

A- Read the fable carefully.

### The Tortoise and the Geese

Long ago, a tortoise used to live in a pond near the foot of the Himalayas. Two wild, young geese, flying far from their home in search of food, landed on the pond. There, the three creatures became the best of friends. Later on, a day came when the two geese were ready to fly back home, yet they did not want to leave their friend behind, so they offered to take him with them.



Since a tortoise was too slow and could not catch up with them, the geese said, "We will take you with us, but you have to keep your mouth shut all the way."

"That is easy enough," replied the tortoise.

So, the two geese gave their friend a stick to hold between his teeth. Each goose held to one end of the stick and rose into the air, flying back home.

As they flew above a town, some village children saw the queer sight in the air. They pointed and laughed aloud, "Look at that! Two geese are carrying a tortoise on a stick!"

The tortoise felt he had to answer the children and said, "What if my friends carried me through the air, you stupid!"

But the moment he opened his mouth to speak, the tortoise fell all the way to the ground and died.

B Answer the questions on "The Tortoise and the Geese."

Identify the setting.

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List the characters.

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C- Number the sentences in the correct time order. (3pts)

- 1- \_\_\_\_\_ The children saw a strange scene.
- 2- \_\_\_\_\_ The tortoise and the two geese became friends.
- 3- \_\_\_\_\_ The tortoise opened his mouth to scold the children.
- 4- \_\_\_\_\_ The geese carried the tortoise on a stick.
- 5- \_\_\_\_\_ It was time for the geese to go back home.
- 6- \_\_\_\_\_ The tortoise fell off and died.

D- Match each word with its meaning. (2pts)

- 1- shut            \_\_\_ answered
- 2- replied        \_\_\_ travel fast
- 3- offered        \_\_\_ close
- 4- catch up      \_\_\_ gave

E- pick out from the text the antonym of each word below. (3pts)

- 1- near ≠ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2- clever ≠ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3- closed ≠ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4- night ≠ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5- fast ≠ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6- old ≠ \_\_\_\_\_

F.- write the correct compound word that is closest in meaning to the definitions given. (2pts)

1- the light of the moon	
2- some thing made at home	
3- the father of one's father or mother	
4- the one who tells stories	

G- Make compound words : (1pt.)

site - back - camp - doors - pack - out - ball - foot

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