

The Shepherd's Boy

There was once a young shepherd's boy who tended his sheep at the foot of a mountain near a dark forest. It was rather lonely for him all day, so he thought of a plan to get a little company and some excitement. He rushed down toward the village, calling out, "Wolf! Wolf!" and the villagers came out to help him. Some of them stayed with him for a little while. This pleased the boy so much that a few days later, he tried the same trick, and again the villagers came to help him. But shortly after this, a wolf actually did come out from the forest and began to scare the sheep. The boy of course cried out, "Wolf! Wolf!" still louder than before. But this time the villagers, who had been fooled before, thought the boy was again deceiving them. Nobody came to his help. So the wolf ate the sheep from the boy's flock and when the boy complained, the wise man of the village said, "It is your own fault, if after so often taking your life for a truth, we at last took your truth for a lie."

Match the WORDS with their meanings. Write the letters on the blank spaces.

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| 1 COMPANY _____ | A. Make happy. |
| 2 EXCITEMENT _____ | B. Full of strong feelings. |
| 3 PLEASE _____ | C. A large steep hill. |
| 4 TRICK _____ | D. A wild carnivorous mammal. |
| 5 DECEIVE _____ | E. Friendship. |
| 6 COMPLAIN _____ | F. Sad due to not having friends/company. |
| 7 LIE _____ | G. An act that makes someone believe something that is not true. |
| 8 TRUTH _____ | H. Done or completely too hurriedly. |
| 9 VILLAGERS _____ | I. A person who tends and rears sheep. |
| 10 WOLF _____ | J. Say one is unhappy about something. |
| 11 SHEPHERD _____ | K. A large area covered with trees. |
| 12 RUSHED _____ | L. Cause someone to think that something bad or false is good or true. |
| 13 FOREST _____ | M. Something that is correct, right. |
| 14 MOUNTAIN _____ | N. People who live in a village. |
| 15 LONELY _____ | O. Something that is not true. |



Vocabulary in Context

Choose from the words on page 1 and write your answers in BIG LETTERS.

- 1 I just wanted to you. I want you to be happy.
- 2 The big, bad and hungry ate all the sheep.
- 3 Please don't Tell us the truth.
- 4 I encountered a big bear while I was walking into the
- 5 David and Maria enjoy each other's
- 6 My sister in when I called her.
- 7 You're lying. You're not telling the
- 8 That boy is playing the same again. He can't fool us this time.
- 9 I could see angry customers outside the store. They are here to about the product.
- 10 The were so angry at the shepherd's boy for fooling them twice.

Drag and drop the answers to the questions below.

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| If you keep lying, no one will believe you even if you speak the truth. | They thought he was deceiving them again. |
| He played a trick to the villagers. | Very pleased. |
| Scared and ate them. | Two. |
| At the foot of the mountain. | He was lonely and a bit bored. |

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| 1 | How many times did the boy trick the villagers? | |
| 2 | Why did the shepherd's boy play a trick on the villagers? | |
| 3 | How did the shepherd's boy feel after his first trick? | |
| 4 | What did the wolf do to the sheep? | |

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| 5 | What is the moral of the story? | |
| 6 | Where did the boy tend his sheep? | |
| 7 | Why did the villagers not help the boy the third time he cried, "Wolf!" | |
| 8 | What did the boy do to erase his boredom? | |