The Boy Who Cried "Wolf"

New words and phrases

- take care of
- flock of sheep
- no one else
- bored
- valley
- save
- frustrated
- lie
- leave
- sunset
- believe
- okay

Exercises: Read and answer the questions.

Lie is a verb that means **not tell the truth**. Most people lie at least one time in their life. Have you ever lied? Who did you lie to? Why did you lie?
There was a boy from a village. He took care of a flock of sheep. He loved his sheep. He wanted his sheep to be happy and healthy. One day he took them to the mountains. There was no one else there. The boy was alone. He did not like it. He played with some sheep. He was bored and sad.

He had an idea. He looked at the fields in the valley. He yelled, "Farmers! A wolf is coming. It will eat my sheep. Please help me save them!"

The farmers came. They were ready to kill the wolf. When they arrived, the sheep were safe. The boy had lied to them. The farmers were angry and frustrated. They wanted to yell at the boy. He was hiding and they could not find him. The farmers left.

At sunset, the boy heard a sound. He had heard this sound before. It was a wolf. He saw the wolf come and kill his sheep. He yelled, "Help! A wolf is eating my sheep!"

This time, no one came to help. They did not believe him. The wolf killed all of the sheep.
The boy was very sad. He never lied again.
Grammar: And

The word *and* is used when talking about more than one thing in a sentence. It can be used to connect two nouns, adjectives or clauses that are equal. Clauses are parts of a sentence that are longer than one word and have a verb in them (ex: did my homework). *And* འོ་ཐབས་ཀྱི་ཨེ་ཧབ་་ཨ་ལུག་པ་གཞི་ཚེ་ལ་བ་དང་ཞིག་པ་ཞིག་ཡིན་ན། Ex: Today I am *hungry and tired.* Yesterday I *ran and did my homework.*

Exercise: Write a C if the AND connects two clauses. Write an A if it connects adjectives.

1. He wanted his sheep to be happy and healthy. __________
2. He was hiding and they could not find him. __________
3. He saw the wolf come and kill his sheep. __________
4. The farmers were angry and frustrated. __________
5. He was bored and sad. __________

Exercise: Write two sentences using AND to connect two adjectives. Write two sentences using AND to connect two verbs.

1. ___________________________________________________________________  ___________________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________________  ___________________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________________  ___________________________________________________________________
Part 1: Reread the story. Fill in the outline below.

1. Introduction (Paragraph 1)
   a. Who is in the story? ____________________________________________
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   b. Where do they go? _____________________________________________
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   b. Does the boy like being alone? _________________________________
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2. Rising Action (Paragraph 2-3)
   a. What does the boy do? ____________________________
   ________________________________________________________________

   b. How do the farmers feel? ________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________

   c. What do the farmers do? _________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________

3. Climax (Paragraph 4-5)
   a. What does the boy hear at sunset? ______________________________
   ________________________________________________________________

   b. What does the wolf do? _________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________

Comprehension Questions: Follow the directions below.
c. Does anyone help the boy? _______________________________________

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4. Falling Action and Conclusion (Paragraph 6) ཐེག་ཆེན་ཀྱི་བརྡ་བཞི་

a. What does the boy feel? _________________________________________

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b. What does this story teach us? ______________________________

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Part 2: If you were the boy, what would you do differently?

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