Exercises: New Words

1. Fill in the blanks with the words above.

   Animals have __________ in their feet.
   Birds live in ____________.
   Kings and queens live in the _____________.
   Yaks have _____________ on their heads.

2. Write a sentence for each new word.

   a. ____________________________
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   b. ____________________________
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   c. ____________________________
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   d. ____________________________
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   e. ____________________________
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   f. ____________________________
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Sparrow and Swallow lived in the palace. One day, Sparrow said, “Swallow, please trade nests with me. I will live in your nest. You will live in mine.”

Swallow said no.

The next morning, Swallow got food. Sparrow hid in Swallow’s nest. When Swallow returned, he said “Sparrow, please leave my nest.”

Sparrow refused to leave. He stayed in Swallow’s nest.

Swallow went to Hunting Eagle’s home. He said to Hunting Eagle, “Sparrow will not leave my nest. I asked him to but he refused.”

Hunting Eagle told Sparrow, “You must leave Swallow’s nest.”

Sparrow did not leave Swallow’s nest. Hunting Eagle grabbed Sparrow with his claws. He flew to a river.

Sparrow said, “Please don’t kill me here. The king’s horses drink here. If anyone sees you kill me, they will curse you.”

Hunting Eagle said, “This is true. I will not kill you here.” He flew towards a forest.

When they got to the forest, Sparrow said, “I have something to tell you. Please open your claws so that I can speak.”

Hunting Eagle opened his claw. Sparrow flew away. He hid in a yak horn. Hunting Eagle flew after sparrow. He was too big to get inside the yak horn.

“Please don’t kill me in this yak horn. My father died this way,” said Sparrow.

“How did your father die?” asked Hunting Eagle.
Sparrow said, “My father was chased by a hunting eagle. He hid in a yak horn. The eagle rolled in water and rolled in sand. It flew into the horn. The horn broke and my father died.”

Hunting Eagle thought, “I will do this and catch Sparrow.”

When Hunting Eagle flew into the horn, it did not explode. Instead, Hunting Eagle hit his head and died.
Practice: Past Tense

Look at the story above. Write the past tense verb next to the present tense verb.

1. live ___________________
2. say ___________________
3. get ___________________
4. hide ___________________
5. return ___________________
6. refuse ___________________
7. stay ___________________
8. grab ___________________

Work with a partner. What patterns did you notice?

Practice: Fill in the blanks with the correct verbs.

Sparrow and Swallow _______ (live) in the palace. Sparrow wanted to live in Swallow’s nest. Swallow _______ (say) that he didn’t want to trade nests. Sparrow _______ (hide) in Swallow’s nest. When Swallow _______ (return), he asked Sparrow to leave. Sparrow _______ (refuse) to leave. Hunting Eagle _______ (grab) him. Sparrow escaped.
Practice: Write a story about two neighbors using these verbs.

Part 1: Answer the Questions

1. Who wanted to trade nests? 

2. Who told Sparrow to leave the nest? 

3. How did Sparrow escape? 

4. How did Hunting Eagle die? 

Comprehension Questions: Follow the instructions below
Part 2: Put the story in order

_____ Sparrow hid in a yak horn.
_____ Hunting Eagle grabbed Sparrow with his claws.
_____ Hunting Eagle told Sparrow, “You must leave Swallow’s nest.”
_____ Sparrow hid in Swallow’s nest.
_____ Hunting Eagle rolled in water and rolled in sand.
_____ Swallow said, “Sparrow, please leave my nest.”
_____ Sparrow refused to leave.
_____ Hunting Eagle hit his head and died.
_____ Swallow went to Hunting Eagle’s home.

Part 3: Characters

1. If you were Swallow, what would you do? Compare your answers with a partner.

2. Why did Hunting Eagle grab Sparrow? Why didn’t he grab Swallow?

3. How did Hunting Eagle feel? Re-write the story from Hunting Eagle’s perspective.
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