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THE FOX IS DEAD

A fox and a wolf are friends. One day the wolf says to the fox, “I am very hungry. I want to have a rabbit for dinner but rabbits run too quickly. I can never catch them”.

“I know how to help you,” says the fox. “A fat grey rabbit lives in that small house at the oak-tree. Let us ask magpies to chatter that I am dead. I go home and get into bed. You must hide somewhere in my house. I am sure that the rabbit will come to see if I am dead. Then you will jump and catch him”.

“The fox is dead, the fox is dead”, chatter the magpies.

The rabbit wants to know if the fox is dead. But he does not want to go into the fox’s house. He looks in through the window, and sees the fox on his bed. His eyes are shut, he looks like a dead fox.

The rabbit thinks, “I must see if the fox is dead or not. If he is not dead, he’ll catch me when I go near to him”.

He looks at the fox and says, “The magpies chatter that the fox is dead. But he does not look like a dead fox. Dead foxes always open their mouths”.

The wily fox hears this, and he thinks, “I’ll show the rabbit that I am dead”. So he opens his mouth. Now the rabbit sees that the fox is not dead. He jumps up and runs away as fast as he can.

The fox and the wolf cannot catch him.

Vocabulary

fox – лисиця, лис

dead – мертвий

wolf – вовк

hungry – голодний

rabbit – кролик

too quickly – дуже швидко

to catch (caught, caught) – спіймати, зловити

fat – жирний

oak-tree – дуб

Let us ask magpies to chatter that I am dead. – Давай попросимо сорок розповісти, що я помер.

to hide (hid, hidden) – заховатися

I am sure that the rabbit will come. – Я впевнений, що кролик прийде.

to look in – заглядати

he looks like – він схожий на

mouth – рот

wily – хитрий

to hear (heard, heard) – чути

to show (showed, shown) – показувати

as fast as he could – так швидко, як він міг

Дай відповіді на запитання

1. Who are friends?
2. What does the wolf say to the fox one day?
3. Who lives in a small house at the oak-tree?
4. What do the fox and the wolf want to do?
5. What does the rabbit do?
6. What does the rabbit think?
7. What does he say?
8. What does the wily fox do?
9. Why does the rabbit jump up and run away?
10. Can the fox and the wolf catch him?

THE MAGIC BASKET

A mother and her little son live in a little house. They are very poor. All they have is a grey goat.

One day the mother says, “We have no money, we have no bread. You must go and sell the goat.” The boy takes the goat and goes to the town. He meets a farmer with a large basket in his hands. “Sell me your goat”, says the farmer.

“What can you give me for it?” asks the boy.

“I can give you this basket”, says the farmer.

“What good is this basket for me?” says the boy. “What can I put in it? I have no bread, I have no eggs, I have no apples!”

“My little girl is ill”, says the farmer. “She must drink some milk from a grey goat every day or she will die”.

The boy is kind. He is sorry for the little girl. He gives his goat to the farmer, takes the basket and goes home.

When he comes home, he puts the basket on the table and shows it to his mother.

The mother looks at the basket and says, “What good is this basket for us, what can we put in it?”

But suddenly the basket says, “I am a magic basket.” The basket jumps from the table and runs out of the house. When it comes back to the poor boy’s house, it is full of good things. Now the mother and her boy have dinner.

Every morning the wonderful basket jumps from the table and runs out of the house. And every day it comes back full of good things. Now the mother and her boy have their breakfast, dinner and supper every day.

Vocabulary

The Magic Basket – чарівний кошик

goat – коза

to sell (sold, sold) – продати

What good is this basket for me? – Навіщо мені кошик?

to die – померти

kind – добрий

He is sorry for the little girl. – Йому шкода маленької дівчинки.

to jump – стрибати

full – повний

wonderful – чудовий

Дай відповіді на запитання

1. Where do a mother and her little son live?
2. Are they poor?
3. What have they?
4. What does the mother say to her son one day?
5. Where do the boy go with the goat?
6. Whom does he meet?
7. What does the farmer ask the boy to do?