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Reading Class 1 (Unit 1)



Do It on Your Own

1 Read the text and do the task after it.

The Boy Who Didn't Always Tell the Truth [tru:θ]

(A tale from France)

Once there was a farmer who lived in a **village** ['vɪlɪdʒ] in France. He had a small son who told the truth some of the time; but some of the time he didn't.

One day the farmer sent the boy to **look after** the sheep. They always took the sheep to the top of the hill outside the village, where the grass grew long and sweet.

The boy took the sheep to the **hilltop**, but very soon he was back again, quite **out of breath** [breθ].

"Father, father!" he cried, "Get your **gun**! I saw a **hare** [heə] on the hill. The hare was as big as a horse!"

"A hare as big as a horse?" said his father. "I can't **believe** [br'i:lv] it!"

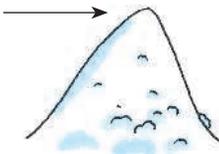
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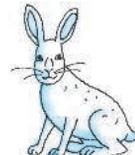
поверить



a hilltop



a gun



a hare

“Well, **maybe** it wasn’t **quite** as big as a grown-up horse,” said the boy. “But it was as big as a horse six months old.”

“A hare as big as a horse six months old?” said his father. “I can’t believe it!”

“Well, maybe it wasn’t quite as big as a horse six months old. But it was as big as a pig.”

“A hare as big as a pig? I can’t believe it!”

“Well, maybe it wasn’t quite as big as a pig. But it was as big as a sheep.”

“A hare as big as a sheep? I can’t believe it.”

“Well, maybe it wasn’t quite as big as a sheep. But it was as big as a **lamb** [læm].”

“A hare as big as a lamb? I can’t believe it.”

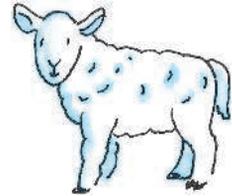
“Well, maybe it wasn’t quite as big as a lamb. But it was as big as a cat.”

“A hare as big as a cat? I can’t believe it.”

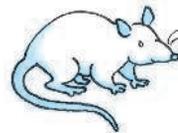
“Well, maybe it wasn’t quite as big as a cat. But it was as big as a **rat**.”

“A hare as big as a rat? I can’t believe it.”

МОЖЕТ БЫТЬ,
ВПОЛНЕ



a lamb



a rat



“Well, maybe it wasn’t quite as big as a rat. But it was as big as a mouse.”

“A hare as big as a mouse? I can’t believe it.”

“Well, maybe it wasn’t quite as big as a mouse. But it was as big as a fly.”

“A hare as big as a fly? Oh, my son! Did you see anything at all?”

With these words the farmer **sent** the little boy back to the hill to look after the sheep.

отправил

2 Are these facts true or false? Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1) The farmer had a small daughter. _____
- 2) The farmer sent his child to look after their sheep. _____
- 3) The boy saw a bear on the hill. _____
- 4) The father believed his son. _____
- 5) The farmer’s son didn’t tell the truth all the time.

- 6) The farmer sent the little boy back to the hill to catch the hare. _____

3 Prepare the marked passage for artistic reading.

Do It Together

4 **A.** Put the names of these animals in the right order from small to big.

A rat, a horse, a sheep, a cat, a fly, a lamb, a pig, a mouse, a hare.

B. Speak about the size of these animals. Use the models.

Model 1: A rat is not as small as a mouse.

Model 2: A mouse is not as big as a rat.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1) Where did the boy and his father live?
- 2) Did the boy always tell the truth?
- 3) Did they take their sheep to the top of the hill?
- 4) How many animals did the boy speak about?
- 5) Did the farmer believe his son?
- 6) What did the farmer tell his son to do?

