

# CALVES

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## Words and Expressions

Bkra shis	བཀ་ཤིས།
nomad family	འབྲོག་ཁྱིམ།
herdsman	རྩི་བོ། རྩུགས་ཇི།
often herds	རྩུན་དུ་རྩུགས་འཚོ་བ།
Herdswoman	འབྲོག་མོ།
sometimes	སྐབས་རེ།
lives near	ཉེ་འགམ་དུ་ཡོད་པ།
neighbors	ཁྱིམ་མཚས་དག།
get up early	མྱ་ཚེ་མལ་ལས་ལངས་པ།
help my mother	ཨ་མར་རོགས་བྱེད་པ།
We finish before my neighbor.	ཁྱིམ་མཚས་ཚང་གི་ཚོན་ལ་འགྲུབ་པ།
gives me	ང་ལ་བྱིན་པ།
piece of	དུམ་བུ། ཆ་ཤས།
Hey!	ཧྲེ། འབོད་ཟླ།
Are you ready?	ཁྱོད་ཀྱིས་ག་སྐྱིག་བྱས་ཡོད་དམ།
together	མཉམ་དུ།
drive	འདྲོད་པ།
how many	ག་ཚོད།
afraid to say	བཤད་རྒྱུ་སྐྲག་པ།
I don't know how to count.	ངས་ཇི་ལྟར་ཚེ་དགོས་པ་མ་ཤེས།
good idea	ཐབས་མཚོན།
loudly laughs	སྐད་ཚེན་པོས་དགོད་པ།
I don't know why.	ངས་རྒྱ་མཚན་ཅིའི་ཕྱིར་ཡིན་པ་མ་ཤེས།
anxious	བག་ཚོ་བ།
under my big umbrella	ངའི་ཆར་གདུགས་ཆེན་པོ་དའི་འོག་ན།
play with	དང་མཉམ་དུ་སྟེད།
collect many pebbles	རྫོ་རྒྱག་མང་པོ་འབྲུ་བ།
pretend	མ་ཡིན་ཡིན་ཁྲུལ་བྱེད་པ།
couple	བཟང་ཟླ།
throw away	ཕར་གཡུག་པ།
it means	དེའི་དོན་ནི།
township town	གྲོང་རྒྱལ།
flour	ལྗི།
barley	ནས།
best restaurant	ཆེས་བཟང་བའི་ཟ་ཁང།
enjoy	འཛམ་སྤྱོད་པ།
fruit juice	སིལ་ཁུ།
candies	ཀ་ར།
tired	ཐང་ཚད་པ།
hungry	རྩྭགས་པ།

leftover	ལྷག་མ།
behind the mountain	རི་བོ་དེའི་རྒྱབ་ལོགས་སུ།
collect wild garlic	རི་སྐྱོན་འལུ་བ།
come back	ཕྱིར་ཡོང་བ།
calves are gone	འཕྲུ་དག་བཞུར་སོང་བ།
stand	ལང་བ། འགྲེང་བ།
do not move	མ་འགྲུལ།
afraid	སྐྱག་པ།
dangerous	ཉེན་ལ་ཆེ་བ།
wolves	ཕྱུང་གི་དག
ghosts	འདྲི་དག
shake	འདར་བ།
near our home	ཁྱིམ་དང་ཉེ་སར།
bark at us	ང་ཚོའི་སྐྱོང་ལ་རྒྱག་པ།
very dark	སྐྱག་ནག
very afraid	ཉ་ཅང་སྐྱག་པ།
Kids	བྱིས་པ་དག
bowls of noodles	ལྷག་པ་དཀར་ཡོམ་འགའ།
I have good dreams.	ངས་མྱི་ལམ་ཡག་པོ་རྗེས།

My name is Bkra shis. I am from a nomad family. My father is a herdsman. He often herds sheep. My mother is a herdsman. She herds yaks sometimes. I herd calves with my friend, Tshe ring. His family lives near my family. We are neighbors.

I get up early in the morning and help my mother milk yaks.

We finish before my neighbors. Mother gives me a piece of bread, a bottle of milk, and an umbrella. "This is for your lunch. The umbrella is for the rain," she says.

"Hey! Tshe ring are you ready?" I call.

"Yes, I am ready," he says.

Together, we drive the calves to the mountains.

"How many calves does your family have?" he asks me.

I don't know. I don't know how to count. I am afraid to say that I cannot count. I suddenly get a good idea. I ask, "How many calves does your family have?"

"Twenty-five," he answers.

"And your family?" he asks again.

"Twenty-five," I say.

He looks at me and loudly laughs. I don't know why. Maybe I make a mistake. I am anxious.

