

HFV - READING - UNIT 1

The dragon

An evil dragon lived in a **castle** in the **remote southern** mountains. One day the **monster landed** in a town. The dragon **commanded** the people, "Give me food now, or I will eat you!". The dragon lifted its **wings** so that its lungs could be completely filled with hot **steam**, and breathed it upon the people. A man turned into a stone **statue**!

The people **submitted** and brought food. The dragon ate all of it and left. The people sent a boy to ask for help from a wise old man. He resided in a **temple**.

The boy told the old man about the dragon. Then, the old man **counseled** the boy. "A **meteor** will fall in the **northern** sky. It will make a huge **explosion**. Find the meteor and **bring** it to me. I will use it to make a sword for you".

The boy did as the old man said. Soon, the sword was ready. "Use this to kill the dragon. But be careful. You must cover yourself with **weeds** that smell bad. That will **ensure** that he does not smell you" the man said.

The boy travelled for many days to find the castle. He went to the **upper** level and opened a door. He could see the dragon's tail. It was sleeping, so the boy killed it. Then, he took the dragon's gold and **jewelry** and returned to his town. The people were happy.



READING COMPREHENSION

1. What is the story about?

- A) How a dragon met a boy.
- B) Why dragons live in castles.
- C) Why a boy killed an evil dragon.
- D) How a boy found a remote place.

2. How did the dragon turn the people into statues?

- A) It breathed steam on them.
- B) It hit them with its wings.
- C) It covered them with weeds.
- D) It touched them with its tail.

3. What can be assumed about the old man?

- A) He enjoyed commanding the townspeople.
- B) He resided in the temple all his life.
- C) Other dragons submitted to him in the past.
- D) He counseled the townspeople when they had trouble.

4. According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT ...

- A) A meteor fell in the northern sky.
- B) A boy killed the dragon with a golden sword.
- C) A boy took the dragon's jewelry.
- D) A dragon lived in the southern mountains.

5. How did the boy ensure that the dragon would not smell him?

- A) He covered himself with perfume.
- B) He covered himself with a blanket.
- C) He covered himself with weeds.
- D) He made sure the dragon had a cold.