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ABU AND THE MAGICAL BOAT



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Stages	Procedure	Time
Objectives	1. To practice a. skimming and scanning skills b. vocabulary in context – identifying synonyms 1. Teacher shows pictures (see appendix) and asks what each picture shows. 2. Teacher leads into the topic of the day.	
Warmer		
Pre-reading	 Teacher divides class into 4 groups for Task 1. Teacher tells students each group will get a set of sentences which make up a part of the same story. Groups to put the sentences in correct order. Teacher distributes the sets of sentences. Students given 5 mins to complete task. Teacher elicits for correct order from each group. Teachers gives another 3 mins for groups to piece the whole story together. One student from each group to read out their part of the story. 	10 mins
While-Reading	 Teacher distributes Task 2. Students answer the questions in Task 2 individually. Students compare answers with a partner. 	8 mins
Post-reading	 Teacher checks the answers and provide feedback. Teacher distributes Task 3. In pairs, students complete task and compare answers. Teacher discusses the answers. 	10 mins
Wrap	1. Teacher does a concept check of the lesson	5 mins

TASK 1

Rearrange the sentences in each set below to form a complete story.

Set 1:

- 1. Abu gave the magic boat to Malas to sell to the chief.
- 2. Meanwhile, the chieftain's daughter fell sick.
- 3. Malas became frightened and ordered his men to catch Abu but Abu managed to run away.
- 4. He arrived at the village to find out that Malas had become the deputy chieftain.
- 5. Abu did not return home for a few days and the animals went to search for him.
- 6. One day, Malas advised Abu to sell the boat to the rich village chief so that he could use the money for rebuilding his house.
- 7. They found him hungry, dirty and **injured** and **nursed him back to health**.
- 8. They wanted to go to the chieftain to tell him the truth but didn't know how to get into the palace.
- 9. When Malas did not return after a long time Abu went to look for him.
- 10. The chieftain announced that anyone who could cure her could ask for one thing.
- 11. He understood then that Malas had cheated him of his boat.

Set 2:

- 1. Malas was a lazy man and did not help to row or guide the boat like everyone else.
- 2. Meanwhile, Abu with the help of the animals he had saved began to rebuild his hut that was destroyed during the flood.
- 3. After the rain and flood, Abu said the magic words to return the boat to its original size before going home.
- 4. Abu took out his magic toy boat and said the magic words.
- 5. He invited the man, Malas, into the boat also.
- 6. As he was sailing on the rising flood waters, he saw some animals trapped up on a tree.
- 7. The boat became **very big** and Abu **got into** it with his pet canary.
- 8. One rainy season, it rained non-stop for 10 days and the place where Abu lived became flooded.
- 9. He **saved** them by letting them into his boat.
- 10. He just lay down the whole time and gave orders to everyone else.
- 11. Later, he saw a man on a log floating in the water.
- 12. Malas saw this and wanted the boat for himself.

Set 3:

- 1. One day, Abu saw a woman fall from a hanging bridge into the river.
- 2. Abu was a poor boy.
- 3. When Abu blew on the whistle, the witch would appear.
- 4. She gave him a toy boat that could grow bigger and turn small again by just saying some magical words.
- 5. He jumped into the river to save the woman.
- 6. She also gave him some medicine that could cure any disease.
- 7. The woman was a witch.
- 8. She gave Abu some magical gifts.
- 9. She thought Abu was **brave** for **jumping into the water without thinking of his own safety**.
- 10. He caught fish from the river for food.
- 11. Finally, she gave Abu a whistle.
- 12. He lived in a small hut in the jungle with his pet bird, a canary.

Set 4:

- 1. Abu took out the whistle and blew on it.
- 2. The chieftain was very happy and asked what Abu wanted in return.
- 3. He married the girl and became the chieftain.
- 4. The chieftain, unwilling to give up the boat, asked Abu to prove that the boat was his.
- 5. Abu got back his boat and went home with the chieftain's daughter and his friends.
- 6. He used the boat to travel around the island to help his people when they needed help.
- 7. However, both the chieftain and Malas were still **not willing** to return the boat.
- 8. He used the magic medicine to cure the chieftain's daughter.
- 9. Abu said that he wanted his magic boat back.
- 10. The witch did just that.
- 11. The witch appeared and told the chieftain that she had given the boat to Abu.
- 12. Abu's animal friends then begged the witch to turn Malas into an eel and the chieftain into a sea snail.
- 13. Abu dressed up as a traditional witchdoctor to hide his true identity.

TASK 2

Find sentences in the story that mean the same as the sentences below.

1.	Abu's bravery and unselfishness earned her respect.
2.	Malas became very frightened when he met Abu because he felt guilty for cheating Abu.
3.	Abu was able to run away from the many men who were trying to catch him.
4.	The animals went to look for Abu because he was missing for a few days.
5.	The headman was unwilling to give up the precious boat.

TASK 3

Find the words and expressions from the short story that means the same as the following words and expressions.

	Synonyms	
1.	hanging bridge	
2.	witch	
3.	doing something without thinking about one's own safety	
4.	showing admiration or respect	
5.	disappeared	
6.	very big	
7.	noticed	
8.	saved	
9.	trapped	
10.	got onto	
11.	headman	
12.	very angry	
13.	captured	
14.	to be greater in number than someone	
15.	injured	
16.	returned to original condition	
17.	worried	
18.	took back	

ANSWERS

Task 1

Set 1:

6, 1, 9, 4, 11, 3, 5, 7, 8, 2, 10

Set 2:

8, 4, 7, 6, 9, 11, 5, 1, 10, 3, 12, 2

Set 3:

2, 12, 10, 1, 5, 7, 9, 8, 4, 6, 11, 3

Set 4:

13, 8, 2, 9, 4, 1, 11, 7, 12, 10, 5, 3, 6

Story order: Set 3, Set 2, Set 1, Set 4

Task 2

- 1. She was impressed with Abu's courage and selflessness.
- 2. Malas saw Abu and fear struck him, knowing that he had cheated Abu.
- 3. Luckily Abu managed to escape despite being outnumbered.
- 4. When Abu did not return home for several days, the animals went searching for him.
- 5. The chieftain was reluctant to part with his prized possession.

Task 3

- 1. suspension
- 2. enchantress
- 3. selflessness
- 4. impressed
- 5. vanished
- 6. mighty
- 7. spied
- 8. rescued
- 9. stranded
- 10. boarded
- 11. chieftain
- 12. furious
- 13. arrested
- 14. outnumbered
- 15. bruised
- 16. restored
- 17. anxious
- 18. retrieved

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