!'

WRITING

Write a few sentences about this part of the story. Describe how the fisherman and his wife felt: use these words:

disappointed / sorry / angry / furious / ashamed / sad

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Chapter 7 The Mermaid Fruit

VOCABULARY 1

Match the words with their meanings:

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| 1. How you feel when something happens but you don't expect it | a. cried |
| 2. Waiting for something to happen | b. worry |
| 3. Not safe, harmful perhaps | c. surprised |
| 4. Think about bad things that might happen | d. change your mind |
| 5. Make sure everything is good | e. take care (of) |
| 6. Make a different decision | f. expecting |
| 7. Leave, start the journey | g. dangerous |
| 8. Shouted | h. set off |

Now use some of the words above to complete this passage. You need to change the form of some of the words:

I said I would meet my friends at the park for a game of football. I _____ from home just after breakfast. I was _____ just a few people to come for the game but when I got there I was _____ to see a big crowd of people there. They were all standing in a circle on the football field. The first person I recognized was my friend Steve. When he saw me he _____ 'Hey, Alan, come over here. Take a look at this!' When I got there, I saw that all the people were looking at a long snake. 'Don't _____,' said Steve, 'it's not _____. It can't harm you. But we've _____ about the football game; we've decided not to play here after all!' 'OK,' I said, still watching the snake. 'I'll go home and finish my Maths homework then. _____ of yourself. See you at school tomorrow.'

VOCABULARY 2 Anagrams

Find the hidden words from the passage in the anagrams below and then match them with their meanings:

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| 1. THE VERY GIN | _____ | Clue: all |
| 2. GOT THERE | _____ | Clue: you with me |
| 3. IS SPURRED | _____ | Clue: didn't expect it |
| 4. SEADOG RUN | _____ | Clue: not safe |
| 5. WELL FOOD | _____ | Clue: came after |
| 6. SCAN HERB | _____ | Clue: arms of a tree |
| 7. NIGH NAG | _____ | Clue: dropping down |
| 8. SAD LIN | _____ | Clue: surrounded by water |
| 9. ARD SWOT | _____ | Clue: in the direction |
| 10. EMIT SUN | _____ | Clue: lots of 60 seconds |

COMPREHENSION 1 True / False

1. The next day the couple got the boat ready together. _____
2. The fisherman asked his wife to come fishing with him that day. _____
3. When they arrived at the usual spot the fisherman wanted to start fishing. _____
4. His wife wanted to go fishing at a different spot. _____
5. When they reached Duyong Island they saw the mermaid fruit tree immediately. _____
6. There was a lot of fruit on the tree. _____
7. The fisherman and his wife had never seen the mermaid fruit tree before. _____
8. The fisherman found two fruits on the ground for himself and his wife. _____

COMPREHENSION 2 MCQs

1. Why didn't the fisherman want his wife to go with him in the boat?
 - a. He thought it might harm the baby.
 - b. He knew there was a lot of hard work for him to do that day.
 - c. He felt surprised by her decision.

2. How did he feel about his wife coming fishing with him?
 - a. He was quite happy because they could catch more fish.
 - b. He didn't feel good about it and told her not to come.
 - c. He didn't like the idea but knew she had decided to come.

3. How long did the couple spend fishing that day?
 - a. The whole morning.
 - b. Just part of the morning.
 - c. They didn't spend any time fishing.

4. What was the wife's plan for that day?
 - a. To catch fish first and then look for the fruit.
 - b. To sail to Duyong Island to have lunch.
 - c. To find mermaid fruit and make a wish.

5. How did they know the fruit on the tree was mermaid fruit?
 - a. It was hanging from the branches.
 - b. They had never seen fruit like this before.
 - c. It tasted delicious.

GAPFILL 1**Mixed Verbs**

The next morning the fisherman got ready as usual and his wife helped him _____ (put) everything on the boat. Then she said:

‘Husband, every day you _____ (forget) to bring me mermaid fruit from Duyong Island so today I am going with you in the boat and we will find mermaid fruit together, you and I.’

