# Lesson 58: A blessing in disguise?

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The tiny village of Frinley is said to possess a ‘cursed tree.’

Because the tree was mentioned in a newspaper, the number of visitors to Frinley has now increased.

The tree was planted near the church fifty years ago, but it is only in recent years that it has gained an evil reputation.

It is said that if anyone touches the tree, he will have bad luck; if he picks a leaf, he will die.

Many villagers believe that the tree has already claimed a number of victims.

The vicar has been asked to have the tree cut down, but so far he has refused.

He has pointed out that the tree is a useful source of income, as tourists have been coming from all parts of the country to see it.

In spite of all that has been said, the tourists have been picking leaves and cutting their names on the tree trunk.

So far, not one of them has been struck down by sudden death!

The number of visitors to the village of Frinley has increased because there is said to be a ‘cursed tree’ near the church.

Since the villagers believe that if anyone picks a leaf, he will die, they have asked the vicar to have the tree cut down.

As the tree is a useful source of income, the vicar has refused to have the tree cut down.

Meanwhile, though tourists have been picking leaves, not one of them has come to harm.

A village well, which was said to be cursed, was bought by a man.

Tourists came to see it, though in the summer there was not even any water in it.

Before the tourists could look into the well, they had to throw a coin in.

You will be glad to hear that I am going to visit you during the summer vacation.

The time will come soon when we shall see each other again.

Thank you for letting me know that I visited my hometown during the summer vacation.

All the members in the family are excited about the news and are looking forward to meeting you here soon.

He is being sent abroad.

I was told to wait for him.

Your wallet has been found.

People say he is a genius.

People say that there is oil under the North Sea.

She gave me a pen.

The manager offered the vacant post to him.

The number of visitors to Frinley has now increased.

She has grown so much she is nearly as tall as I am.

It has gained an evil reputation.

He has gone abroad, and I hear he is earning a lot of money.

The tourists have been picking the leaves and cutting their names on the tree trunk.

She has picked a lot of flowers.

She cut the apple into two.

This fruit is fresh.

I have just picked it.

If you travel by air, you will gain time.

He earns £300 a week.

Judy has grown so much I can hardly recognize her.

The vicar has refused to have the tree cut down because it earns money.

One of these statements is true: Tourists who have picked leaves haven't died.

They say that Frinley has a cursed tree.

If anyone picked the leaves, he would die.

Tourists have been coming from all parts of the country.

They haven't stopped coming yet.

Despite all that has been said, the tourists have been picking leaves.

So far none of them has been struck down by sudden death.

Frinley is a tiny village.

It is very small.

The number of visitors has increased.

The number has grown.

It has earned an evil reputation.

It has gained an evil reputation.

It has a bad name.

He has pointed out that it's a source of income.

He's explained this to the villagers.