

Welcome to English for Programming

Week 2 - Class 1

Synchronous Class

Student Worksheet



Activity 1

Reading and listening

Part 1. Read and listen to **Part 1** of a traditional story. Answer the questions.

1. Who are Hassan and Walid? Where do they live? they are brothers and they live in the desert
2. What kind of life do they have? they are very poor
3. In what way are Hassan and Walid different? Hassan work and Walid doesn't work
4. What valuable thing does their mother have? Why does she want to sell it? The silver ring, She doesn't want to sell it because it was of her husband
5. Why does Hassan decide to leave home? Because He wanted to get money



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The Glass Bottle

PART 1

Hassan and Walid are brothers. They live in a small house in the desert, near the mountains, a long way from a town or village. They're very poor. They have no money and they have no animals. Their house only has two rooms. Every day is the same. They get up, and they have sweet black coffee for breakfast. Then Hassan works in the fields – but Walid just sits and looks at the hot, empty desert and the hot, empty sky. They live with their mother. She looks after **them**, but she's old and tired.

Hassan and Walid

One day she says, 'We're poor and hungry. Why don't you leave here and find work? We need money for food and clothes.' 'If you want some money, you have your silver ring – you can sell that, **the silver ring**.'

'I can't sell **it**', she says. 'It's your father's. Every night I look at it and remember **him**.'

her Husband

Hassan wants to help his mother, and he decides to leave home. His mother gives him bread, and water in a glass bottle. He kisses **her**, and he walks towards the mountains.

His Mother

Part 2. Look at the **highlighted** words in part 1 of the story. Who or what do they refer to?

Part 3. Read at listen to **Part 2** of the story. Answer the questions.

1. Where does Hassan go?
2. What happens when he finds the palace?
3. Why is the palace unusual?
4. What does he give the prince?

5. Why is the prince surprised?
6. What does the prince give Hassan?
7. Why is Hassan's mother happy when he comes home?
8. What's Walid's plan?

PART 2

Hassan walks for five days through the mountains. The sun shines. At night, it's very cold. Then, one evening, he arrives at a rich and beautiful palace. The prince in the palace welcomes ¹him. He gives him food and drink, and Hassan sleeps in a comfortable bed. There is one strange thing – the windows have no glass.

The next day, Hassan says goodbye. ²He wants to thank the prince and give him something, but he only has ³his empty water bottle. He gives ⁴it to ⁵him. The prince is very surprised.

'What's this?' he says. 'I can see through it! It's beautiful! It's wonderful!'

⁶He is very happy, and in return he gives Hassan a box.

'Don't open ⁷it until you get home,' he says. 'And be careful with it. It's very valuable.'

Hassan walks through the mountains again, and after five days he arrives home. Walid and ⁸their mother watch ⁹him open the box. He finds 100 gold coins inside. His mother is very happy! 'Hassan, you clever boy!' she says. 'Now ¹⁰we can buy food and clothes!'

The next night, Walid makes a plan.

'100 gold coins in return for a glass bottle,' ¹¹he thinks. 'If I give the prince my mother's silver ring, perhaps I can get 1,000 gold coins!'

So Walid gets up, goes very quietly into his mother's room, and takes ¹²her ring from a box under her bed. The next morning he asks his brother where the palace is, and he leaves.



Part 4. Read **Part 2** of the story again. Say who or what the **highlighted** pronouns and possessive adjectives refer to.

Part 5. What do you think happens in **Part 3** of the story? Listen and check.



Activity 2

Object Pronouns

Read the story. Then decide what part of the text each underlined pronoun refers to.

Appointment in Samarra

There was a merchant in Baghdad who sent his (1) servant to the market to buy provisions and in a little while the servant came back, white and trembling, and said, "Master, just now when I was in the market-place, I (2) was jostled by a woman in the crowd and when I turned, I saw it was Death that jostled me. She (3) looked at me and made a threatening gesture. Please lend me your (4) horse and I will ride away from this city and avoid my fate. I will go to Samarra and there Death will not find me."

The merchant lent him his horse and the servant mounted it (5) and he dug his (6) spurs into its flanks and as fast as the horse could gallop he went. Then the merchant went down to the market-place and he (7) saw Death standing in the crowd and he came to Death and said, "Why did you (8) make a threatening gesture to my servant when you saw him this morning?" "That was not a threatening gesture," Death said. "It was only a start of surprise. I was astonished to see him in Baghdad, for I had an appointment with him (9) tonight in Samarra."



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1. his refers to:

- A. the servant B. the merchant C. Baghdad D. the market

2. I refers to:

- A. the servant B. the merchant C. the reader D. the market

3. She refers to:

- A. the servant B. the merchant C. Death D. Baghdad

4. Your refers to:

- A. the servant B. the merchant C. the horse D. the woman

5. it refers to:

- A. the servant B. the merchant C. Death D. the horse

6. his refers to:

- A. the servant B. the merchant C. the horse D. the woman

7. he refers to:

- A. the servant B. the merchant C. the market D. the woman

8. you refers to:

- A. the servant B. the merchant C. Death D. the horse

9. him refers to

- A. the servant B. the merchant C. Death D. the woman





Answer Key

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Reading and listening

Part 1. Check the answers with your group and read the text.

Part 2. Check the answers with your group and read the text.

Part 3. Check the answers with your group and read the text.

Part 4. Check the answers with your group and read the text.

Part 5. Answers may vary.

Activity 2

Reference Words

1. B

2. A

3. C

4. B

5. D

6. A

7. B

8. C

9. A

