

The King and the Wiseman

A king is the ruler of a country, a leader. A wiseman is very clever and he knows many things. He can do magic and he can read the stars to foretell the future.

A long time ago, in a faraway land, there lived a king. He was a powerful, strong king. He ruled his people fairly, but he was also very strict. Every Thursday, he held an audience. Citizens came



to pay their respects. The king asked them questions about the kingdom. This is how he kept in touch with what was happening. One Thursday, some men told him that a wiseman held an audience every Friday and that hundreds of citizens attended - more than came to the king's audience! People loved and respected this wiseman and said that he could foretell the future. The king became jealous and also, furious! The king sent soldiers to bring the wiseman to him. He prepared to hold a

public execution. When the wiseman stood in front of the king, the king asked him if he really could foretell the future. The wiseman replied that yes, sometimes, he could. The king smiled, then pointed to the chopping block and remarked that this therefore, would be no surprise! The wiseman replied that it certainly was a surprise as he did not know the exact date of his death. All he knew with absolute certainty was that he would die three days before the king himself. Immediately, the king told the executioner to go and have his lunch. Then he ordered his two best bodyguards to always take the greatest care of the wiseman. The king and the wiseman lived long and happy lives.



Say if the statements are true or false then answer the questions in full sentences:

- The story happened last week.
- The king was weak and useless.
- He held a weekly audience.
- Nobody came to his audience.
- He asked questions at his audience.
- He was told that there was a wiseman.
- The wiseman held his audience every month.
- The king was jealous of the wiseman.
- The king sent for the wiseman.
- The king intended to have lunch with the wiseman.
- The wiseman knew the exact date of his death.
- The king gave the wiseman some lunch.
- The king sent the executioner away.
- The king commanded his finest bodyguards to look after the wiseman.
- The wiseman was very clever.
- They each had a long life.

- Where and when did the story take place? _____
- What kind of king was he? _____
- When did he have his audience? _____
- Who came? _____
- Why did he ask questions? _____
- What did people say about the wiseman? _____
- Why do you think the king was jealous? _____
- Why did the king send for the wiseman? _____
- Who did the king send to lunch? _____
- Why did the king order his best bodyguards to take care of the wiseman? _____

The cards never lie!

Jeanette looked at the cards in front of her. She was nervous. She felt scared. Then she looked at the woman opposite her. Jeanette was tall with blond hair. The woman facing her was pretty, with curly black hair and huge, brown eyes. She was wearing a red dress. She looked at Jeanette, but she did not smile. She studied each card carefully and shook her head. It was bad news. The cards never lied. With her hands shaking, Jeanette drew out her last card and put it down. Then she waited, nervously. After a few minutes, she looked up, with hope in her eyes. The pretty black-haired lady studied the last card and looked sad. She shook her head once more and gave Jeanette the thumbs-down.



'I'm very sorry, madam', she said, 'this card is declined as well. It looks like you have reached your credit limit'.

Say if the statements are TRUE or FALSE. Correct the false statements.

- a. Jeanette had some cats in front of her. **f - cards**
- b. She felt nervous and scared.
- c. Jeanette was short with curly black hair.
- d. The woman facing Jeanette had very big eyes.
- e. She was wearing a blue dress.
- f. She studied each card carefully.
- g. She smiled at Jeanette.
- h. The black-haired lady nodded her head.
- i. Jeanette's hands were shaking.
- j. When the black-haired lady saw the last card, she looked happy.
- k. She gave Jeanette the thumbs-up.
- l. The last card was accepted.
- m. Jeanette was probably in a shop.

