

# LESSON PLAN

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*THE BANANA TREE GHOST*



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BEYOND GAME OF THRONES: INCREDIBLE MYTHICAL CREATURES

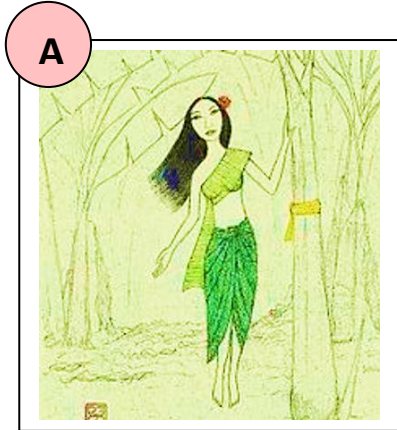


**UPPER INTERMEDIATE**

Stages	Procedure	Time
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To practice               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. scanning and skimming for details</li> <li>b. guessing the word meaning in context</li> <li>c. drawing conclusions based on clues from the text</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
<b>Warmer</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher plays a Thai advertisement from YouTube – an advertisement that shows different kinds of ghosts in Thailand. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g97rE64C92M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g97rE64C92M</a></li> <li>2. Teacher elicits from students if they have heard stories about any of the ghosts shown in the advertisement before.</li> <li>3. Teacher then asks students what they think the reading passage is going to be about (<i>answer: ghosts</i>).</li> </ol>	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>Pre-reading</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher distributes <b>Task 1</b>. Without referring to the article, students work with their partners and match the type of ghosts to their countries.</li> <li>2. Teacher elicits for answers and asks what is common between the ghosts/spirits (<i>answer: they are all spirits of the banana tree/banana tree ghosts</i>).</li> </ol>	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>While-Reading</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher gets students to skim and scan the article to confirm the answers in <b>Task 1</b>.</li> <li>2. Teacher continues with <b>Task 2</b>. Teacher puts students into small groups for task.</li> <li>3. In <b>Task 2</b> students need to look for words/phrases to answer each vocabulary question.</li> <li>4. Teacher discusses and confirms answers.</li> <li>5. Teacher distributes <b>Task 3</b>.</li> <li>6. In small groups, students look for statements from the article to support each point.</li> </ol>	<b>15 mins</b>
<b>Post-reading</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher asks the class if any of them have encountered any paranormal experience before.</li> <li>2. Teacher elicits for responses.</li> </ol>	<b>10 mins</b>
<b>Wrap</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher summarises and wraps up lesson.</li> </ol>	<b>5 mins</b>

**TASK 1**

Match the details to each picture below.



Malaysia	Thailand	full moon nights
Chinese	Pontianak	red string
dressed in white	Singapore	Indonesia
Nang Tani	Taoist sorcery	dressed in green
green-skinned	Ba Jiao Jing	soft baby cries
vengeful	pale-skinned	whining dog

**TASK 2**

Look for words or phrases from the article to answer each question below.

1. Which two words tell you that they are tales that are being handed down by tradition from earlier times?

2. Which word tells you that a Pontianak will make men feel attracted to them?

3. According to the article, a 'sweet smell' indicates the presence of a Pontianak. Look for a phrase from the article that means nearly the same.

4. Which banana tree ghost died in a very brutal way? What are the words that tell you that?

5. Which phrase tells you about the natural system that human beings have when they suspect danger?

6. Look for two words which have the similar meaning to 'ghosts'.

7. Look for a phrase which refers to someone who is dead not long ago.

8. According to the article, "the ghost stories that from our childhood linger on in our memories and they tingle us every now and then." Which word tells you that such memories will cause us to have creeping sensation?

**TASK 3**

Look for statements from the article to support each point below.

1. Asians' belief in ghosts is not based on any scientific theories.

2. Not all ghosts are evil in nature.

3. Places that are popular with paranormal activities are usually abandoned.

4. Paranormal experiences most of the time are not real apparition encounters.

5. Fear a lot of times is instilled because of our own imaginations.

## Answers

**Task 1**

- A: Nang Tani, green-skinned, Thailand, full moon nights, dressed in green
- B: Pontianak, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, dressed in white, pale-skinned, soft baby cries, whining dog
- C: Ba Jiao Jing, Chinese, vengeful, Taoist sorcery, red string

**Task 2**

1. myths, legends
2. seduce
3. smell fragrant (flowers)
4. Ba Jiao Jing, murdered, dismembered
5. agency-detection mechanisms
6. spirits, apparitions
7. deceased person
8. tingle

**Task 3**

*Answers may vary. Below are the suggested answers.*

1. *In Asia, ghosts and paranormal activities are tied in with superstition.*
2. *Nang Tani is said to be a gentle natured spirit that can be tamed through certain rituals, but at the risk of being attacked.*  
*Or*  
*Although apparitions have mostly been reported in dangerous or extreme environments, some people who have lost their loved ones have reported seeing the deceased person.*
3. *Sensed presence mostly happens in unusual environments with little social stimulation or in highly stressful situations.*
4. *Evolutionary psychologists suggest agency-detection mechanisms which evolved to warn us of danger or potential threats may be the reason why we see ghosts.*
5. *We have inherited the collective memory of our ancestors who did not have horror movies to scare them, only their imaginations.*