

1 Read the title only. What do you think the text is about?

The Man in the Desert

Fonos woke up in the middle of a dry desert. He was very thirsty, but he only had one bottle of water. Suddenly a boy appeared from behind a sand dune. He looked sick and asked Fonos for some water. Fonos felt sorry for the boy and decided to give him all the water in his bottle. In return, the boy offered Fonos a beautiful stone.

"What's this?" Fonos asked.

"It's a mandala stone. It can help you when you're in trouble," said the boy, and then he disappeared in a cloud of sand. Fonos didn't believe the boy. He walked for many miles until he arrived at an oasis. He stopped to check his compass. Suddenly, he felt a terrible pain in his left foot. He turned and saw a cobra. There wasn't anybody to help him. He just had the stone.

► Read the text and write the questions.

1. _____ ? Fonos woke up in the middle of the desert.
2. _____ ? He appeared from behind a sand dune.
3. _____ ? He felt sorry for the boy.
4. _____ ? He decided to give the boy his water.
5. _____ ? He offered Fonos a mandala stone.

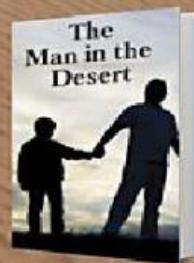
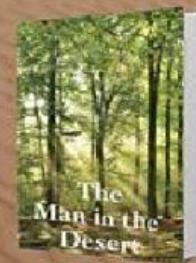
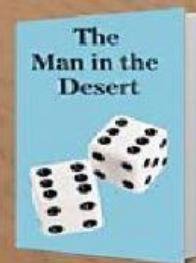
► Make a timeline for the extract with a friend.

FONOS-DESERT



► What happens next? Tell a friend. Then listen and check your ideas.

► Write a summary of the story.



► Mark (✓) a cover for the book.

2 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense.

arrive call check find go look say see

SOC

Becky, Simon and Lenny worked at the Space Observation Center (SOC). Every day, they looked for intelligent life. It was a boring job because nothing ever happened. One day, Simon arrived at the SOC. Everything was the same: no news from outer space. It was another normal day. Then, just before going home, Simon found a yellow light on the computer. He checked Becky and Lenny. They didn't know what was going on.

They saw the spaceship, but everything looked OK. They decided to call Mission Control.

—Mission Control, this is SOC.

Commander Lenny speaking. We need your help. Over.

Nobody answered. Becky, Simon and Lenny were home.

The next day, Becky arrived a message on the computer: 8888888888

"Oh, no. Look at the door!" said Simon. There was a green sticky substance on the doorknob.

They decided to call Mission Control again.

—Mission Control, this is SOC. Commander Lenny speaking. We need your help. Over.



▶ Listen and check your answers.

▶ Classify the answers and add two more verbs to each category.

Regular Verbs

looked _____

Irregular Verbs

▶ Mark (✓) an ending for SOC.



▶ Listen to the ending of the story.



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