6 Complete the boy's story, give him a name, then tell the story on his part.

Hi, my name is ... and I live in a small village in Everybody knows that I tell the truth ... of the time, but ... of the time I don't. This morning my father sent me to the ... of the hill where the grass ... long and sweet. And what do you think I saw there? A ... as big as a grown-up horse! What? You don't believe me? OK. Maybe it ... as big as a grown-up horse. But it was as big as a horse six You don't believe me again? OK, it was ... a pig. You don't believe me? OK, maybe it was as big as a You don't believe me? OK...

7 Work in pairs. Complete the dialogue between the boy and his father and act it out.

Boy: Father! Father! Get your gun! I saw a hare on the hill.
It was as big as a horse!

Father: A hare as big as a horse? I can't believe it!

Boy: Well, maybe it wasn't quite as big as a grown-up horse.
But it was as big as a horse six months old.

Father: A hare as big as a horse six months old? I can't believe it!
...

8 Read the poem after your teacher and guess which of the three names the poet gave it.

- a) **Four Seasons**
- b) **Cold Seasons**
- c) **Warm Seasons**

(Name?) _____

By Cecil Frances Alexander

The fields are rich with
daffodils ['dæfədɪlz],
 A coat of **clover** ['kləʊvə]
cloaks [kləʊks] the hills,
 And I must dance, and I must sing
 To see the beauty of the spring.

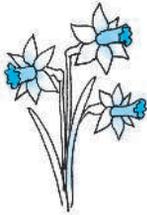
покрывает

The earth is warm, the sun's
ablaze [ə'bleɪz],
 It is a time of **carefree** ['keəfri:] days;
 And **bees abuzz** [ə'bʌz] that
chance [tʃɑ:ns] **to pass**
 May see me **snoozing** ['snu:zɪŋ]
 in the grass.

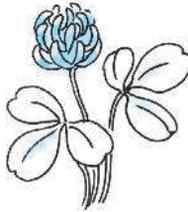
сверкает
 беззаботные
 пчёлы, которые
 с жужжанием
 пролетают мимо
 дремлющий

The **leaves** [li:vz] are yellow,
 red and brown,
 A **shower sprinkles** ['sprɪŋklz]
softly ['sɒftli] down;
 The **air is fragrant** ['freɪgrənt],
crisp and cool.

тихо моросит дождь
 воздух свежий
 и прохладный.



daffodils



clover



leaves

And once again I'm **stuck** [stʌk]
 in school.

я не вылезаяю

The birds are **gone** [gɒn], the world
 is white.

исчезли

The **winds are wild** [waɪld], they
chill and bite;

Сильные ветры
 студят и обжигают

The ground is thick with slush
and sleet,
And I can barely ['beəli] feel my feet.

The last is done, the next is here,

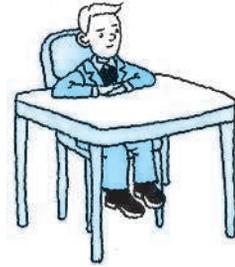
The same as it is every year;
Spring — then sunshine —
autumn — snow,
That is how each year must go.

земля покрыта
толстым слоем слякоти,
у меня от холода
онемели ноги.
Последний (год)
закончен
то же самое

9 Learn to read this tongue twister fast.

Little Bill, sit still.
Will you sit still, little Bill?
If you sit still, little Bill,
Jimmy Nill will take you to a big hill.

смирно



10 A. Solve the riddle.

What Am I?

I am hot.
I live in the sky.
I am bright.
I **disappear** [ˌdɪsəˈpɪə] in the night.
Don't look **straight** [streɪt] at me.

исчезаю
прямо

B. Make up a similar riddle of your own. Ask your classmates to solve it.

Reading Class 2 (Unit 1)



Do It on Your Own

- 1 Read the text and do the task after it.

