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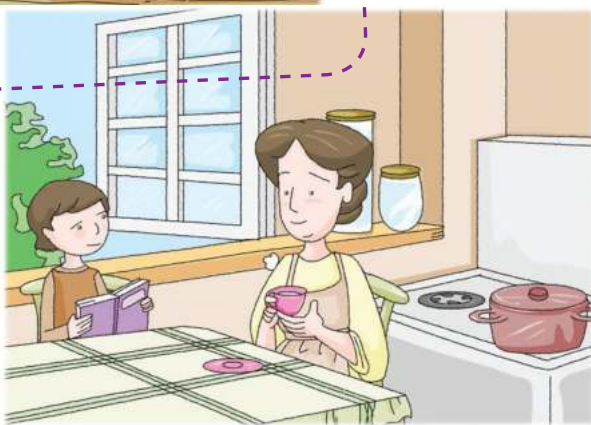
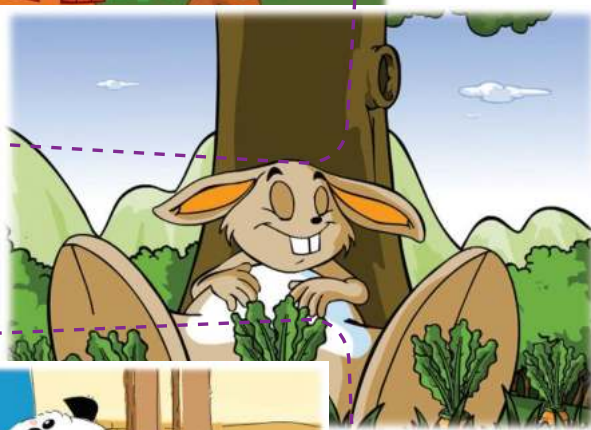
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A Country Road

A. What is the correct order of the pictures? Match the sentences and the pictures and then guess the story.



..... The farmer said, "I'm very busy."

..... Very far away from the city lived a poor farmer and his wife. In front of their house was a small dirt road. On the dirt road, there was a big hole filled with water.

..... "Actually, no," said the farmer. "I don't make money day and night because I don't pull cars out at night. At night I'm busy filling the hole with water."

..... The man looked at the farmer and said, "You must make a lot of money pulling cars out of this hole day and night."

..... One day, a man in a new car was driving down the road. He drove into the hole, but he couldn't drive out. So he asked the farmer for help.

..... "If you help me, I'll pay you," said the man.

..... Drives always drove into the hole, but they never drove out.

..... The farmer pulled the car out of the hole with his tractor, and the man paid him a lot of money.

B. Read the story, put the given words in the appropriate places and then tell it in your own words.

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A Country Road

(deep/poor/dirt/drove out/filled)

Very far away from the city lived a farmer and his wife. In front of their house was a small road. Very few cars drove on this road because it was so far from the city. On the dirt road, there was a big hole with water. The hole was very , but drivers on the road didn't know just how deep. Drives always drove into the hole, but they never

(stuck/very/drove over/drove into/busy/field/signaled)

One day, a man in a new car was driving down the road. He saw the hole with the water, but he didn't think it was deep. He the hole, but he couldn't drive out. The man saw the farmer on his tractor working in the , and he to the farmer. The farmer to the man in the new car.

"Is there a problem?" asked the farmer. "Yes," said the man. "My car is in this hole. Can you help me?" "Maybe," said the farmer. "But I'm very" "If you help me, I'll pay you," said the man. "OK," said the farmer.

(pulled/tractor/looked at/ask for/make/busy)

The farmer the car out of the hole with his, and the man paid him a lot of money. The man the farmer and said, "You must make a lot of money pulling cars out of this hole day and night." "Actually, no," said the farmer. "Why not?" asked the man. "The hole is very deep, and a lot of people get stuck and help. But I don't money day and night because I don't pull cars out at night." "At night I'm filling the hole with water," answered the farmer.

C. Try to make a new story with the help of your classmates. Make a circle and take turns saying a sentence at a time. Start with "Very far away from the city lived a farmer and his wife." and continue making another funny story.

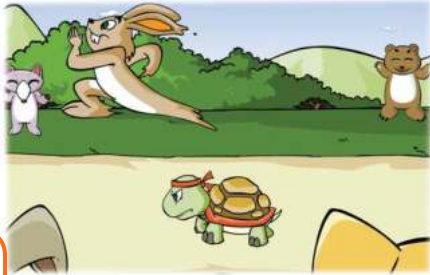
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D. Discuss the following questions.

1. Is cheating wrong or is it just a tool for survival?
2. Why do you think that people cheat? In what situations do people usually cheat?
3. Would you ever cheat on someone to get what you want? Describe a time when you cheated and it helped you.
4. Have you ever been cheated on by somebody else? How do you react if someone tries to cheat on you?
5. Suppose that one of your closest friends has been dishonest with you. What will be your reaction?
6. Some people say, "It's okay to cheat because everyone does it, at least sometimes." What do you think?
7. Imagine that you are in a hurry and someone needs your help. What would you do in that situation?
8. Would you ever say yes to someone who needs you even if you meant no?
9. What do you think can be done to prevent cheating?
10. What would you do if you saw someone cheating at something.

