

Reading Comprehension and Listening

NARRATIVE TEXT

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VOCABS

Vocabulary Drilling

1. Bay
2. fearsome
3. clashing
4. plentiful
5. apprentice
6. swirled
7. Speckled
8. boundary

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1. Constantly
2. nomadic
3. bounty
4. Platforms
5. Steady
6. Sustained
7. embraced

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The legend of komodo dragons

Long, long ago when the world seemed much smaller and its creatures much greater, there lived on Komodo Island a man called Empu Najo and his wife, Lea. They were among the first people of Komodo, and they lived in a **bay** called Loh Lavi in Gili Mana, where Empu Najo was the chosen leader of the village.

However, the community was **constantly** attacked by the **fearsome** Bajo people **nomadic** sailors who would openly signal their raids while still far out sea. They signed with a great **clashing** of swords, held high so that they flashed in the sunlight.

One day, Empu Najo gathered the villagers and made an announcement. He said, "My people, we must move from this place! The Bajo will attack us until at last we become little more than wild animals. Let us go instead the mountains, there to live from the **bounty** of the forest." The villagers agreed with his idea. Later, Empu Najo said that they would cultivate gardens, pick fruit, and hunt deer and wild animals that were **plentiful** there.

And so, high in the mountains, far from the reach of the Bajo, they built houses that were raised **platforms** made of branches, with roofs of lontar palm. They grew their gardens and lived in peace, calling their new village Kampung Najo, in honor of the leader who had saved them.

It so happened that on their last night in Loh Navi, Empu Najo's wife Lea had fallen pregnant. By the time the new village was finished, she was ready to give birth—indeed she was experiencing great pain. And there was another problem. The village had no dukun since the only dukun had been taken by the Bajo even before she had an **apprentice**.

In those days, without dukun, there was only one way to give birth and that was by operating the woman. It fell to Empu Najo himself to deliver his child. He made the cut with a **steady** hand and felt for the baby's head...
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W H Q U E S T I O N

Read the following text above and answer the question!

1

WHAT IS THE STORY TALKING ABOUT?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT EMPU NAJO CHARACTER?

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WHAT DID THE PEOPLE OF KOMODO ISLAND FEEL IN THE NEW PLACE?

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HOW WOULD THE PEOPLE SUPPORT THEIR LIFE IN THE NEW PLACE?

5

WHAT DID THE PEOPLE HOUSES LOOK LIKE?

6

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM THE STORY?

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Listen to the Audio and complete the text on what you've
heart

As Empu Najo did so, the wind picked the (1)..... That lay on the ground outside and send them through the window and into the room where they **swirled** around Lea, lit golden by the last (2)..... And then he gasped, "Sebai!" and said at last, "but this is strange."

Strange indeed, for Lea had given a birth human son and a (3)..... who was far from human. She had **speckled**, scaly skin, a pair of hooded black eyes, and a tail. There was no mistaking it. Tiny as she was, Empu Najo saw in his daughter the characteristics of (4)..... that roamed the savannah beyond the village **boundary**. "We have a son," Empu Najo began uncertainly, looking up at his wife. But to his dismay, he saw that she was longer (5).....

There was little time for Empu Najo to indulge his grief, for he had two newborn babies to bring up alone. He named his son, Si Gerong, and his daughter, Orah. He fed them (6)..... and honey and both the human and dragon grew quickly. However, long before her brother could walk, Orah had been already been exploring the road outside the house and even (7)..... Though the milk **sustained** her, she was beginning to take an uncommon interest in the neighbor's chickens. When she actually attacked them, the neighbor complained to Empu Najo. "I will give you meat," Empu Najo told his daughter, "but you must not attack our (8).....!"

Time passed and though Orah stayed away from livestock, the villagers grew (9)..... of this dragon living among them. Only her father and brother si Gerong showed her love. In fact, Si Gerong preferred to play with his sister to other children. The two would climb trees together, or chase strange looking (10)....., through the forest.

One evening, Orah finally ambled back to the house. Si Gerong was (11)..... and **embraced** his sister, while the father smiled, but said nothing. He knew that she had visited the wild dragons of the Savannah. Orah remained at home (12)..... before going restless once again.

This time when she left, she was gone for two days. When she came back, there was no sign that she was hungry, and Empu Najo knew then that she had learned (13).....

And so, it went on and gradually her time in the village grew shorter. Meanwhile, her trips into the forest grew longer, until at last, she returned home just once (14)..... or so. One morning, Si Gerong woke to find his sister by his bed. They looked at one another for a long time, and then she (15)..... Si Gerong knew that this time, she would not be coming back.