A RARE WATCH
(Lesson 5: The Jackal and the Sun Child)

Vocabulary
aware འབུར་
badly ཁྲི་སུམ་
belong མེད་པ་
continue བཅོམ་པ་
error ཡིག་འགན་
experience ཞེས་སོགས་
field གནའ་
hurt རྟགས་
judge བརྟགས
judgment བརྟགས་འབུར་
result དུས་བརྟགས
roll རྱིན་
scold རིས་བརྟགས
since དུས་འབུར་
visible སྤེལ་བ་
rare དུས་
request རྟོགས་
relax རྒྱལ་
reside སྣོད་བ་
roll རྱིན་

Text
My family resided by a field. I often worked in the fields. I have a lot of farm experience. One day I relaxed in the field. A boy came to me. He was my friend. He wore a special watch on his left hand. It was his father’s rare watch.

It was a hot day. He made a request. He said he was thirsty and wanted to drink something. There were many watermelons in my field. I said, ”I can give you a watermelon for your watch.” I liked his watch.

There was a big, visible smile on his face. He was not aware that giving me his watch would bring trouble.

I hurt my feet badly when we ran to the watermelons. But we continued to run. I was not worried about some pain. Feeling pain sometimes was normal for me. We rolled three watermelons back and forth. I told him to choose one. He chose the biggest one. I cut the big watermelon. We ate some watermelon together. He gave me his watch. He said, ”Now, this watch belongs to you.” Since that moment, I was very happy to have the watch.

The result was that he made a big error in judgment. In fact, he had stolen the watch from his father. His father was a wild man. My friend thought it was likely that his father would beat and scold him.

Questions
1. Where did his family reside?
2. Who did often work in the field?
3. Who has a lot of farm experience?
4. Who relaxed in the field?
5. Who came to him?
6. Who was his friend?
7. Did his friend wear a special watch on his left hand? Where did he get the watch?
8. What request did he make?
9. Who was thirsty? Why was he thirsty?
10. Were there many watermelons in the field?
11. Who wanted to drink something? Why?
12. Who liked the watch? Why?
13. Who said I can give you watermelons for your watch? Why?
14. Who hurt his feet? Why?
15. Why was not he worried about his feet hurting?
16. Who rolled three watermelons back and forth? Why?
17. Who chose the biggest one?
18. Who cut the big watermelon? Where did he cut it?
19. Who was happy to have a watch?
20. Who made a big error in judgment? What was his error?
21. Who was wild?
22. What did his friend think?
23. Was the watermelon boy a kind child? Why?
24. Was his friend a stupid child? Why?
25. Do you like this story? Why or why not?