Dorjee and His Neighbor

There is a small boy. His name is Dorjee. He is five years old. Dorjee is shorter and fatter than his friends. He does not often speak. But, when he does speak, he says funny and surprising things. He is the smartest boy in his village, but sometimes he is also stupid. Local people think Dorjee is strange. Sometimes they call him ‘Idiot’.

Dorjee is an only child. His father goes to the county town in the morning and comes home in the evening. His mother herds their yaks and sheep on the mountain. Dorjee is with his friends most of the day. Dorjee’s neighbor is very kind to him when his parents are not at home. He often goes to his neighbor’s home for lunch.

One day, Dorjee is alone at home. His neighbor will slaughter a big yak in his yard. His axe is not big. He comes to Dorjee’s home to borrow an axe. Dorjee’s family has a new axe. His father bought it two days earlier. He lends the new axe to his neighbor. His neighbor takes the axe and goes back to his yard. The neighbor breaks the axe when he cuts yak bones. That afternoon, the neighbor returns the axe. He tells Dorjee not to tell his father about the axe. Dorjee agrees. Dorjee worries that his father will scold him if he tells him the axe is broken.

That evening, Dorjee’s parents are at home. The neighbor invites Dorjee’s family for supper. Dorjee’s parents and Dorjee are in his neighbor’s home. They eat fresh meat and drink milk tea. Dorjee worries about the axe. He spells the word ‘axe’ in Tibetan. He does this slowly and loudly several times. Everyone ignores him. There is a big mirror on the wall. Dorjee wants to look into the mirror, but he is too short. He brings a chair. He stands on the chair and looks into the mirror.

His neighbor looks at Dorjee. He says, ‘Dorjee, be careful, That mirror is very expensive.’

Dorjee is angry. He replies. ‘Isn’t the new axe more expensive than this old mirror?’

Everybody is quiet. The neighbor’s face is red. He says nothing. Dorjee’s father says, ‘I bought an axe two days ago. It is very expensive.’

The neighbor’s face is even redder now.

Dorjee’s father continues, ‘I didn’t know that the axe was broken when I bought it.’

The neighbor raises his head. His face is not red now. He and Dorjee know the axe was broken when Doejee’s father bought it. Dorjee and the neighbor laugh. The others think they are very strange.
Words and Expressions

neighbor lends break neighbour骨头
fat surprise bones回家
smart stupid worry回家
strange Idiot scold回家
county town lunch invite晚餐
slaughter yard spell忽略
borrow axe begin

angry
Write answers to these questions

1. Who is the small boy?

2. Who is five years old?

3. What does Dorjee look like?

4. Does Dorjee often speak?

5. What does Dorjee say when he speaks?

6. Who is strange?

7. Who is an Idiot?

8. Where does Dorjee’s father go?

9. When does Dorjee’s father come home?

10. What does Dorjee’s mother do?

11. Who is kind to Dorjee?

12. Why does Dorjee go to his neighbor’s home?

13. What did Dorjee’s neighbor do one day?

14. Why does Dorjee’s neighbor come to Dorjee’s home?

15. What does Dorjee’s neighbor borrow?

16. Does Dorjee’s family have an old axe?

17. Who bought the axe?

18. What does Dorjee’s neighbor do with the axe?

19. What happened to the axe?

20. What does Dorjee’s neighbor tell Dorjee?

21. What does Dorjee agree to do?

22. Why does Dorjee worry?

23. Who ignores Dorjee?

24. What is on the wall?

25. What do they eat and drink?

26. What does Dorjee do when he worries about the axe?

27. Who invites Dorjee’s parents?

28. What does Dorjee want to do?

29. Why does Dorjee bring a chair?
31 What does he do with the chair?

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32 What does Dorjee’s neighbor say?

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33 Dorjee is happy, isn’t he? Why?

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34 What does Dorjee reply?

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35 What is the neighbor’s face like?

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36 What does Dorjee’s father say?

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37 Was the axe broken when Dorjee’s father bought it?

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38 Why is the neighbor’s face not red now?

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39 What do Dorjee and his neighbor know?

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40 Why do they laugh?

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41 Why do people think Dorjee and his neighbor are strange?

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Circle the correct word in each sentence below.

Dorjee is a/an only child. His father go/goes to the county town in the morning and comes/came home in the evening. His mother herds/herd their yaks and sheep/sheeps on the mountain. Dorjee is/were with his friends most of the day. Dorjee’s neighbor is very kind to/for him when his parents are/is not at home. He often goes to his neighbor’s home to/for lunch.

Complete these sentences

a. Dorjee is shorter h. his father will scold him.

b. Local people think g. than his friends.

c. His mother herds i. Dorjee’s family for supper.

e. Dorjee worries that j. Dorjee is strange.

f. The neighbor invites k. sheep on the mountain.
Turn these sentences into Yes/No questions.

1 Dorjee is shorter than and fatter than his friends.

2 Dorjee says funny and surprising things.

3 Dorjee is with his friends most of the day.

4 He often goes to his neighbor’s home for lunch.

5 Dorjee’s family has a new axe.

6 Dorjee’s parents and Dorjee are in his neighbor’s home.

7 They eat meat and drink mique tea.

8 He spells the word ‘axe’ in Tibetan.

9 Dorjee’s father bought an axe two days ago.

10 Dorjee and the neighbor laugh.

11 The axe was broken.

12 People think they are very strange.
Put these words in the blanks below to make correct sentences.

raises lends worries slaughter expensive invites breaks borrows strange bought

1 Dorjee’s neighbor_______________ an axe.
2 His neighbor will ______________ a big yak.
3 Dorjee ______________ the new axe to his neighbor.
4 The neighbor_______________ the axe when he cuts yak bones.
5 Dorjee ______________ that his father will scold him
6 The neighbor_______________ Dorjee’s parents for supper.
7 That mirror is very______________.
8 Dorjeen’s father ______________ the axe two days ago.
9 The neighbor ______________ his head.
10 They think Dorjee and his neighbor are______________.

Each sentence has one mistake. Correct the mistakes.

1 Dorjee are five years old. ________________
2 Dojee’s father herds yaks and sheep. ________________
3 The neighbor kill a big yak. ________________
4 Dorjee’s parents is not at home. ________________
5 The neighbor lends the axe and breaks it. ________________
6 Dorjee doesn’t care about the axe. ________________
7 Dorjee’s parents invite their neighbor for supper. ________________
8 Dorjee’s face is red. ________________
9 Dorjee and his neighbor laughs. ________________
10 Dorjee know the axe was broken. ________________