

Falling Down a Mountain

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Age

11

Genre

Folktale

Word Count

202 Words

Story at a Glance

In a faraway land, there was a legend that if one fell down the mountainside, he or she would have only three more years of life left. Doori's grandmother, who was in a rush to get home and cook dinner, slipped and fell down the mountainside. The whole town gossiped, and rumors spread fast about Doori's grandmother. Doori, who was very clever, told his grandmother to slip on the mountainside again so that she could live longer. For every time she slipped, that would add three more years to her lifespan. Doori's grandmother was overjoyed and slipped again and again on the mountainside.

Activity Ideas

After reading the story of *Falling Down a Mountain*, let's learn the various vocabulary and sentences that appeared in the story. And, dig deeper into the story!

Key Words

mysterious

strange

slippery

very easy to lose one's balance

legend

a story handed down from earlier times

foretell

to predict

ridge

the line formed by two sloping surfaces that meet

mountainside

the side of a mountain

gossip

to talk about other people, not always truthfully

Words Use

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

01 The _____ foretold a life ending in three years time.

- ① ridge
- ② legend
- ③ mysterious

02 The neighbors spread rumors as they _____.

- ① gossiped
- ② bewildered
- ③ calculated

03 In her room, she saw a _____ box that she had never seen before.

- ① mysterious
- ② lifespan
- ③ foretell

04 When the grandson was _____ a new lifespan, he was multiplying the grandmother's falls by three.

- ① gossiping
- ② rumor
- ③ calculating

05 His grandmother was _____ by her grandson's strange idea.

- ① lifespan
- ② bewildered
- ③ calculating

Words Building

After reading *Falling Down a Mountain*, write the meaning of each word in your own words.

mysterious

slippery

legend

foretell

ridge

mountainside

gossip

rumor

Understanding #1

Select 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if the statement is not correct. If you choose 'False' as an answer, think about what the right answer is.

- 01 The grandmother was in a hurry. T / F
- 02 The neighbors kept their ideas to themselves. T / F
- 03 The grandmother ignored Doori. T / F
- 04 The neighbors thought the grandmother would live only three more years. T / F

Understanding #2

01 What is the moral of the folktale?

- ① You can challenge and go against your destiny.
- ② You should gossip about neighbors.
- ③ You shouldn't pay attention to legends.

02 Everyone in the story _____.

- ① believed the mountain legend
- ② ignored the mountain legend
- ③ stayed away from the mountain because of the legend
- ④ gossiped about the mountain legend

03 When she fell the first time, the grandmother _____.

- ① told her neighbors not to gossip
- ② told Doori not to worry
- ③ went up the mountain again
- ④ thought that she would live only three more years

04 The grandmother danced with joy because _____.

- ① she didn't believe her neighbors when they gossiped about her
- ② she believed Doori had figured out how to go against the legend
- ③ her neighbors stopped gossiping about her and Doori
- ④ the legend was a lie that the neighbors had made up

Understanding #3

Choose the order of the pictures that shows what happened in the story.

A



B



C



D



① B-C-A-D

② C-A-D-B

③ A-D-B-C

④ D-B-C-A

Read the passage below and choose the matching picture.

"Fall two times and live six years. Fall three times and live nine years," said the grandson, quickly calculating a longer lifespan for his grandmother.

①



②



③



④



Coloring Sheet

📅 DATE: _____

👤 NAME: _____



Speaking Fluency

Speak about the picture out loud.



There were _____

_____.

Her neighbors _____

_____.



His grandmother _____

" _____?" she cried.

"I shall _____

_____.
The grandmother _____

_____.

Critical Thinking

Think about the questions and express your ideas or opinions about them.

- 01** Why did Min's mother tell her to weep and to tell her sorrows to a tree?
- 02** Why did Min's mother tell her that the tree would take the place of her?
- 03** What did it really mean when Min's mother saw that the base of the tree was dry?

Writing

Write about the story on a separate piece of paper.

Title

Author



Can this story happen in real life?

Yes

No



This story is about

(a little boy and a dog, a scarecrow, an old tree, etc.)

Draw a picture about the story and write a sentence or two about the picture.

Making Your Own Story

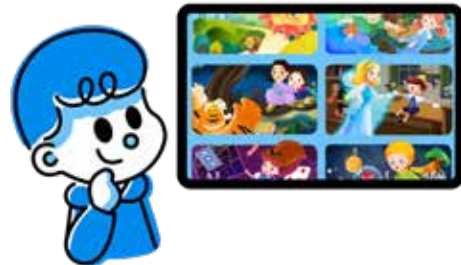


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① Make your own face character in StorySelf.



② Choose *Falling Down a Mountain* story.



③ Choose your face character.



④ Enter the story and become the main character of the story.

Make your own voice storybook



① Enter the story, *Falling Down a Mountain*.



② Press the subtitle.



③ Record your voice for the subtitle.



④ Enjoy your voice in the storybook.

Answer Sheet

Words Use

- 1 - ②
- 2 - ①
- 3 - ①
- 4 - ③
- 5 - ②

Understanding #1

- 1 - T
- 2 - F
- 3 - F
- 4 - T

Understanding #2

- 1 - ③
- 2 - ①
- 3 - ④
- 4 - ②

Understanding #3

- Top - ③
- Bottom - ②

Speaking Fluency

[Left]

There were many people who knew her and talked about what happened. Her neighbors whispered words of concern to one another.

[Right]

His grandmother then danced with joy.

"Why not?" she cried. "I shall live as long as I like."

The grandmother fell down the mountain again and again.

Critical Thinking

Possible Answer

1. Min's mother did this because she believed that Min would be even more miserable if she wasn't able to tell and let out her sorrows in the open.
2. Since Min's mother couldn't see her all the time, Min still needed someone to talk to, and to tell her sorrows to.
3. It meant that what Min was doing was effective since the tree wasn't wet anymore. Perhaps it meant she was crying less since she was less miserable. This is what Min's mother meant when she said that the tree had absorbed Min's tears and sorrows. Min was now less burdened by her grief.