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1 Listen and read.

Duong: I phoned you around 9 p.m. last night, but no reply.

Nick: Oh, I was doing some Internet research on Vietnamese legends for my project.

Duong: Have you found one you like yet?

Nick: Not really. Can you suggest anything?

Duong: We have lots of legends, folk tales, and fables. A popular one is the legend of *Lac Long Quan and Au Co.*

Nick: Oh yeah? What's it about?

Duong: Well, it's about the origins of the Vietnamese people.

Nick: Who are the main characters?

Duong: Lac Long Quan – the dragon king of the ocean, Au Co – a fairy, and their sons.

Nick: And what's the story?

Duong: Let me see… Lac Long Quan married Au Co. She gave birth to a bag of one hundred eggs, which produced one hundred baby boys.

Nick: One hundred baby boys? That's a lot.

Duong: And some years later, Lac Long Quan missed the sea so he took fifty of their sons to the sea, and Au Co took the others to the mountains. Those boys were the ancestors of the Vietnamese.

Nick: What an interesting legend it is! I think I've found the subject of my project!



a Read the conversation again and choose the correct answers.

1. What was Duong doing at 9 p.m. last night?
- A. He was coming to Nick's house.
- B. He was phoning Nick.
- C. He was talking to Nick.

2. What was Nick doing at 9 p.m. last night?
- A. He was watching a TV show.
- B. He was talking about his project.
- C. He was searching for information on the Web.

3. What legend did Duong recommend to Nick?
- A. A legend about how Viet Nam began.
- B. A legend about Vietnamese people being original
- C. A legend that isn't well-known

4. Who was Lac Long Quan?
- A. A fairy
- B. Au Co's father
- C. The dragon king of the ocean

5. Where did Au Co take half of the sons?
- A. To the mountains
- B. To the sea
- C. To Lac Long Quan's land

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b **Match the words to their meanings.**

1. title	a. the people the story is about
2. genre	b. the content of the story
3. main characters	c. the name of the story
4. plot	d. the type of story it is

2 **Match the words with their definitions. Then listen, check and repeat.**

A legend	1. traditional, imaginary short story that teaches a moral lesson; typically using animal characters
B folk tale	2. an imaginary story typically involving magic or fairies, usually for children
C fable	3. a very old, traditional story from a particular place that was originally passed on to people in a spoken form
D fairy tale	4. an ancient story about brave people or magical events that are probably not true



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