

# READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text and answer the following questions.

## THE LEGEND OF MOUNT KINABALU

A long time ago, a Chinese prince was sailing across the seas when his ship was caught in a terrible storm. The waves were huge, and the ship sank. The prince managed to survive and washed ashore in Sabah, far from home. Alone and exhausted, he wandered along the coast, hoping to find help.

During his stay, he met a kind and beautiful Kadazan woman. She welcomed him and cared for him. Over time, they fell in love and got married. The couple was happy, and the woman soon discovered she was expecting a child. Life seemed peaceful, and the villagers admired the couple for their love and courage.

However, after some time, the prince had to return to China to visit his parents. He promised to come back for his wife, leaving her behind with a token of his love. The woman waited faithfully, but months turned into years, and the prince never returned. Heartbroken, she wandered up the nearby mountain, hoping to catch sight of his return.

As she climbed higher, her grief was so deep that, according to legend, she turned into stone, her spirit forever tied to the mountain. People say that her “face” now faces the sea, always watching and waiting for the prince who never came back.

Because of this story, the mountain became known as Kinabalu, which some say means the “Chinese Widow” (Cina Balu). Today, Mount Kinabalu stands as the tallest mountain in Sabah, a natural wonder, and a symbol of love, loyalty, and devotion that lasts beyond life itself.



# ACTIVITIES

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Answer the following questions.

1. How did the Chinese prince arrive in Sabah?

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2. Why did the prince have to return to China?

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3. What happened to the woman when the prince never returned?

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4. Why do you think the villagers admired the couple?

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5. Based on the woman's actions, what kind of person do you think she was?

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Write the **meaning of each word** in your own words.

1. Kadazan

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2. Grief

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3. Devotion

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4. Kinabalu

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5. Widow

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# ACTIVITIES

3

Read the excerpt below from the Legend of Mount Kinabalu. Then write a short paragraph expressing the woman's feelings at different moments in the story.

Write 5-7 sentences expressing the woman's feelings during these moments:

1. When she married the prince
2. When he left for China
3. When she waited for him
4. When she climbed the mountain
5. When she realised he would never return

Use emotion words such as:

happy, hopeful, worried, lonely, heartbroken, surprised, disappointed, proud, loyal

1. When she married the prince

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2. When he left for China

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3. When she waited for him

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4. When she climbed the mountain

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5. When she realised he would never return

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This activity:

- Uses a local legend well-known in Sabah
- Activates students' emotional connection to Mount Kinabalu
- Encourages pride in local identity and heritage
- Works on any device, including shared phones
- Supports multilingual students with simple emotion vocabulary

# ACTIVITIES

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You have read the legend about how the Kadazan woman turned into stone and became part of Mount Kinabalu. Now, imagine that the story ended differently.

Your task: Rewrite the ending of the story in your own words. You may choose the ending for your story from the option below.

- Option 1: A Hopeful Ending
- Option 2: A Magical Ending
- Option 3: A Realistic Ending
- Option 4: A Tragic Ending