

English Language Reading

Science & Medical
Level Two
Unit Six



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Pre-Reading Vocabulary that you may need

<u>Word</u>	<u>Definition /Synonym</u>	<u>Arabic Translation</u>
Afraid	Scared	خائف
Amazed	Astonished	مندعش
Huge	Large	ضخم
Continued	Keep doing	استمر
Creating	Raising / noticing	يسبب
Curious	Want to know more	فضولي
Equal	Same	مساوي
Furious	Very angry	غاضب جدا
Gravely	Very seriously	جدي
Quietly	Low noise	بهدهوء
Rich	Wealthy	غني
Excitedly	Eagerly	بشوق
Performed	Did an action	قام
Merchant	Business man	تاجر
Reveal	To tell/uncover	يكشف
Quickly	With speed	بسرعة
Reluctantly	Not happily / not willingly	على مضض
Noisy	Lots of sound	صاخب
Loudly	High sound	بصوت عالي
Peacefully	calm	بهدهوء
Trace	Clue / sign	علامة

There are four main types of reading techniques:

- Skimming.
- Scanning.
- Intensive.
- Extensive.

In your free time, ask your teacher or research these 4 methods.

Reading A:

Step 1. Gist (Skim) Reading – Read the story **quickly**. Discuss what the story is about.

Step 2. Guided paragraph. Complete the missing words in the five sections by using words from above. Note: syn means synonym.

Step 3. Writing - In small groups, or pairs write **“What happened next”** to finish off the story. Your teacher can help you.

1.

Once upon a time, there lived two brothers called Kasim (or Kasim) and Alibaba, who were sons of a merchant and shared an _____ amount of money after their father died. While Kasim married a _____ lady and became a wealthy merchant, Alibaba married a poor, humble woman and lived the life of a woodcutter.

One day, Alibaba went deep into the forest for some good quality wood. There, while he was resting peacefully under a large tree, he heard the _____ sound of many horses coming towards him. He was afraid and curious at the same time, so he climbed up the same tree and watched quietly. Soon, he saw a large group of men who were armed with swords and knives. They stopped at a large wall of rocks, a cave which was owned by a gang of 40 thieves, near the tree. The leader of the group got off his horse and stood in front of the rocks and said _____ “Open Sesame”.



2.



Suddenly, a part of the rock moved and created a _____ opening for the leader and his group. Once the men were inside, the leader said “Shut Sesame” and the door of the cave closed magically.

3.

Alibaba waited until the thieves left the cave and then went to it. He softly said “Open Sesame”, the same magic words that the leader had said. Immediately the cave door opened. Alibaba found mounds (large amounts) of gold jewels, coins, and other precious items inside. He was _____ by the wealth but was careful enough not to leave a trace of his visit. He picked up a small bag of coins and exited the cave. Once outside, he uttered the magical words “Close Sesame” and closed the cave.

Alibaba told his wife _____ about the cave and the thieves. They borrowed a weighing scale from Kasim’s wife to measure the wealth they had. Kasim’s wife wondered “Why do they want such a large scale? What do they have that they need a scale?” She applied some wax under one of the scales to know what grain her brother-in-law had acquired. When the weighing scale was returned, she was shocked to see a gold coin stuck to the bottom.

4.

After a lot of persuasion by his wife, Kasim asked Alibaba about the money. He forced his brother into revealing the mystery behind the gold coins. Alibaba _____ told him everything. However, after Kasim agreed not to _____ the secret to anyone, including his wife, he travelled to the cave, taking a donkey along, hoping to bring back as much wealth as possible.

5.

He opened the door and got excited at the sight of all the gold and other valuables. He _____ filled his bags with as many gold coins and jewelry as possible. But he forgot the magical words to open and close the cave door in his excitement.

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Don't Forget to Check:

Capital Letters

Full stops

Punctuation

Grammar

In the end, everyone was happy and lived happily except the thieves and the greedy brother.

Exercise 1A:

Choose the appropriate Title (match) for each of the parts of the story. Write the title into each box.

- a) *Keeping a Secret*
- b) *The discovery of the cave*
- c) *Alibaba saw the Forty Thieves*
- d) *Alibaba told his wife*
- e) *Kasim gets locked in the cave*

Exercise 1B: True or False

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| 1) Alibaba was a woodcutter: | True | <input type="radio"/> | False | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2) There were fourteen thieves: | True | <input type="radio"/> | False | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3) Alibaba got lost: | True | <input type="radio"/> | False | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4) Kasim died in the cave: | True | <input type="radio"/> | False | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5) Kasim rode a donkey to the cave: | True | <input type="radio"/> | False | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6) everybody lived happily ever after: | True | <input type="radio"/> | False | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7) 'Shut Sesame' opened the cave: | True | <input type="radio"/> | False | <input type="radio"/> |

Exercise 2A: Grammar review

1. Circle all the verbs in the story

2. Underline all the adverbs

3. Write down all the adjectives here:

4. How many paragraphs are in the main story? _____

End of Unit 6