

## Topic 7 The Herb Lady

### 1 Complete the definitions with the correct words.

bolt claw hover jolt kneel limp paw rumble sprout stoop over tattered throng

- 1 To ..... means to rest the body on one or both knees.
- 2 To ..... means to run without warning.
- 3 To ..... means to move suddenly.
- 4 To ..... means to float in the air.
- 5 To ..... means to make a loud, deep noise.
- 6 A ..... is an animal's foot.
- 7 To ..... means to walk with an irregular step because of an injury.
- 8 A ..... is a sharp, curved nail on the foot of a bird or animal.
- 9 A ..... is a large crowd of people.
- 10 To ..... means to bend the body forward and downward.
- 11 To ..... means to grow, like a plant from the ground.
- 12 To be ..... is to be old and torn.

### 2 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 A strong wind **jolted** / **knelt** my body into the air.
- 2 Birds were **bolting** / **hovering** around the tree as the sun was setting.
- 3 I heard the thunder and **crouched** / **bolted** for home.
- 4 His arm bled a little as the cat's **claws** / **paws** pressed into it.
- 5 The puppy put her **paws** / **claws** gently on my lap.
- 6 One day, I dreamed I had **sprouted** / **flown** black wings.
- 7 She **stooped over** / **bolted** to pick the broken glass off the floor.
- 8 The girl **knelt** / **limped** down in order to help the little boy.
- 9 My friends stood in the middle of a **claw** / **throng** of people.
- 10 The old man was wearing a **tattered** / **throng** suit.
- 11 After the car accident, he **ran** / **limped** and moved slowly.
- 12 Thunder **rumbled** / **hovered** in the distance, and my dog started to howl.

## Comprehension

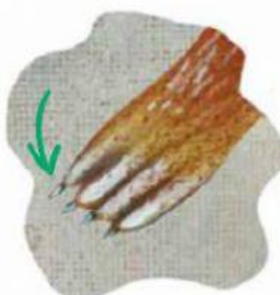
### 1 Circle *True* or *False*.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| 1 The Herb Lady sells vegetables in the market.              | True | False |
| 2 Luz is afraid of many things, especially thunderstorms.    | True | False |
| 3 Luz first meets the Herb Lady in a cave.                   | True | False |
| 4 The Herb Lady rescues Luz when she is struck by lightning. | True | False |
| 5 The Herb Lady is like a bird, and Luz is like a coyote.    | True | False |

### 2 Match the words with the definitions.

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|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1 hover  | a to make a loud, deep noise            |
| 2 jolt   | b to grow, like a plant from the ground |
| 3 rumble | c to move suddenly                      |
| 4 sprout | d to float in the air                   |

### 3 Look at the pictures. Circle the correct words.



1 claws / paws



2 jolt / tattered



3 bolt / throng



4 kneel / limp

### 4 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why does Luz help the Herb Lady on her way home from the market?

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- 2 How does Luz change after she is struck by lightning?

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- 3 At the end of the story, who is the Herb Lady?

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