HUADAN SWALLOWS A YAK

Words and Expressions

Match the English words with their Tibetan equivalents.

1. __ strange things
2. __ could fly (I wish I could fly like a bird.)
3. __ clinic
4. __ looked at kindly (He looked at the food hungrily. The father looked at his little daughter lovingly.)
5. __ What's wrong? (What's the matter? What's wrong with you?"
6. __ I believe you. (I believe what you said.)
7. __ Please tell which part of your body hurts.
   __ My stomach hurts. (My tooth hurts. My foot hurts. My head hurts.)
8. __ swallowed
9. __ serious problem
10. __ I must get that yak out of your stomach!
11. __ injection
12. __ patient (sick person; ill person)
13. __ gentle
14. __ riding yak
15. __ brought
16. __ tied the reins to
17. __ took it out of (I took the cream out of the milk. I took the butter out of the churn. The teacher said, "I took the naughty boy out of the classroom and told him to go home."
A man named Huadan was not well. He began to do strange things. One day he said he could fly. The next day he said he was an airplane. The next day he said he visited his aunt in Shanghai. But of course he had no aunt in Shanghai. The next day he said he was going to buy two new cars, but he had very little money.

His wife was very worried. She took him to the clinic one afternoon. Dr. Zhaxi looked at him kindly and said, "What's wrong?"

Huadan said, "I feel very ill."

Dr. Zhaxi said, "OK, I believe you. Please tell me which part of your body hurts."

Huadan said, "My stomach hurts."

Dr. Zhaxi said, "What did you eat today?"

Huadan said, "I swallowed a big yak."

Dr. Zhaxi thought for a few seconds and then he smiled and said, "OK, Huadan, I understand. That's a serious problem! I'll get that yak out of your stomach!"

Dr. Zhaxi gave Huadan an injection. Huadan was soon asleep.

Then Dr. Zhaxi went outside and brought one of his patient's riding yaks into his office. It was a big, black, gentle riding yak. Dr. Zhaxi tied the yak's reins to Huadan's belt.

Huadan woke up. He looked at the big yak.

Dr. Zhaxi said, "Here's the yak! I took it out of your stomach. You should feel fine now!"

At first, Huadan was happy. Then he looked at the big yak again and said, "But, Dr. Zhaxi, the yak I swallowed was white! This one is black!"

**Match the sentence parts below to make complete sentences.**

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[b] did you eat today?"
[c] feel very ill."
[d] I believe you."
[e] kindly and said, "What's wrong?"
[f] no aunt in Shanghai.
[g] part of your body hurts."
[h] stomach hurts."
[i] two new cars, but he had very little money.
[j] very worried.
Write answers to these questions.

1. Who was not well? ________________________________
2. Who was Huadan? ________________________________
3. Was Huadan married? ______________________________
4. What did Huadan begin to do? ______________________
5. What strange things did Huadan do? __________________
6. Did Huadan have an aunt in Shanghai? _______________
7. Do you have an aunt in Shanghai? ___________________
8. Who was very worried? ______________________________
9. Why was Huadan's wife very worried? __________________
10. What did Huadan say he had swallowed? ______________
11. Why did Huadan go to sleep? _________________________
12. Do you like injections? Why? _________________________
13. Where did Dr. Zhaxi get a yak? _____________________
14. How many riding yaks does your family have? ______
15. Where did Dr. Zhaxi tie the reins? __________________
16. What do you think about Huadan? ___________________

Each sentence has spelling mistakes. Find the spelling mistakes and correct them.

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