HALF A BABY? ན་ཐོབས།

New Words and Phrases  ཕྲ་སྲོལ་བ།
baby བྲ་སྲོལ།  river ཁྲུང།  give birth to ལོང་།  take care of ལོང་།
watch རོག།  fought གཞིན་ཞིག་བོད།

Exercises: Put these words in the correct sentences:

fish, busy, switched, half, agreed

1. They went to the river and _____________ for food to eat.
2. She has many things to do. She is ________________.
3. I ______________ my lunch with your lunch, because yours looks better.
4. She cut the apple in ______________ so that we could both have a piece.
5. He came up with a good idea and I ______________ with him.

Exercises: Answer these questions:

1. What do you see in the picture?

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2. Look at the picture and the new words. What do you think will happen in the story?

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Tortoise and Bird were hungry. They went to the river. They fished. Both Tortoise and Bird gave birth to baby boys at the river.

Bird was busy. She had many things to do. She could not take care of her son. She asked Tortoise to take care of him. Tortoise said yes.

Tortoise took care of Bird's son for many days. She thought that her son was uglier than Bird's son. She decided to switch sons.

When Bird came back, Tortoise's son was lying in her bed. Her son was lying in Tortoise's bed. She asked Tortoise, "Why is your son in my bed? And why is my son in your bed?"

Tortoise said, "Your son is in your bed. How can you ask me this?"

Bird was sad. She went away. She looked for Tiger. After she found him, she told him what Tortoise did. She said that Tortoise switched the babies.

After Tiger heard the story he said, "I will help you. Let's go." They went to Tortoise and Bird's home.

When they got to Bird's house, Tiger asked Tortoise, "Which baby is yours?" Tortoise said it was Baby Bird.

Bird said, "No, that is my baby." Tortoise and Bird were angry. They fought.

Tiger stopped them. He said, "I don't know who is right. Give the baby to me. I will cut it into two pieces. You will each get a half."

Tortoise agreed. Before Tiger cut the baby in half, bird said, "Please don't cut the baby. You can give the baby to Tortoise."

Tiger smiled. He took Baby Bird from Tortoise's bed. He gave Baby Bird to the mother Bird.

He said, "A mother would not agree to cut her baby in half."
Grammar: Comparisons

Comparisons are one way of looking at two or more different things. They follow the form: Object 1 + to be + adjective + than + Object 2

Ex: She thought that her son was uglier than Bird’s son.
He is taller than her.

Exercises: Answer the questions using comparison sentences.

1. Does Turtle think that Bird's son uglier than Turtle's son?
2. Who do you think is a better mother, Turtle or Bird?

3. Who is stronger, Bird or Tiger?

Exercises: Write five comparison sentences.

Example: I am taller than my sister.

1. _______________________________________________________

2. ___________________________________________________________________

3. ___________________________________________________________________

4. ___________________________________________________________________

5. ___________________________

Grammar: Before and After

*Before* is used to connect two events that happen one after the other.

*Before* དང་*After* ད་དོན་ལ་ཕན་ནི་ལེབ་གཞིང་ལེབ་གཞིང་

Ex: Before I go to school, I put clothes on.

I put clothes on before I go to school

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*After* is used in the same way. Be careful, because *after* comes before the first event.

*After* ད་དོན་ལ་ཕན་ནི་ལེབ་གཞིང་ལེབ་གཞིང་

Ex: After I put clothes on, I go to school.

I go to school after I put clothes on.

I put clothes on. I go to school.
Exercises: Make these two sentences into one sentence using before or after.

1. Bird found Tiger.
   Bird told Tiger what Tortoise did.

2. Tiger heard the story.
   Tiger said, "I will help you. Let's go."

3. Tiger cut the baby in half.
   Bird said, "Please don't cut the baby."

Exercises: Write about your day using before and after.

before

after

Comprehension Questions: Follow the directions below.

1. Who switches the babies? Why?
2. Why does Tiger say that he will cut the baby in half?

3. What is the meaning of this story?

Part 2: Re-tell the story in your own words.