The Picnic

(A tale from England)

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Once upon a time there lived three **tortoises** ['tɔ:təʊsɪz] — a father, a mother and a baby. And one warm and sunny summer day they decided to have a picnic. Their favourite place for picnics was a nice green wood at some **distance** ['dɪstəns] from their home. Early in the morning the tortoises began to get ready. They filled their **baskets** ['bɑ:skɪts] with a lot of tasty sandwiches, **tins** of fish and tins of fruit, bottles of lemonade and everything they could think of. In about three months they were ready and started for the picnic.
.....

They walked and walked and walked, and time went on, and after about eighteen months they sat down to have a **rest** [rest]. But they knew very well where they wanted to go for a picnic, so they got up and began walking again. In three years they were in the picnic place. They took their lovely food out of the baskets.



a tortoise

расстояние



a basket



tins

отдых

Then Mother Tortoise began to look into the picnic baskets. At last she said, "There's no **tin opener**. We left it at home. Baby, please, go back for it."

консервный
нож

"What!" said the baby. "Me! Go back all that long way!"

"Well," said Father Tortoise, "we can't begin our picnic without a tin opener. We'll wait for you."

"Do you **promise** ['prɒmɪs]," said the baby, "that you won't eat anything before I come back?"

обещаете

"Yes, we promise," said his parents and Baby Tortoise went away and a minute later he **disappeared** [ˌdɪsəˈpiəd] behind the trees.

исчез

Father and Mother waited. They waited and waited. A year went by and they began to feel hungry. But they **remembered** [rɪˈmembəd] their promise and didn't eat anything. Another year went by, and another and now they were very hungry.

помнили

"What if we have one sandwich each?" said Mother Tortoise. "We won't tell Baby."

"No," said Father Tortoise, "we promised. We must wait until he comes back."

So they waited for two more years. The tortoises couldn't wait any more.

"It's five years now," said Mother Tortoise. "He'll be back any minute."

"Yes, I think so," said Father Tortoise. "Let's just have one sandwich while we're waiting."

They took the sandwiches but just as they were going to eat them, they heard the words, "Aha! I knew it! You promised not to eat without me, and now what do I see? You're eating sandwiches!"

With these words Baby Tortoise **popped** his head from behind the trees.

высунул

"It's a good thing I didn't start for that tin opener," he said.

2

Complete the sentences. Circle the appropriate variants.

- 1) **The picnic place was the place the tortoises**
 - a) liked
 - b) didn't like
- 2) **They walked to the picnic place for ... years.**
 - a) two
 - b) three
- 3) **Baby Tortoise ... to go home for the tin opener.**
 - a) wanted
 - b) didn't want
- 4) **The Mother and Father Tortoises ... their word.**
 - a) kept
 - b) didn't keep
- 5) **Baby Tortoise ... for the tin opener.**
 - a) didn't go
 - b) went

3

Prepare the marked passage for artistic reading.



Do It Together

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Reading Class 2

4 Complete the sentences.

- 1) Once there lived three tortoises — a father,
- 2) They decided to have a
- 3) The tortoises filled their ... with tasty food.
- 4) In ... years they were in the picnic place.
- 5) The tortoises had no
- 6) The parents asked their son to go home for
- 7) They promised not to ... anything without him.
- 8) In five years they couldn't ... any more.
- 9) Before the parents began to eat their ..., Baby Tortoise popped his ... from behind the trees.
- 10) "It's a good thing I didn't ... for that tin opener," he said.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1) Where was the tortoises' picnic place?
- 2) What was some of the food they took with them?
- 3) What didn't they take with them?
- 4) How long did they walk before they had a rest?
- 5) How long did they walk after they had a rest?
- 6) How long did the tortoises wait for Baby Tortoise?
- 7) Where was Baby Tortoise all that time?
- 8) What did he do behind the trees?

6 Tell the story on the part of Baby Tortoise. Use the word combinations from the box.

love picnics
know a nice place for picnics
a lot of lovely food
walked for a long time
couldn't find the tin opener
asked me to go back for
the tin opener

promised to wait for me
didn't believe them
watched them from behind
the trees
saw that they were going to
eat the sandwiches