(9) SHORT STORY: SREDNI VASHTAR by SAKI (Retold by Rosemary Border)

ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY 1: Say if the following statements are TRUE or FALSE

1. Conradin lived with his parents.
2. He had a shed behind some trees in the garden.
3. His dearest friend was a ferret.
4. The ferret had long dangerous teeth and claws.
5. Conradin gave presents to Sredni Vashtar, the ferret.
6. He thought the ferret sent his aunt a strong headache.
7. One day his aunt found the chicken and sold it.
8. After that, the visits to the shed stopped.
9. The aunt never found the ferret.
10. The ferret disappeared forever.

ACTIVITY 2: VOCABULARY. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

AUNT - CLAWS - COLD - CHURCH - FERRET - FORBIDDEN - GOD - TOASTS - IMAGINATION

1. In the garden Conradin was _____ to pick the flowers.
2. Sredni Vashtar had long sharp _____ on its feet.
3. Conradin went to _____ with his aunt every day.
4. After the chicken was sold, there was buttered _____ for tea.
5. Conradin thought Sredni Vashtar was a _____ .
6. Sredni Vashtar was really a _____ .
7. Conradin's body was weak, but in the bright world of his _____ he was strong and brave.
8. Conradin's aunt had a terrible _____ for three days.
9. Conradin's parents were dead, so he lived with his _____ .
10. The boy loved to go to the old _____ in the garden.

ACTIVITY 3: Here are four new endings for the story. Which do you prefer? Explain why or write a new ending for the story.

a. Conradin's aunt does not die. She goes to the hospital and gets well. Then she goes home and is very kind to Conradin.
b. After his aunt dies, Conradin gets well. He continues to live in the house and grows up to be a strong man. Of course, Conradin always keeps many animals in the garden.
c. Later that night, Sredni Vashtar goes quietly into Conradin's room - and kills the boy while he is sleeping.
d. When the housekeeper comes back from the shed, she looks for Conradin. But he isn't in the house. In the boy's chair, by the fire, there is a long, brown animal with dangerous teeth and claws.

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I prefer ending _____ because _____.

I prefer this other ending:

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