The Hare and the Tortoise

A. Look at the pictures and tell the story.



B. Read the story.

The Hare and the Tortoise

A hare was one day making fun of a tortoise for being so slow upon his feet. "Wait a bit," said the tortoise. "I'll run a race with you, and I'll wager that I win." "Oh, well," replied the hare, who was much amused at the idea, "let's try and see." And it was soon agreed that the fox should set a course for them and be the judge. When the time came both started off together, but the hare was soon so far ahead that he thought he might as well have a rest. So down he lay and fell fast asleep. Meanwhile the tortoise kept plodding on, and in time reached the goal. At last the hare woke up with a start and dashed on at his fastest, but only to find that the tortoise had already won the race.

C. What was the reason of hare's loss?

D. What is the message of this fable?

E. Which sentences cannot be supposed as the moral of this fable?

- success depends on using your talents, not just having them.
- Appear weak when you are strong, and strong when you are weak.
- Slow and steady wins the race.
- The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.
- Knowledge is power.
- The greater the power, the more dangerous the abuse.
- Winners never quit and quitters never win.

F. Match the words and the provided meanings.

.....	wager	1. run or move very quickly ; hurry; rush
.....	ahead	2. to walk slowly; trudge
.....	plod	3. in front; ≠behind
.....	dash	4. sleeping very deeply
	course	5. bet
.....	ahead	6. a short distance in front of someone or something; ≠behind
.....	fast sleep	7. a line or route along which something travels or moves

G. Discuss the following quotations.

- There are two kinds of pride, both good and bad. 'Good pride' represents our dignity and self-respect. 'Bad pride' is the deadly sin of superiority that reeks of conceit and arrogance.
- Pretend inferiority and encourage his arrogance.
- Stupidity combined with arrogance and a huge ego will get you a long way.
- Learning and innovation go hand in hand. The arrogance of success is to think that what you did yesterday will be sufficient for tomorrow.
- Early in life I had to choose between honest arrogance and hypocritical humility. I chose the former and have seen no reason to change.
- Timing and arrogance are decisive factors in the successful use of talent.
- Sometimes a neighbor whom we have disliked a lifetime for his arrogance and conceit lets fall a single commonplace remark that shows us another side, another man, really; a man uncertain, and puzzled, and in the dark like ourselves.

H. Discuss the following questions.

1. What is the difference between "pride" and "arrogance"? What do you think of people who are arrogant?
2. What is the thin line that separates arrogance from plain confidence?
3. Do we have to declare our pride or can we privately enjoy it?
4. What things shouldn't we be proud of? Can we have too much pride? What do we call people with too much pride?
5. Can we take pride in our good luck, country, city, heritage, children, work or material possessions?
6. Are you too proud to ask others for help or to admit you are wrong?
7. Are there moments when arrogance is necessary? Explain your answer.
8. Is it good to be always humble?
9. How can too much confidence affect one's life or personality?
10. What does this quotation by Charles Caleb Colton mean? Do you agree him?
"Pride, like the magnet, constantly points to one object, self; but unlike the magnet, it has no attractive pole, but at all points repels."

intelligent. He hides it from others. He doesn't want to make his friends look stupid." The merchant didn't believe any of it and he would just wave his wife away. When the son was old enough to marry, the mother begged her husband to find him a wife. But the merchant thought his son was too stupid, too boring, and too lazy to marry. The boy's mother wanted him to marry, so she went to see her husband often. She told her husband that she believed her son (own/possessed/had) a large amount of wisdom and intelligence. At first the merchant became angry with his wife, but she was too (pig-headed/proud/stubborn) to notice her husband's anger.

Finally he had had enough. "Look here," he said. "I have heard these stories many times. But you have never once proved them. Mothers are blind. I do not believe anything you have said. But it is too hot to argue. You have won. I will give that fool, our son, one more chance." "Give him this one small coin. Tell him to go to the market, and with the coin I want him to buy a single item. That one item must be something to eat, something to drink, something to chew, something to plant, and something to (feed/give as food to/fed) our goat."

As the boy walked towards the market, he started to think, "what can I buy with this coin? Something to eat and drink and do all those other things! Surely this is impossible!" The boy sat down under the tree. He needed time to rest and think. As he was sitting there the daughter of the blacksmith came by. She looked at the boy and saw that he was very unhappy. "What's the matter?" she asked. The boy looked at her and said, "My father has given me an impossible (task/job/work). He wants me to buy one item with this coin. And that item must be something to eat, something to drink, something to chew, something to plant, and something to feed our goat." "I know what you can do," she said. "Go and buy a watermelon with the coin," she continued. "It will provide everything your father said. Give it to him, and your parents will be pleased." The boy nodded, and looked at the girl. "Thanks," he said. The boy ran to the market and got a watermelon for his father. When the merchant's wife saw her son's cleverness, she was very pleased. "Look," she said to her husband, "our