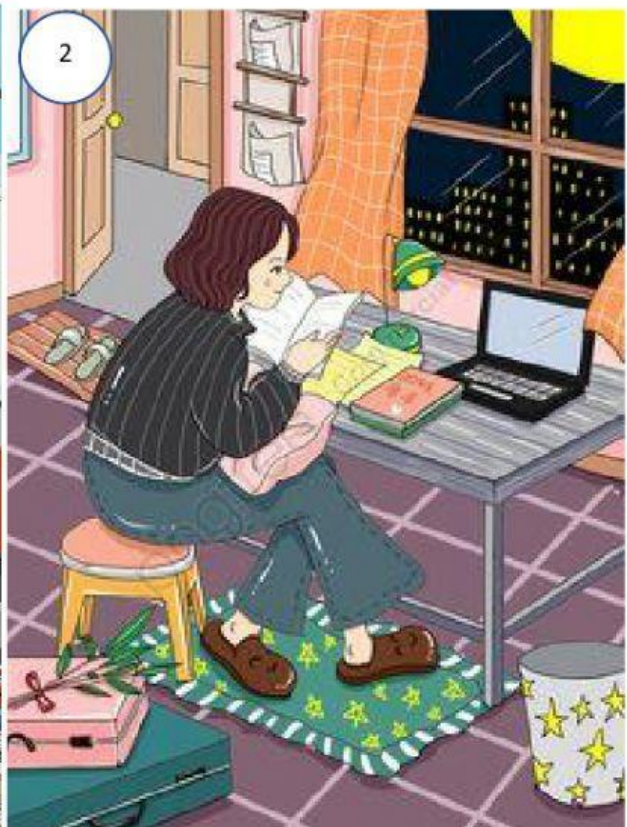
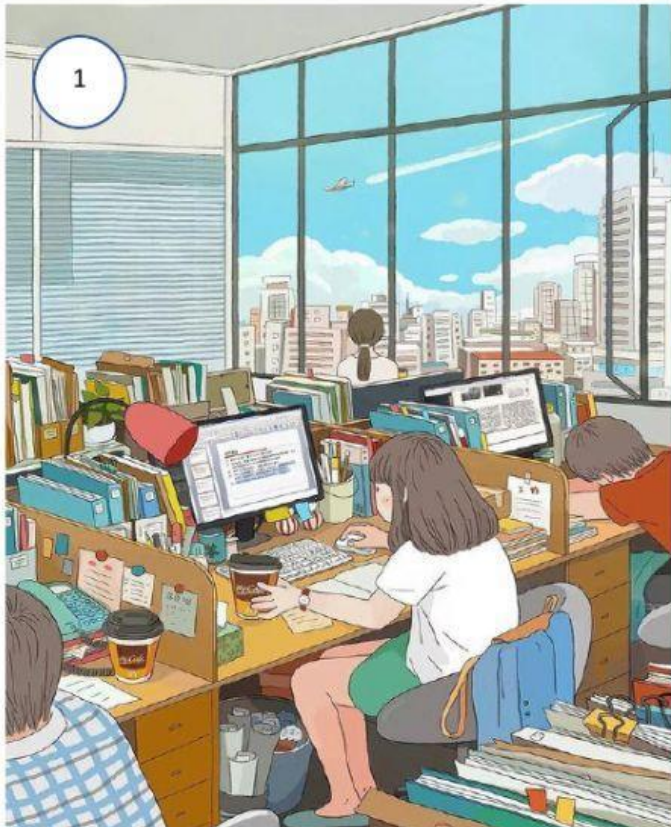


Answer the questions in full sentences:

- 1. What did Jeanette look at? _____
- 2. How did she feel? _____
- 3. Who is tall with blond hair? _____
- 4. Who was wearing a red dress? _____
- 5. Who did Jeanette look at? _____
- 6. Why did the black-haired lady shake her head? _____
- 7. Where do you think this incident took place? _____

BUSY

Look at the pictures and read these statements. Tell if they describe picture 1, 2 or both.



1. The people are working or studying.
2. Each person has a computer.
3. It's night.
4. There are several people in the room.
5. The girl has dark hair.
6. These people are in a big city.
7. There is a red lamp.
8. The desk is in front of the window.
9. The door is open.
10. The moon is shining.
11. A plane is flying by.
12. The sky is blue.
13. The girl is wearing brown shoes.
14. There is a trash can next to the desk.
15. The girl is wearing jeans.
16. The window is very large.
17. You can see wolsky scraperskenkratzer through the window.

Answer the questions

Image. 1

1. What is the weather like?

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2. What are the people doing?

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3. How many people are there?

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Image 2

Where is the girl?

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1. What time of day is it?

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2. Where is the girl?

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18. There are a few clouds.
19. The curtains are orange.
20. A girl is sitting on a stool.

Choose language

