Vocabulary exercises unit 8

Exercise 1: Match the word to the definition

Match each word to the correct definition:

1. A short story that teaches a moral, often with animals as characters.
2. A traditional story passed down orally, often reflecting cultural values.
3. A long, epic narrative about heroic deeds or the history of a family over generations.
4. A story that includes magical elements, fairies, or enchantments, often with a happy ending.
5. A narrative that explains natural or supernatural phenomena, often involving gods or heroes.

Exercise 2: Fill in the blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct vocabulary word:

1. The story of "The Tortoise and the Hare" is a classic example of a _____ that teaches the lesson of persistence and humility.
2. "The Odyssey" by Homer is a well-known _____ about the adventures of a Greek hero.
3. A _____ often involves magical elements like witches, princes, and happily-ever-after endings.
4. The Native American _____ about how the world was created has been told for centuries.
5. The Viking _____ recounts the legendary tales of Norse heroes and gods.

Exercise 3: Identify the type of story

Read the following descriptions and identify the type of story:

1. **"Cinderella"**: A poor girl gets help from a fairy godmother to attend a royal ball.
2. **"The Legend of Hercules"**: A demigod performs 12 impossible tasks to atone for his sins.
3. **"The Lion and the Mouse"**: A small mouse helps a lion, proving that even the smallest can be helpful.
4. **"The Saga of the Icelanders"**: A collection of stories about the lives and struggles of early Icelandic settlers.
5. **"The Legend of the Headless Horseman"**: A ghostly figure terrorizes a town at night.

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Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if the following statements are true or false:

1. A **fable** always includes magical characters like fairies or witches.
2. A **myth** is often used to explain natural events or the origin of the world.
3. A **saga** is typically a short story with a simple plot.
4. A **fairy tale** often ends with a moral lesson about right and wrong.
5. A **folktale** is part of the oral traditions of a specific culture.

Exercise 5: Write your own example

Write a short story (5-7 sentences) that fits into one of the following categories: **folktale, myth, fable, fairy tale, or saga.** At the end, label what type of story you wrote and explain why it belongs to that category.

Example Solution:

Once upon a time, in a tiny forest, there lived a kind fox and a clever crow. One day, the crow found a piece of cheese. The fox, wanting the cheese, flattered the crow and convinced her to sing. As she opened her beak, the cheese fell, and the fox grabbed it. The crow learned never to trust empty compliments.
Type: Fable.
Why: This is a short story featuring animals and teaches a moral lesson about trust.

Exercise 6: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

1. "The Ugly Duckling" is an example of a:
   a) Myth
   b) Folktale
   c) Fable
   d) Fairy tale

2. "Beowulf," an epic poem about a hero fighting monsters, is best described as a:
   a) Fairy tale
   b) Saga
   c) Myth
   d) Folktale

3. A _____ often involves gods and tries to explain how the world or certain phenomena came to be.
   a) Saga
   b) Myth

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c) Fable
d) Fairy tale

4. Stories like "Jack and the Beanstalk," passed down from generation to generation, are examples of:
   a) Folktales
   b) Sagas
   c) Myths
   d) Fairy tales

5. In a _____, animals act like humans and teach a lesson about life.
   a) Fairy tale
   b) Fable
   c) Saga
   d) Myth

Here are some exercises in English using the vocabulary words: **villain, baddy, reader, goody, monsters, moral, hero, heroine**, along with their solutions:

Exercise 1: Match the word to its definition

Match each word with its correct definition:

1. A character in a story who is evil or bad.
2. The person who reads or engages with a book or story.
3. A scary, fictional creature often featured in horror or fantasy stories.
4. A protagonist or main character who is brave and admired for their good deeds.
5. The female version of a brave and admirable main character.
6. A lesson about right or wrong that a story teaches.
7. Another word for a bad character or the antagonist of a story.
8. A good character who fights against evil.

Exercise 2: Fill in the blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct vocabulary word:

1. The _____ of the story was brave and selfless, saving the town from destruction.
2. The _____ learned a valuable lesson about kindness by the end of the story.

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3. The _____ planned to steal the treasure but was stopped by the hero.
4. Fairy tales often teach a _____, such as the importance of honesty or courage.
5. The _____ was terrified as the _____ chased them through the dark forest.
6. The _____ fought bravely alongside the hero to protect their kingdom.
7. Even though the _____ had an evil plan, the goody stopped them just in time.
8. In this book, the _____ is a brave knight who battles a dragon to save the princess.

Exercise 3: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answer:

1. Who is usually the main character in a story and known for their bravery?
   a) Villain
   b) Hero
   c) Monster
   d) Baddy

2. What word refers to a scary or fictional creature often found in horror stories?
   a) Goody
   b) Heroine
   c) Monsters
   d) Reader

3. What is another word for an evil character in a story?
   a) Reader
   b) Goody
   c) Heroine
   d) Villain

4. A story often teaches a _____, which is a lesson about right and wrong.
   a) Reader
   b) Monster
   c) Moral
   d) Heroine

5. The female counterpart to a hero is called a:
   a) Goody
   b) Heroine
   c) Villain
   d) Baddy

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Exercise 4: True or False

Decide whether the following statements are true or false:

1. A **heroine** is a male character who saves others.
2. A **moral** is a lesson that a story teaches.
3. A **baddy** is always a good character in a story.
4. **Monsters** are often used in fantasy or horror stories.
5. The **reader** is the person who enjoys and interprets the story.

Exercise 5: Match the character type with the description

Below are descriptions of characters in a story. Match them to the correct term:

1. A brave female warrior who saves her kingdom.
2. The main antagonist who tries to sabotage the hero's mission.
3. The person who enjoys and interprets the story.
4. A creepy creature that hides under the bed in children's stories.
5. A noble man who defeats evil and protects the weak.

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