Buccoo Government Primary School

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Name:

Comprehension: The Serpent and the Eagle

A fable is a story that teaches a lesson.

Instructions: Read the fable and answer the questions that follow.

The day was hot and still. A young man hurried along the dusty road to the main town to trade his crops for money or a strong goat. As he walked, a majestic eagle soaring overhead caught his eye. Suddenly, the eagle swooped down upon a serpent that was slithering among the low, dry grass. The eagle's mighty talons tried to grip the serpent with the intention[5] of carrying it off and devouring[6] it. However, the Serpent was too quick for him and instead wrapped its muscular coils around the eagle. The young man stood in awe as these great beasts fought for their lives.

When it seemed the eagle was about to give in, the young man rushed into the grass an dealt a powerful blow to the serpent. In revenge, the Serpent quickly spat some of his poison into the man's drinking-horn and disappeared. The wounded eagle lay a few feet from the young man and tried to regain its strength Heated with his exertions[7], the young man was about to quench his thirst with a draught[8] from the horn, when the Eagle knocked it out of his hand, and spilled its contents upon the ground. The young man yelled in anger and confusion, then continued on his way to the town.

READ THE STORY AGAIN AND PUT THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES IN THE CORRECT ORDER. THE FIRST ONE IS DONE FOR YOU.

_____ A young man saw a majestic eagle flying overhead.

_____The young man rushed to assist the eagle.

_____ The eagle swooped down to catch a serpent.

_____The young man became thirsty and was about to drink from his drinking-horn.

_____The serpent wrapped itself tightly around the eagle.

_____ The young man walked away angrily.

_____ The eagle knocked it out of his hand.

_____The serpent spat poison into the man's drinking horn.