Two Frogs

Exercises: Read the directions below.

1. What does your home look like? Is it neat and tidy, or is it messy? Is it big or small? How many people live in it? Are they older or younger than you? Is the place that you live now your home?

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Two frogs were friends. One frog was older. He lived in a well. The other frog was younger. He lived in a big lake.

One day, Older Frog and Younger Frog stopped to talk. Older Frog said, “Younger Frog, come to my home today!”

Younger Frog agreed. They went to Older Frog’s well. The well was dirty. Younger Frog thought, “I want to leave. I cannot see the sky. It is also difficult to come in and out of the well. I do not like this well. But, I do not want to upset Older Frog.”

Younger Frog jumped up and down. He wanted to leave. Older Frog saw him jumping. Older Frog thought, “Younger Frog likes my home so much that he is jumping up and down.” He asked Younger Frog, “What do you think of my home?”

Younger Frog said, “What can I say?”

Older Frog said, “The water in my home is very clean.”

Younger Frog said, “I don’t agree. I think this water is dirty.”

Older Frog felt angry. He argued with Younger Frog. Younger Frog said, “I want to leave.”

Older Frog said, “Please take some water with you.”

“No. I have enough water at my home,” Younger Frog said.
“I want to see your home,” Older Frog said. The two frogs went to Younger Frog’s lake.

Older Frog thought, “When I arrive at Younger Frog’s lake, I will drink all of the water. Then, he will ask me for water.”

When they arrived at the lake, Younger Frog said, “Older Frog, we are almost at my home.”

Older Frog did not look at the lake. He began drinking the water. He drank and drank, but the lake did not get smaller. He kept drinking. Suddenly, his stomach exploded and he died.
Practice: Fill in the blanks with the correct adjectives.

Two frogs were friends. One frog was _________. He lived in a well. The other frog was _________. He lived in a _________ lake. ___________ frog’s well was _________. ___________ frog wanted to leave the well.

Older Frog said, “The water in my home is very _________."

Younger Frog said, “I don’t agree. I think this water is ___________."

Older Frog felt _______________. He argued with Younger Frog. Younger Frog said, “I want to leave.”
Practice: Find all of the adjectives of comparison in the text. Write them below.

1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________________________

Practice: Answer these questions using adjectives.

1. In your class, who is the tallest? Who is the shortest?
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2. Who in your class is the oldest? Who is the youngest?
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3. Whose handwriting is the neatest in your class?
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4. Is your mother taller or is your father taller?
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Practice: Write about your friends using adjectives of comparison.

Part 1: Answer the questions

1. Who lived in the well?

2. Who lived in the lake?

3. Which home was cleaner, the well or the lake?

4. Why did Younger Frog want to leave?

5. Why did the frogs argue?
Part 2: Characters

How did Older Frog feel when Younger Frog told him that his water was dirty?

Write a diary entry from Older Frog.

Dear Diary,

Younger Frog just said, “I don’t agree. I think this water is dirty.”

Older Frog

Part 3: Personalization

1. Why did Older Frog and Younger Frog fight? Who was right? Who was wrong? Discuss with a partner.

2. What is the lesson of this story?
3. What did you like best about this story?

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4. What did you like least about this story?

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