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Year 3 English

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Activity One

Skill focus: **Vocabulary**

Word	Part of speech	Definition
grand	adjective	magnificent or imposing in appearance, size or style. example: a grand country house
wretched	adjective	1. (of a person) in a very unhappy or unfortunate state 2. of poor quality; very bad
consulted	verb	have discussions with someone before taking a course of action
commanding	adjective	when describing a person, it means powerful and confident
attracted	verb	to gain the attention or admiration of

Using our new vocabulary in sentences

Skill Focus: Idiom Inference**Activity Two****Skill Focus: Poetry Analysis*****Crows in a Strong Wind***

Off go the crows from the roof.
The crows can't hold on.
They might as well
Be perched on an oil slick.

Such an awkward dance,
These gentlemen
In their spottled-black coats.
Such a tipsy dance,

As if they didn't know where they were.
Such a humorous dance,
As they try to set things right,
As the wind reduces them.

Such a sorrowful dance.
How embarrassing is love
When it goes wrong

In front of everyone.

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Need to Know:

Alliteration: the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words. For example, "*sweet birds sang*".

Personification: the attribution of a personal nature or human characteristics to something non-human.

1. What is affecting the crows' ability to fly?

- A. the storm
- B. the wind
- C. an oil slick
- D. their natural clumsiness

2. What best describes the roof?

- A. dirty
- B. black
- C. slippery
- D. very high

3. 'These gentlemen / In their spottled-black coats' is an example of

- A. alliteration.
- B. simile.
- C. onomatopoeia.
- D. personification.

4. What is repeated throughout the poem?

- A. the image of crows dancing
- B. the image of crows flying at dusk
- C. the image of crows landing clumsily
- D. the image of crows flying in a storm

5. Underline or highlight all the words in the poem that express emotion.

6. From stanza 3 to stanza 4, there is a change in

- A. mood.
- B. technique.
- C. imagery.
- D. line length.

7. The last line of the poem stands on its own. Why do you think the poet does this?

Activity Three

Skill Focus: Reading Comprehension**Text A: *Ye Xian***

Once upon a time, there was a little girl called Ye Xian who lived during the Tang Dynasty in China. Her father had two wives and two daughters, one by each wife. Ye Xian's mother died, followed by her father. Her stepmother maltreated her, showing preference for her own daughter.

Ye Xian was a talented potter and spent her time at the wheel perfecting her skill. People came from far and wide to purchase her pots. Her only friend was a goldfish which she loved. Her stepmother became jealous, caught the fish and ate it, hiding the fishbones under a pile of manure. Ye Xian found the bones and hid them in her room. The presence of the fishbones gave off magical rays which imparted a special sheen to her pots.

A Great Festival was being held but Ye Xian dressed herself in a beautiful cloak of kingfisher feathers and a pair of gold shoes which were light and elegant.

At the festival she spoke briefly to the local warlord who was much struck by her beauty. Her stepmother recognised her and gave chase. Ye Xian ran home but lost one of her shoes, which was found by the war-lord. He ordered all the girls in his kingdom to try it on, but it was too small. The cobbler who made the shoes came forward and told the war-lord of Ye Xian, who traded one of her pots for the gold shoes. Through her own talent and effort, Ye Xian had bought the shoes which led eventually to marriage with the war-lord. They lived happily ever after.

1.1. In the story of *Cinderella* from lesson two, the stepmother and sisters persecute Cinderella. Which word has the same meaning as 'persecuted' in this text?

1.2. Is this persecution an 'essential element' of almost all the Cinderella stories?

Yes No

2. What is the significance of the fish's death?

- A. It shows how cruel Ye Xian's stepmother is.
- B. It shows that magic cannot be completely destroyed.
- C. It shows how lonely Ye Xian was that her only friend is a fish.
- D. It adds to the sadness of the story.

3. Is the fact that Ye Xian is a talented potter an essential element of the Cinderella story?

Yes No

4. Both Ye Xian and Cinderella attracted their prince/warlord because they were beautiful and well dressed, but what other attributes do their stories highlight?

- A. Neith of them argued with their stepmother.
- B. Both had magical powers which made them seem more beautiful.
- C. Both had positive qualities that were ultimately rewarded.
- D. Beauty and a lost shoe were all they needed.

5. In *Cinderella*, Cinderella's fairy godmother rescues her with magic so she can go to the ball. Who rescues Ye Xian so she can go to the festival?

6. If the moral of Cinderella is that you will be rewarded for being good and sweet, what might the moral of Ye Xian be?

7. Before they marry the prince/warlord, whose life do you think is harder, Cinderella's or Ye Xian's?

Text B: *Bawang Putih Bawang Merah* video [about 7 minutes]

[YouTube.com/watch?v=P-8xwqh61vk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-8xwqh61vk)



1. How is the story introduced?

- A. As a Malaysian version of *Cinderella*.
- B. As one of the oldest stories in the Malay world.
- C. As a story about two wives in a small village.
- D. As a story about a girl called Bawang Putih.

2. A significant point in the story of *Bawang Putih Bawang Merah* is that Bawang Putih's mother is murdered, twice, first in her human form and then in her fish form. Yet, through magic, she is able to provide some comfort for her daughter. What message might we take from this story?

- A. That murder is evil.
- B. That stepmothers are bad.
- C. That you shouldn't have two wives because someone will get jealous.
- D. That a mother's love is stronger than death.

3.1. Identify which details belong in which story. Some might have more than one answer. Put an A for *Cinderella*, B for *Ye Xian* and C for *Bawang Putih Bawang Merah*.

