The phrase "to take care of" is used in two different ways. You can take care of business, which means get something done. You can also take care of someone. This means that you watch over them, give them food
and make sure that they are safe. "to take care of" take care of business take care of someone take care of someone

1. Who took care of you when you were young?

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There was a tent in a canyon between two mountains. There were green trees and red, yellow, blue, white, and purple flowers in the canyon. It was very beautiful. Four people lived in the tent. Their names were Zhaxi, his wife Lhamo, his son Cairang, and his mother Zhuma. Zhuma was ninety years old. She was very old. Cairang was only seven. He was very young.

Zhaxi herded animals on the mountains. Lhamo did housework. She also milked the yaks. Zhuma took care of Cairang. She gave him food and played with him.

Zhaxi and Lhamo were nice to Zhuma when she was younger. She could help Zhaxi's wife with housework. Now that she was very old they were very mean to her. She couldn't work. Lhamo did not help her. She was very mean and tried to make her mother-in-law angry. Lhamo hoped that her mother-in-law would die soon.

One day Lhamo talked to Zhaxi. She said, "Mother is very old. She can not do anything for us. We should send her away."

Zhaxi said," You're right. I agree. We should send her away."

They put Zhuma in a box. They carried the box up a mountain. Cairang followed them. That means he walked behind them. When they got to the top of the mountain, they took Zhuma out of the box. They said goodbye. Zhuma smiled and said, "Now your life will be better."

They walked home. While they were walking, Cairang said, "I'm going back to the mountain top. I'm going to get the box."

His parents asked, "Why do you want the box?"

Cairang answered, "I will put you in the box when you are very old. I will leave you on a mountain top."
His parents were afraid. They walked back to the mountain top. They brought Zhuma back to their home. They were very kind to her.

Exercises: Read the passage below and answer questions.

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1. Underline all of the articles and nouns. Articles go before a noun. They show amounts of the noun. Articles སྤྲོད་པ། དཀར་པོ། དང་། ཁོ་པ་ཡིན། སྤེར།

2. What do you notice about the articles? Is there a pattern?
3. What is the difference between A and THE?

You may have noticed that A is used when something is talked about for the first time. THE is used after the first introduction. That is why they put Zhuma in A BOX but they take her out of THE BOX.

**Grammar:**

*Very* is an adverb of degree. Adverbs are used to describe verbs or adjectives. *Very* is used to express a high level of something.

**Exercise:** Write 5 sentences using VERY.
Comprehension Questions: Complete the exercises.

Part 1: Morals

1. Which characters teach a lesson? What lesson do they teach? How do they teach it?

2. Where do your grandparents live? Do you treat them well?

Part 2: Characters

1. Who were the characters in the story? Who was good? Who was bad?

2. How would you feel if you were Zhuma?
Part 3: Apply

Write the beginning of your own story.