G8/UNIT 6: FOLK TALES - READING

Exercise 1: Listen and complete the story. (Track 12)

The ugly duckling

Once upon a time there was a little (1) ..... duck.
She was excited. Her five eggs were finally going to hatch.
She watched and counted as one by one the eggs hatched.
"One duckling, two ducklings, three, four, five (2) ..... ", she said happily.
Suddenly she noticed that there was one more egg.
It was bigger and whiter than the rest.
"This cannot be my (3).....", she thought.
Slowly the big egg began to crack and the strange looking duckling came up.
Mother duck was surprised. The younger duckling was great and bigger than the rest.
"How ugly the little one is", she thought.
As the day went by, the ducklings began to grow, but the younger duckling looked different from the rest.
(4) ..... looked at him and said, "There goes the ugly duckling".
His brothers, sisters teased him all the time.
The ugly duckling felt very bad.
Whenever people laughed at him, he used to run away and hide behind the reeds near the lake.
"Nobody loves me", he thought.
One day, the duckling (5) ..... to run away from home.
He swam and swam, and on his way he had many adventures.

Exercise 2: Listen and answer the questions. (Track 13)

1. What did the father leave his two sons?

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2. What is the elder brother like? What is the younger brother like?

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3. What did the elder brother give his younger brother?

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4. What did the eagle repay the younger brother?

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5. Why did the eagle get tired?

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Exercise 3: Read the text and complete it with the words in the box.

money	possessed	golden	market	egg

The Goose and the Golden Egg

There was once a Countryman who (1) ..... the most wonderfulGoose you can imagine, for every day when he visited the nest, the Goose had laid a beautiful, glittering, (2) ..... egg.

The Countryman took the eggs to (3) ..... and soon began to get rich. But it was not long before he grew impatient with the Goose because she gave him only a single golden egg a day. He was not getting rich fast enough.

Then one day, after he had finished counting his (4) ..... , the idea came to him that he could get all the golden eggs at once by killing the Goose and cutting it open.

But when the deed was done, not a single golden (5) ..... did he find, and his precious Goose was dead.

Exercise 4: Read and answer the questions.

THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE

A Hare was making fun of the Tortoise one day for being so slow.

"Do you ever get anywhere?" he asked with a mocking laugh.

"Yes," replied the Tortoise, "and I get there sooner than you think. I'll run you a race and prove it."

The Hare was much amused at the idea of running a race with the Tortoise, but for the fun of the thing he agreed. So the Fox, who had consented as judge, marked the distance and started the runners off.

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The Hare was soon far out of sight, and to make the Tortoise feel very deeply how ridiculous it was for him to try a race with a Hare, he lay down beside the course to take a nap until the Tortoise should catch up.
The Tortoise meanwhile kept going slowly but steadily, and, after a time, passed the place where the Hare was sleeping. But the Hare slept on very peacefully; and when at last he did wake up, the Tortoise was near the goal. The Hare now ran his swiftest, but he could not overtake the Tortoise in time.

1. Why did the Hare make fun of the Tortoise?

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2. Did the Hare like the idea of running a race with the Tortoise?

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3. Who runned faster for the first stage?

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4. How did the Tortoise move?

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5. Who won the race in the end?

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6. What lesson can you learn from this story?

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Exercise 5: Look at the picture, answer the questions. Then practise asking and answering questions in oral speech.



1. What's the name of the story?

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2. Where are they?

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3. What does Snow White look like?

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4. What do her friends look like?

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5. Are they happy together?

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6. Can you tell the story?

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Exercise 6: Tell the story in front of the class.

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