- A. A golden fish _____
- B. A father remarries _____
- C. A mother dies _____
- D. A father dies _____
- E. A stepmother who treats her stepdaughter terribly _____
- F. A fairy godmother _____

- G. A ball or great festival _____
- H. A magic tree _____
- I. A murder _____
- J. A pumpkin _____
- K. Special shoes _____
- L. A special song _____
- M. Mice that turn into horses _____
- N. Running away _____
- O. A prince or warlord trying to find the identity of the girl he met _____
- P. A test that only one girl can pass _____
- Q. Magic _____

3.2. Based on your answers above, circle the details which are actually 'essential elements' of the stories.

4. Which story has the cruelest stepmother?

5. Which version of the Cinderella story is your favourite and why?

Activity Five

Writing Task

Bawang Putih never leaves the forest and is discovered by her prince when he goes hunting in the forest. In contrast both Cinderella and Ye Xian get to dress up and have an adventure first.

You have two choices for this writing task. You only need to select **ONE** option.

1. Write in detail what it was like for Cinderella when she attended the ball.

OR

2. Write in detail what it was like for Ye Xian to attend the Great Festival.

Aim to write between 250–400 words.

Skills checklist:

- I have made my descriptions appropriate to the story. For example, what might a festival during the Tang Dynasty be like? Or a French ball in the 17th century?
- I have written in first person.
- I have used interesting adjectives.
- I have written description that appeals to the senses (sight, sound, smell, touch).
- I have edited my work for correct punctuation, grammar and spelling.

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Homework

1. Complete and submit the writing task.
2. Complete the reading task.
3. Complete the grammar editing task.

2. Reading comprehension

Tam Lin (Part 1)

One day, Janet, the daughter of an earl who lived in a grey castle, was picking flowers in a meadow. She had just picked a wild white rose when a young man stepped in front of her and said, "How dare you pick flowers in my meadow!"

"I'm sorry," said Janet. "I didn't know that I shouldn't do it."

"I am the guard of these meadows. My name is Tam Lin," replied the young man, and he started to smile at her, picking a wild red rose and handing it to her.

"I have heard of you," said Janet. "You are an elfin knight." She had turned a little pale when he said his name.

"Don't be afraid of me," Tam Lin reassured her, and he told her his story. Once he had been a mortal child, but he had been stolen by the Elf Queen who had put a spell on him. By day he guarded the woods but by night he returned to fairyland. Tam Lin longed to be mortal again and there were tears in his eyes as he spoke.

"How can I help you?" cried Janet, for she felt his sadness.

"Tonight is Halloween," answered Tam Lin. "It is the one night of the year that I have the chance to return to the human world. All the fairy folk ride through the country and I ride with them. When midnight comes, three companies of fairy folk will ride by. I will be in the third one I will be riding a milk-white steed. You must wait at the crossroads and when you see me, pull me from my horse. Hold on to me no matter what happens. Will you do it?"

1. This text is a

- A. recount. B. narrative. C. personal response. D. diary entry.

2. Select the correct meaning for the following words:

- A. mortal _____
 B. steed _____
 C. meadow _____
 D. reassured _____

- a. concerned with the principles of right and wrong behaviour
- b. a human being subject to death, as opposed to a divine being
- c. a position or place occupied by someone
- d. a horse being ridden
- e. an area of land with grass and other wild plants in it
- f. a garden with plants grown for food
- g. say or do something to remove doubts or fears
- h. to continue to harass someone

3. Match each word from the text with a synonym.

pick	guard	meadow	reassure	folk
mortal	sadness	company	happens	pull

- A. paddock: _____
- B. comfort: _____
- C. occurs: _____
- D. pluck: _____
- E. people: _____
- F. protect: _____
- G. human: _____
- H. group: _____
- I. misery: _____
- J. haul: _____

4. Write True (T) or False (F).

- A. Janet's father was an ordinary tradesman. _____
- B. Janet picked a red rose. _____
- C. Tam Lin had been stolen when he was very young. _____
- D. Tam Lin was contented being an elfin knight. _____
- E. Tam Lin had many chances to become mortal. _____
- F. Janet must snatch him from the first company. _____
- G. Elves and fairy folk are the same folk. _____
- H. Tam Lin will ride a grey horse. _____
- I. Janet has to wait at the crossroads. _____
- J. The fairy folk will ride past at dawn. _____

5.1. Which of the young man's words suggests that at first he was angry that Janet was picking flowers?

5.2. How do we know that he quickly calmed down?

6. Write the quotation that shows that Janet was a little afraid when she heard the young man's name.

3. Editing

There is a grammatical error in each of the underlined words. Write the correct word in the brackets.

The sun shone brilliant 1 () in the blue sky and Tom was walking out of his house to go to school. He was all ready to enjoying 2 () his day in school. Instead of use 3 () the longer walkway that was shelter 4 (), he used a shortcut by walking across the car park.

Tom trot 5 () quickly across the car park, but before he could take a second step, a pot of money plants fallen 6 () and landed on his head with a sicken 7 () thud and he lost conscious 8 (). His face to be a deathly pale. Immediately, a passer-by called for an ambulance. It did not take long for them 9 () to arrive.

After Tom was put on the stretcher, he was send 10 () quickly to the hospital. The doctor has to 11 () perform emergency surgery on him. Fortunately, Tom did not have a fractured skull and he recovered after a week's stay at the hospital. The culprit who threw the pot plant was arrested and put behind bars in 12 () 6 months.