At noon, we eat lunch on the mountain under my big umbrella. Later, we play with small stones. We collect many pebbles and pretend they are houses, sheep, yaks, and horses. We use some big stones and make a square yard. We pretend it is our home. We line up many small stones. We pretend they are sheep, yaks, and horses. We pretend we are a couple. He pretends to be my wife and pretends to cook for me. We put some soil on a flat stone. We pretend it is noodles. We throw some small stones away. I take a big square stone from some other stones. It means we sell some sheep. Then we buy a car. We then go by car to the township town to buy flour and barley for our family. Then we go to the best restaurant and pretend to enjoy good

noodles and drink fruit juice. We buy many things for our home and other neighbors. We buy fruits, drinks, vegetables, and candies.

In the afternoon, we are tired and hungry. We enjoy the leftover bread and milk. Later, we go behind the mountain and collect wild garlic for dinner. We collect a lot of wild garlic. We do this for one hour. We come back, but our calves are gone. We are afraid. We stand a few seconds. We do not move. We are very afraid.

"We should stay here tonight," Tshe ring says.

"It's very dangerous. Wolves and ghosts may come here. What should we do?" I ask.

"I also worry about that," he says.

The sun goes behind the west mountain. Darkness comes. We shake.

"I want to go near our home," I say.

"Yes, that is good," Tshe ring says.

We go near our homes and look. The dogs bark at us. It is very dark. We are very afraid of wolves and ghosts. Later, my mother call,s "Hey! boys come home!"

We quietly do not move. Mother calls again and again.

"Hey! Kids come quickly! Some wolves look at your!" Mother shouts.

We quickly run home.

"Where have you been? Today there is no milk. When you herd, be careful. Listen to your mother. Here are bowls of noodles for your dinner," Mother says.

Then I enjoy the best noodles in the world. Later, I go to bed. I have good dreams.

## Exercises

1. Learn the new words.
2. Read the text several times.
3. The words below are not spelled correctly. Use the letters to make correct words.

deramnsh \_\_\_\_\_ hgoreisnb \_\_\_\_\_ irevd \_\_\_\_\_ xuionas  
etdnrep \_\_\_\_\_ uoepcl \_\_\_\_\_ uolrf \_\_\_\_\_ aelryb \_\_\_\_\_ ghnuyr  
riafda \_\_\_\_\_ rednagueros \_\_\_\_\_ ssotgh \_\_\_\_\_

4. Put the sentences below in the correct order.
  - A. Mother gives me a piece of bread, a bottle of milk, and an umbrella.
  - B. We pretend they are sheep, yaks, and horses.
  - C. Then I enjoy the best noodles in the world
  - D. Wolves and ghosts may come here.
  - E. "How many calves does your family have?"
  - F. I am from a nomad family. My father is a herdsman. He often herds sheep. My mother is a herds woman.
  - G. "Here are bowls of noodles for your dinner."

- H. We go near our homes and look. The dogs bark at us. It is very dark.
- I. We enjoy the leftover bread and milk.

Fill in the blanks with these words: *on, in, to, the, a, at, and*

\_\_\_ noon, we eat lunch \_\_\_ the mountain under my big umbrella. Later, we play with small stones. We collect many pebbles and pretend they are houses, sheep, yaks, and horses. We use some big stones \_\_\_ make \_\_\_ square yard. We pretend it is our home. We line up many small stones. We pretend they are sheep, yaks, and horses. We pretend we are \_\_\_ couple. He pretends to be my wife \_\_\_ pretends \_\_\_cook for me. We put some soil \_\_\_ \_\_\_ flat stone. We pretend it is noodles. We throw some small stones away.

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6. Find the mistakes and correct them.

1. My father is a herdsman. He often herds sheeps.
2. His family live near my family.
3. Mother give me a piece of bread, an bottle of milk, and a umbrella.
4. Together, we drives the calves to the mountains.
5. How many calves in your family have?
6. In noon, we eat lunch on the mountain under my big umbrella.
7. We pretend it is noodle.
8. We are very afraid of wolf and ghost.
9. I go to the bed. I have good dream.

7. Write answers to these questions.

1. Where is Bkra shis from?
2. Who is Tshe ring?
3. What are Skra shis and Tshe ring doing?
4. What is an umbrella? Do you have an umbrella?
5. They are afraid to go home. Why?

6. How many calves does Tshe ring's family have?

7. Why do they go behind the mountain?

8. They collect wild garlic what happens next?

9. Do you like this story? Why?

10. Do you want to write a story like this? Why?

8. Make a sentence with each word.

nomad \_\_\_\_\_

neighbor \_\_\_\_\_

together \_\_\_\_\_

anxious \_\_\_\_\_

pretend \_\_\_\_\_

couple \_\_\_\_\_

flour \_\_\_\_\_

barley \_\_\_\_\_

hungry \_\_\_\_\_

come back \_\_\_\_\_

dangerous \_\_\_\_\_

ghosts \_\_\_\_\_