The fisherman was very surprised at this and said to her:

‘But you _____ (expect) a baby! It is hard work on the boat. Perhaps it is not good for our baby! It may be dangerous.’

‘_____ (not worry) about me!’ she said, ‘and don’t worry about my baby. I will take care of everything as soon as we _____ (find) some mermaid fruit.’

The fisherman wasn’t happy but he _____ (know) his wife would not change her mind. They _____ (set) off and sailed towards Duyong Island. When they reached the usual place on the sea, the fisherman wanted _____ (throw) his net into the sea to catch some fish but his wife said:

‘No! Today there will be no fishing. We _____ (go) to Duyong Island immediately and find some mermaid fruit. You will not forget your promise today!’

The fisherman knew she _____ (not change) her mind so he sailed to Duyong Island. When they reached the island, he jumped out of the boat into the water and pulled the boat onto the sand. Then they followed a small stream for a few minutes until they _____ (see) a large tree with lots of fruit _____ (hang) from its branches.

‘I _____ (not know) this tree,’ said the fisherman. ‘I _____ (never see) fruit like this in all my life.’

‘This must be the mermaid fruit!’ _____ (cry) the wife excitedly. ‘Climb up and get me some fruit!’

GAPFILL 2

Prepositions

The next morning the fisherman got ready as usual and his wife helped him put everything on the boat. Then she said:

'Husband, every day you forget to bring me mermaid fruit _____ Duyong Island so today I am going _____ you in the boat and we will find mermaid fruit together, you and I.'

The fisherman was very surprised _____ this and said to her:

'But you are expecting a baby! It is hard work _____ the boat. Perhaps it is not good _____ our baby! It may be dangerous.'

'Don't worry _____ me!' she said, 'and don't worry _____ my baby. I will take care _____ everything as soon as we find some mermaid fruit.'

The fisherman wasn't happy but he knew his wife would not change her mind. They set _____ and sailed towards Duyong Island. When they reached the usual place on the sea, the fisherman wanted to throw his net _____ the sea to catch some fish but his wife said:

'No! Today there will be no fishing. We will go to Duyong Island immediately and find some mermaid fruit. You will not forget your promise today!'

The fisherman knew she wouldn't change her mind so he sailed _____ Duyong Island. When they reached the island, he jumped _____ the boat into the water and pulled the boat _____ the sand. Then they followed a small stream _____ a few minutes until they saw a large tree with lots of fruit hanging _____ its branches.

WRITING

Write a few sentences about what happened in this part of the story.

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Chapter 8 The Mermaid

VOCABULARY 1

Match the words with their meanings:

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| 1. Not different at all | a. scales |
| 2. Not clear about something | b. exactly the same |
| 3. Put two or more things together | c. appeared |
| 4. Part of the body where your food goes | d. closely |
| 5. (look) carefully, near | e. join |
| 6. The 'skin' of the fish | f. rock |
| 7. Fell (down) | g. confused |
| 8. Could be seen | h. stomach |
| 9. A large stone | i. slipped |
| 10. Not near, far away | j. in the distance |

Now use some of the words to complete these sentences:

1. When they saw the path split into five different ways, they felt _____ and didn't know which way to go.
2. I ate something bad yesterday and now my _____ hurts.
3. We couldn't see anything and then suddenly, _____, the figure of a woman _____. We couldn't see who it was but when we looked _____, we could see it was my sister.
4. The boy broke his leg when he _____ on the banana skin.
5. 'This holiday is boring!' complained the boy. 'Every day is _____; nothing different ever happens!'
6. They had to _____ hands to help each other cross the river.

