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Juan and Justo

SHORT STORY



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JUST ENGLISH

(A1) STARTER

Stages	Procedure	Time
Objectives	 To practice scanning skills guessing the meaning in context 	
Warmer/ Pre-reading	 Write the word 'handicap' on the board. Elicit and discuss the meaning of handicap. Introduce words to address types of handicap eg, visually- impaired, hearing difficulty, special needs, etc 	10 mins
While-Reading	 Read "In Brief" page 55 with the students. Ask students to read the story and find out if the robbers killed the two people. 	10 mins
Post-reading	 Elicit answer for 'while reading' task. Distribute Task 1. In pairs, students complete the task. Discuss the answers. Assign Task 2. Discuss the answers. 	15 mins
Wrap	 Ask students: Were the robbers smart? Why do you say so? 	5 mins

TASK 1

Choose the best option to answer the questions.

- 1. How did Juan get his coconuts?
 - A: He bought them.
 - B: He found them.
 - C: He stole them.
 - D: He grew them.
- 2. What did Justo do to get money?
 - A: He worked odd jobs.
 - B: He stole the money.
 - C: He found the money.
 - D: He begged for money.
- 3. What did Justo suggest to Juan?
 - A: To sit on his shoulders and be his eyes.
 - B: To work together and steal money.
 - C: To help find coconuts as Juan could see.
 - D: To go look for the robbers' hideout.
- 4. What were the things that Justo and Juan found?
 - A: axe, swords, horn, and money
 - B: axe, horn, drum and rope
 - C: money, drum, swords and rope
 - D: horn, money, rope and drum
- 5. Why did they pick up those things?
 - A: They thought the things may be useful later.
 - B: They liked collecting old things.
 - C: They were going to sell the things.
 - D: They needed the things to build a house.
- 6. Where did they hide when it became dark?
 - A: In the coconut plantation.
 - B: In the ceiling of the house.
 - C: In a comfortable place in the house.
 - D: In a corner behind the swords.
- 7. How did the robbers know someone was hiding in the ceiling?
 - A: The leader saw some shadows.
 - B: The leader looked through a small hole.
 - C: Justo was frightened and let out a cry.
 - D: Justo threw down the things they collected.

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- 8. What did Justo and Juan do to frighten off the robbers?
 - A: They talked in loud voices and said they were giants.
 - B: They used the swords and frightened the robbers.
 - C: They told the robbers that they were going to kill them.
 - D: They used the things they collected to trick the robbers.

TASK 2

Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

plantation	rusted s	swords	comfortable	ceiling
1. The tin can		because it	was left out in the ra	in.
2. My father bou	ght a	(hair to sit and watch	TV.
3. In the old days	s, soldiers used		to fight enemie	es.
4. My grandfathe	er had a big		where he grew b	anana trees.
5. We hung colou	urful streamers fro	om the	for th	ne party.



ANSWERS

Task 1

- 1. С
- 2. D
- 3. А
- 4. В 5.
- А
- 6. В
- 7. С 8. D

Task 2

- 1. rusted
- 2. comfortable
- 3. swords
- 4. plantation
- 5. ceiling

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