A Bad Friend

Before You Read: New Words and Exercises

friend [frend] རྒྱལ་མ།
stole/stole [sti:l]/[st uə] རུས་བོ།
treasure ['treɪjə, 'trei-] རྡུ་ད་པ།
climb [klaim] གཉེན།
pull [pəl] གཉེན།
(take) revenge [teik ri'vend ] རྡུ་ད་པ།

comfortable ['kʌmfətəbl] རུས་བོ།
pee [pi:] རུས་བོ།
melt [melt] རུས་བོ།
taste [teist] རུས་བོ།
delicious [di'liʃəs] རུས་བོ།
prison ['prɪzn] རུས་བོ།
Exercises: Personalization

1. Write a paragraph about a friend. What is he or she like?

Example:

I have many friends. One friend’s name is Phuntshog. My friend Phuntshog is very tall. He likes to eat apples.

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2. Think about one friend. What do you do for that friend?

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Phuntshog and Rinchen were friends. One night, Phuntshog said to Rinchen, “I want to steal treasure from the King’s palace. Then, we can be rich.”

First, Phuntshog and Rinchen went to the palace. They climbed the roof. Then, they made a hole in the roof.

Rinchen said, “I will wait for you here. You go into the hole and steal some treasure. Put the treasure in this box and pull on the rope. I will pull the box up. Then, I will let the rope down again and pull you up.”

Phuntshog believed Rinchen. He climbed down the rope. He stole some treasure. He put the treasure in the box and pulled on the rope. Rinchen pulled up the box and put it on his horse. He left Phuntshog in the palace. He yelled, “There is a thief in the palace!” The King’s servants found Phuntshog. They punished him.

Phuntshog did not forget Rinchen. He wanted revenge.

One day, Phuntshog saw Rinchen. He said, “The King has some beautiful treasure in the palace. Let’s steal it!”

Rinchen thought, “I will take the jewelry and leave Phuntshog behind again.” He said,” Okay, but you will go into the palace. I will stay on the roof.”

Phuntshog agreed.

After they arrived at the palace, Phuntshog climbed down the rope. He waited a few minutes and got into the box. He pulled the rope.

Rinchen pulled the box up. He was happy that the box was so heavy. He thought that it was full of treasure.

Phuntshog was happy inside the box. He felt very comfortable. But, Rinchen’s house was far away. He had to stay in the box for a long time. He had to pee, so he peed in the box.

Rinchen noticed that there was liquid coming from the box. He thought, “This treasure is really special. It melts in the air! I will taste it.” He put his finger in the pee and licked it. He said, “Delicious.”

When Rinchen arrived at his home, he took the box off of the horse. He said to his wife, “Phuntshog is in prison now. He is waiting to die. I am very rich!” Then he opened the box. He was very surprised.
Grammar: Prepositions རེ་ཆོས་པ་རི་བཞི་

*Prepositions* tell us the location (B) of something (A). Each preposition means something different. Some examples are:

- in
- on
- from
- off
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1. Draw a picture to show the word into.

2. How are the words into, on, and in different? Draw a picture for each word.

Practice: Draw a picture of how Rinchen and Phuntshog entered the King’s palace.
Work with a partner to write a description of the classroom using prepositions.

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Part 1: Answer the questions.

1. How did Rinchen and Phuntshog steal from the King? What did they steal?

2. Who was left in the castle? What happened to them? Were they angry?
3. Why did Phuntshog want to steal from the King again? Why did he want Rinchen to help him?

4. How did the story end?

Part 2: Retell the story in 5 sentences.
Part 3: Personal Interpretation

1. How would you feel if you were Phuntshog? Write a letter from Phuntshog to a friend describing how he feels.

Dear ____________,

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Sincerely,
Phuntshog

2. What did you learn from this story? Was Rinchen a good friend? Was Phuntshog a good friend?

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Sincerely,
Phuntshog
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