There was a village. There was a lake behind it. Villagers, people from the village, got food and water from the lake.

One day, a turtle and a frog came. They were very bad. Every year, the villagers gave them two boys. The turtle and frog killed the boys. If the villagers didn't give them two boys, then the turtle and frog would make the lake dry. The villagers would have to find a new place to live.

One year, the two boys were a farmer's son and a hunter's son. The villagers took them to the lake. The villagers left them there. They were very sad.

The two boys were smart. They had learned two things. First, if you killed a frog with a tree branch and then ate it, you could spit gold. Second, if you killed a turtle with a stone and then ate it, you could spit turquoise. The boys hid when the turtle and the frog came out of the lake. The turtle and frog could not find the boys. They were angry.

The hunter's son threw a rock. The rock hit the frog. The frog thought that turtle hit him. He was angry. He yelled at the turtle. They fought. The two boys killed the turtle and the frog. They hit the frog's head with a tree branch. They hit the turtle's head with a rock. The farmer's son ate the turtle. The hunter's son ate the frog. They could spit gold and turquoise. They went home and told the villagers.
লেকের নিকটে একজন ভাঙ্গনী ছিল। তিনি পানির কিছু নিয়ে কোথায় যাবেন তা নিজেই বলে দিতেন। একটি বড় স্নানকুঞ্জের পাশে একটি বড় মাছের কাঠামো ছিল। লেকের নিকটে একটি মাছের গলা ছিল। গলা ছিল তো মাছটির গলার গোলামিত্ত ছিল। মাছটি একটি বড় স্নানকুঞ্জের পাশে ছিল। তার পাশে একটি বড় স্নানকুঞ্জের পাশে ছিল। তার পাশে একটি বড় স্নানকুঞ্জের পাশে ছিল।

New Words and Phrases

Exercises: Write **would** or **could** in the proper places.

a. Second, if you killed a turtle with a stone and then ate it, you ______ spit turquoise.
b. If the villagers didn't give them two boys, then the turtle and frog ______ make the lake dry.
c. They_______ spit gold and turquoise.
d. First, if you killed a frog with a tree branch and then ate it, you ______ spit gold.
e. The villagers ______ have to find a new place to live.
f. The turtle and frog ______ not find the boys.

Exercises: Answer these questions with possessives.

a. Whose sons went to the lake? __________________________________________________________
b. Whose son threw the rock? ___________________________________________________________
c. Whose head did they hit with the tree branch? _____________________________________________
d. Whose head did they hit with the rock? _________________________________________________
e. Who ate the turtle? ___________________________________________________________________
f. Who ate the frog? _____________________________________________________________________

Exercises: Look at underlined words. Write 1 next to possessives and 2 next to plurals.

a. Every year, the villagers gave them two boys. ____
b. The hunter's son threw a rock. ______
c. The farmer's son ate the turtle. _____
d. The two boys were smart. _____
e. The turtle and frog killed the boys. _____

Part 1: Circle T for true sentences and F for false sentences.

a. The turtle and the frog killed the hunter's son and the farmer's son. T/F
b. If you killed a frog with a tree branch and then ate it, you could spit gold. T/F
c. Villagers got food and water from the lake. T/F
d. The boys hid when the turtle and the frog came out of the lake. T/F
e. The boys hit the turtle's head with a tree branch. T/F
Part 2: Write the correct adjective in the space.

a. The turtle and frog were very ________.
b. The villagers were very_________ when they left the boys at the lake.
c. The two boys were___________. They learned a lot.
d. The turtle and the frog were _____________ when they couldn't find the boys.

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