Before You Read: New Words and Exercises

thief/ thieves ཆོལ།/ སྗོད།/ །མེད།
alone ཉེས་ཀྱི།
tent ལྷག་ལྕན།
prayer སྐུར་འབོད། དཔེར་བེགས།
pretend ངོན་འེལ་འབོད།
monk རྗེ་བན།
protect སུ་སོགས།
ground ལྷ་བགྲུབ།
god རྩ་ལས་བབས།
clouds གླུ།
plants ཊིིབ།
dry སྣ་གམ།

Exercises: Read the directions below ལུགས་ཤུགས། རོ་པ་ཤེས་བ་ཞིག་ལས། རོ་བ་ཤེས་བ་ཞིག་ལས། རོ་བ་ཤེས་བ་ཞིག་ལས།

1. Are you ever alone? Do you feel afraid when you are alone? What do you do when you are alone? Write a story about being alone. རོ་བ་ཤེས་བ་ཞིག་ལས། རོ་བ་ཤེས་བ་ཞིག་ལས། རོ་བ་ཤེས་བ་ཞིག་ལས། རོ་བ་ཤེས་བ་ཞིག་ལས། རོ་བ་ཤེས་བ་ཞིག་ལས། རོ་བ་ཤེས་བ་ཞིག་ལས། རོ་བ་ཤེས་བ་ཞིག་ལས།
2. Do you ever pretend to be someone else? Who do you pretend to be?

3. Look at the words in **bold**. Then, read the sentences in the text that they are in. What do you think **will** and **would** mean? Are their meanings the same or different?

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A poor old woman had no money and no children. She lived alone. She lived in a small tent. It was very far from other people’s tents. She only had a sheep.

The old woman was afraid that thieves **would** take the sheep. She thought, “I **would** like to know a prayer that **would** protect me from thieves.

One day, a man came to the old woman’s home. He was pretending to be a monk. The old woman saw the man and thought, “I am very happy that a monk is coming. I like to have visitors. This monk **will** teach me a prayer to protect me from thieves.”

The woman asked the monk, “Please teach me a prayer that **will** protect me from thieves.”

The man thought, “I do not know any prayers that **will** protect her from thieves. If I say that I don’t know, she **will** know that I am not a monk. Then, she **will** not give me lunch.”

The man looked out the window and saw a rabbit. He said, “You must say, ‘You come quietly. You listen well. You are on the ground. You run away.’”

The old woman was happy. She repeated the prayer, “You come quietly. You listen well. You are on the ground. You run away.”

The man finished his lunch and left. One afternoon the old woman sat and said her new prayer. A thief was hiding in the grass outside. He wanted to steal the woman’s sheep. As he walked towards the tent, he heard the woman say, “You are coming by secret steps.”

He stopped and listened. The old woman said, “You listen well.”

The thief was very afraid. He lay on the ground. The old lady said, “You are on the ground.”

The thief was so afraid that he wanted to run away. He heard the woman say, “You run away.”

The thief ran as fast as he could. He thought that the old woman must be a god. He never stole again.
ར་དང་ཐག་རིང་བའི་རས་ད་རངས་ད་། །སེམས་ལ་འང་ཧ་ཅང་དགའ་བོ་ཡོད་ལ། དེ་ཡང་གཅིག་བཤད་ན་མི་དེའི་ཡིད་ལ་ང་ན་དགོས་ཟེར།༽

གསང་ན་འག་ལག་བཤད་པས་འགས་པོ་ཞིག་རེད་ལ་འང་ཧ་ཅང་དགའ་བོ་ཡོད།༽

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Grammar: Will and Would རྣམ་སྐྱོང་ལྡན་ཐོན་འཕེལ།

*Will* and *Would* are both modals. They are used to make predictions.

- **Will** is used to talk about the future when sentences are in the present tense.
  
  - Ex: *Please teach me a prayer that will protect me from thieves.* The woman wants to protect herself from thieves in the future.

- **Would** is used to talk about the future using a past tense form.
  
  - Ex: *The old woman was afraid that thieves would take the sheep.* This sentence has a verb in the past. The woman was afraid that one day someone would take her sheep.

- *Will* and *would* agree with the other verbs in the sentence.
  
  - Teach → will
  - Was afraid → would

Practice: Read the two texts and circle **will** or **would** to make correct sentences.

She looked at the sky. It hadn’t rained in many days. She wished it will / would rain. But there weren’t any clouds in the sky. It won’t / wouldn’t rain for many days. By then, the plants would / will be dry and there wouldn’t / won’t be any food left.

Today, I am so happy. Tomorrow, I will / would go to my friend’s house. I haven’t seen her in years. We would / will sing songs, tell stories, and eat together. Then, I would / will leave. I will / would miss her again. I wouldn’t / won’t see her for another year.

Practice: Answer the Questions གྲུབ་དཔག་དེ་བཅས་པ་བཟོ་བས་བཟོ་བས་བཟོ་བས་

1. What will you do if there is no school tomorrow? ཁ་ཚ་ལ་མན་ཁུགས་བཟོ་བས་བཟོ་བས་བཟོ་བས་

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2. If you lived alone, what would you do every day? བློ་སྣེ་ལ་མན་ཁུགས་བཟོ་བས་བཟོ་བས་བཟོ་བས་

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Part 1: Answer the questions

1. Was the man a monk?

2. Why was the woman happy that the man came to her house?

3. Did the prayer work? What happened?

Part 2: Personalization

Imagine you are the thief. How do you feel at the end of the story? Re-write the ending from the thief’s point of view.

Write about your favorite prayer. Why is it your favorite? When and why do you say it?