VOCABULARY 2 Anagrams

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|----------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1. FARM SHINE | _____ | Clue: someone who catches fish |
| 2. OIL IS CUED | _____ | Clue: tastes really good |
| 3. OF DUNCES | _____ | Clue: not knowing what to do |
| 4. CELASS | _____ | Clue: they cover a fish |
| 5. A PAPER | _____ | Clue: come into view |
| 6. DEAR THUG | _____ | Clue: female child |
| 7. MASTER | _____ | Clue: small river |
| 8. SELL COY | _____ | Clue: near |
| 9. MOTH SAC | _____ | Clue: part of the body |
| 10. SENT ACID | _____ | Clue: far away, not near |

COMPREHENSION 1 True / False

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| 1. When the fisherman had finished eating the fruit, he made his wish. | _____ |
| 2. The wife wished for a strong, healthy mermaid. | _____ |
| 2. The fisherman made his wish at the same time as his wife made her wish. | _____ |
| 3. When she finished eating, the wife felt the fruit moving around in her stomach. | _____ |
| 4. When the baby was born, the couple saw immediately that there was something different about her. | _____ |
| 7. The baby's legs were covered in scales. | _____ |
| 5. The wife threw the baby into the water when she saw the baby's tail. | _____ |
| 8. From the story we're not sure whether the fisherman saw his daughter again or not. | _____ |

COMPREHENSION 2 MCQs

1. Why was the fisherman surprised when he bit into the fruit?
 - a. It tasted better than he thought it would.
 - b. He got his wish immediately.
 - c. He thought it must be magic.

2. What happened as soon as the wife had eaten the fruit?
 - a. She felt the baby coming.
 - b. She got her wish.
 - c. She felt sick.

3. When the couple made their wish the tree was confused because
 - a. It didn't understand what they wanted.
 - b. They both wished for the same thing.
 - c. This was the first time it had had two wishes on one day.

4. How could you describe the baby girl?
 - a. strong, healthy and normal
 - b. beautiful and healthy but not normal
 - c. not beautiful and not normal

5. What happened when the baby fell into the stream?
 - a. Her parents couldn't see her for a few minutes.
 - b. Her parents jumped into the water to help her.
 - c. Her parents never saw her again.

GAPFILL 1 Mixed Verbs

When the fisherman _____(bite) into the fruit he was surprised how delicious the flesh tasted.

'This really must be magic fruit,' he _____ (think) to himself, and he started to make his wish.

'I want _____ (catch) a big fish, the biggest fish in the world. Fish...fish...fish!'

At exactly the same time, of course, the fisherman's wife _____ (make) her wish.

'I want a strong, healthy baby. Baby...baby...baby!'

The mermaid fruit was a little confused by this. This was the first time that people _____ (make) two wishes on one day and it _____ (not know) what to do. In the end, it decided _____ (join) their wishes together.

As soon as the wife _____ (eat) her fruit she began to feel something moving inside her stomach.

'Husband,' she cried, 'help me! Our baby _____ (come)!'

After a few minutes a strong, healthy little girl was born. She was really beautiful! But there was something about her, something different. When the fisherman and his wife looked closely at their beautiful little daughter, they _____ (see) that in place of strong, healthy legs, she _____ (have) a strong, healthy tail, very much like the tail of a fish. The tail moved from one side to the other. What's more, the tail was covered in scales, just like a fish. So, you see, in a way they both got what they _____ (wish) for!

As the baby girl moved about, she _____ (slip) from her mother's arms and _____ (fall) into the fresh water of the stream. Her parents _____ (cry) out in fear as their daughter fell into the water. But after a few minutes she appeared again. She _____ (swim) in the stream, just like a fish!

GAPFILL 2

Prepositions

When the fisherman bit _____ the fruit he was surprised how delicious the flesh tasted.

'This really must be magic fruit,' he thought _____ himself, and he started to make his wish.

'I want to catch a big fish, the biggest fish _____ the world. Fish...fish...fish!' _____ exactly the same time, of course, the fisherman's wife made her wish.

'I want a strong, healthy baby. Baby...baby...baby!'

The mermaid fruit was a little confused _____ this. This was the first time that people had made two wishes _____ one day and it didn't know what to do. _____ the end, it decided to join their wishes together.

As soon as the wife had eaten her fruit she began to feel something moving _____ her stomach.

'Husband,' she cried, 'help me! Our baby is coming!'

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WRITING

Write a few sentences about what happened in this final part of the story.

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