

Advanced - Story 11

Class Objective: I will be able to read the story, learn new vocabulary and answer the questions based on it.

Concept A: Story

Ali Baba and Forty Thieves

Ali Baba, a poor woodcutter, had a rich brother, Kasim, who never shared any of his money with his brother. Instead, he treated Ali Baba, his wife and son badly. One day, as Ali Baba finished cutting logs in the forest, he saw lots of men on horses, and he hid.

He climbed up a tree and watched the forty horsemen. The men had saddlebags full of gold, and they took them to a big rock. One of the men cried, 'Open, Sesame', and a door in the rock opened and the man entered the cave. The others followed. After a while they came out and the leader cried, 'Close, Sesame'.

When the thieves left, Ali Baba walked to the entrance of the cave. He said the magic words and entered. He was amazed by all the gold, silk, jewels and gold crowns piled up. Feeling it was alright to steal from thieves, Ali Baba decided to take some gold home for himself and his family.

When he got home, he showed the gold to his wife. His wife wanted to know how much gold they had. She went to Kasim's house to borrow his wife's scales, so she could weigh the gold. She did not want Kasim and his wife to know about the gold, so she said they were weighing meat. Kasim's wife did not believe Ali Baba's wife and wondered where they could have got the money to buy meat.

She tricked Ali Baba's wife by putting honey in the bottom of one of the pans. When Ali Baba's wife returned the scales the next day, a gold coin was stuck to the honey. Kasim's wife knew their secret. When she told Kasim about his brother's gold, he was jealous.

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