

Workbook

The Bamboo Cutter and the Moon Child

GRADE 8

Name: _____

Class: _____



LOOK AND THINK!

Look at the pictures below.

Read the words below. Choose 5 words that match the pictures!



Bamboo – Space – Old man – Princess – Rocket –
Moonlight – Parent – Couple – Castle – Baby

Write the 5 correct words here:



WHAT COMES TO YOUR MIND?

When you see the moon and an old couple, what story comes to your mind?



The old couple finds a shining baby inside the bamboo.



The old couple builds a rocket to visit the moon.



LISTEN AND ANSWER!

Listen carefully to the audio story.

Then, choose the correct answers based on what you hear.

Play the audio two times if needed.



- **Where did the story happen?**

- ☐ A. In China
- ☐ B. In Japan
- ☐ C. In Korea

- **What did the old man find inside the bamboo?**

- ☐ A. A tiny baby girl
- ☐ B. A letter
- ☐ C. A golden ring

- **Where did Princess Kaguya come from?**

- ☐ A. The Sun
- ☐ B. The Moon
- ☐ C. The Sea

READ AND UNDERSTAND!

Read the story carefully.

Then, answer the questions based on the text.

THE BAMBOO CUTTER AND THE MOON CHILD

Once upon a time in Japan, there lived an old bamboo cutter and his wife.

One night, the old man found a shining bamboo. Inside, he found a tiny, beautiful baby girl.

They were so happy and raised her as their own daughter. They named her **Princess Kaguya**.

As Kaguya grew up, she became the most beautiful woman in the land. Many princes wanted to marry her, but she refused them all. One day, she told her parents that she came from the Moon, and she had to go back there.

When the full moon rose, a bright light came from the sky. The Moon People took Princess Kaguya away, and the old couple cried as they watched her return home.

WHAT COMES TO YOUR MIND?

After read the story, please answer this true and false question!

- **The story happened in Japan.**

- **The old man found a baby girl inside a shining bamboo.**

- **Princess Kaguya accepted one of the princes.**

- **Princess Kaguya came from the Moon.**

- **The old couple felt happy when Kaguya left.**

LET'S LEARN FIRST!

Understanding the Structure of the Narrative Text!



A Narrative Text is a story that tells about imaginary events or experiences.

It has three main parts called Generic Structure:

ORIENTATION

Introduces who the characters are, where and when the story happens.

COMPLICATION

Shows a problem or conflict that happens to the characters.

RESOLUTION

Tells how the problem ends or how the story is solved.

LET'S PRACTICE!

Read each paragraph carefully. Then, choose which part of the story it is: Orientation, Complication, or Resolution.

PARAGRAPH 1:

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One night, the old man found a shining bamboo. Inside, he found a tiny, beautiful baby girl.

They were so happy and raised her as their own daughter. They named her Princess Kaguya.

This paragraph is part of ...

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PARAGRAPH 2:

This paragraph is part of ...
When the full moon rose, a bright light came from the sky.

LET'S PRACTICE!

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PARAGRAPH 3:

As Kaguya grew up, she became the most beautiful woman in the land.

Many princes wanted to marry her, but she refused them all.

One day, she told her parents that she came from the Moon, and she had to go back there.

This paragraph is part of ...

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LET'S LEARN FIRST!

Understanding the language features the Narrative Text!



A narrative text tells a story from the past, uses past tense, includes action verbs, adjectives, and time connectors to make the story clear and interesting.

Narrative texts use Past Tense, because the events already happened.

They also use specific language features, such as:

- **Past Tense** → to tell what happened (e.g., was, went, found, lived)
- **Action Verbs** → to show actions (e.g., cut, opened, ran, helped)
- **Adjectives** → to describe characters or things (e.g., kind, beautiful, old)
- **Time Connectives** → to show the sequence (e.g., then, after that, finally)
- **Direct Speech** → to show what people said (e.g., "Please help me," said the girl.)

LET'S IDENTIFY!

Read the short text below and underline or write down examples of past tense verbs, adjectives, and time connectives.

Once upon a time, there was an old man who lived near a forest. One day, he found a small girl inside a shining bamboo. The girl was very beautiful and kind. After that, the old man and his wife took care of her.

Your Task:

- Past tense verbs:

- Adjectives:

- Time connectives:

WORK IN PAIRS!

- Listen to the short conversation about The Bamboo Cutter and the Moon Child.
- Fill in the missing words in the dialogue below.
- Practice the conversation with your partner and record your voices clearly.
- Use good pronunciation and intonation.



Yuka: Hey, have you ever heard the story The _____ Cutter and the _____ Child?

Kazuma : Hmm... yes! It's about an old man who _____ a baby inside a shining _____.

Yuka : That's right! She grew up to be a _____ girl named Princess Kaguya.

Kazuma: I remember that many _____ wanted to marry her, but she refused them all.

Yuka Yes, and in the end, she _____ back to the Moon.

Kazuma : A _____ but beautiful story!

LET`S PRACTICE!

- practice reading the dialogue with your partner.
- Record your voices clearly and confidently.

Tips for Speaking:

- Speak slowly and clearly , don't rush!
- Use correct pronunciation for each word.
- Add good intonation to make it sound natural.
- Practice 2-3 times before recording.
- Smile while speaking it makes your voice sound nicer.



WRITING TOGETHER!

Choose the Story First!

Pick one famous Indonesian legend you know well:

- 🧊 Malin Kundang – a boy who was cursed into stone.
- 🧜 Timun Mas – a brave girl who escaped from a giant.
- 🏔️ Sangkuriang – a boy who built a lake and mountain for his mother.
- 🐉 Naga Besukih – the legend of a dragon on Mount Agung.
- 🚢 Tangkuban Perahu – how a boat turned into a mountain.
- 🍁 Jaka Tarub and the Seven Fairies – a man who married a fairy.

(You can also choose another legend you like!)

- Work in pairs.
- Choose one story from the list above.
- Write a short narrative text (100–120 words) based on the story.
- Use the correct structure:
 - Orientation: introduce the characters and place.
 - Complication: explain the main problem.
 - Resolution: tell how the problem ends.
- Use Past Tense, action verbs, adjectives, and time connectives (then, after that, finally).
- Check your grammar and spelling together before submitting.

WRITING TOGETHER!

Be creative, work together, and have fun telling your favorite legend!