

THEME 3 LEGENDARY FIGURE READING SKILL (SUNSHINE)

A. Read the story and match the headings a – f with the paragraphs 1 – 6.

a. Treachery of the Sheriff

c. The Sheriff's Plan

e. The Day of the Contest

b. Robin's Announcement

d. King Richard's Decision

f. Robin's Success

1. The Sheriff of Nottingham and Robin Hood were enemies for a long time. Robin Hood was the hero of the people because he fought injustice and helped the poor. But, the sheriff was feared by people as he was a cruel man. So, the sheriff had a plan for Robin Hood. In those days, the most popular sport in England was archery. Everyone knew Robin Hood was the finest archer in England. So, the sheriff decided to organize an archery contest to catch Robin Hood and the trophy was a golden arrow. It was Monday 23rd May when he decided all these.

2. On Tuesday, when Robin heard the news, he got very excited and decided to enter the contest. Robin gathered his men and told them: "My dear men, in a week's time, we will enter a contest and I don't want you to worry about the Sheriff because if you remember, he promised us that he would never do us harm." Robin's best friend John added, "Yes, he did and in a week's time, we will understand if the Sheriff is a man of his word."

3. Robin and his men were on the field on the day of the contest, which was Thursday. Robin ordered that only he and his five best men would take part in the match. His other men would mix in the crowd so that people wouldn't be able to recognize Robin until it was his turn. Also, Robin wore a hood over his head for more disguise.

4. Robin's men all aimed their longbows taking turns. Their aims were good. Then, it was Robin's turn to take his shot. The Sheriff recognized Robin right away. He thought to himself, "Soon Robin will have his prize and I will have mine." Robin aimed his arrow towards the furthest target and he split it with his arrow. He won the prize.

5. Robin approached the Sheriff to get his prize. The Sheriff gave him the golden arrow. When Robin held the golden arrow above his head, people realized that it was the famous Robin Hood. So, the crowd cheered with joy. However, Sheriff's men began to run towards Robin. A huge fight broke. Robin said, "I knew the Sheriff would do something like that. Today, he proved he is a man who doesn't keep his promises." The Sheriff and his men couldn't catch Robin as he and his men ran away successfully to the castle of a knight who Robin helped a long time ago. Robin and his men stayed at the knight's castle on Friday.

6. When the Sheriff heard this, he decided to go to London to speak to the King. So he set out for London on Saturday. He arrived in London on Sunday. After King Richard heard that one of his knights was protecting Robin Hood, he said he would go to Nottingham and arrest this knight and Robin Hood himself. He added, "I have never heard of such a popular criminal in my life, so I will meet this man before he receives his punishment."

B. Read the text again and complete the timeline with the dates and events that happened in the story.

Monday :

Tuesday :

Thursday :

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

C. Read the story and put the following sentences into the suitable blanks.

1. When I woke up, the moon had moved behind a cloud and it was very dark and cold.
2. “Don’t fall asleep by the river when there’s a full moon”, he said.
3. I’d never been so scared in my whole life.
4. There was a large full moon in the sky and everything was quiet.

Last night I was walking home next to the River Thames when something strange happened to me. It was late at night and I’d had a long day at work. I needed some time to relax and get some peace of mind. a. _____. I thought it would be a good idea to stop by the riverside and look at the moon for a while. So, I sat on a bench and looked up at the big yellow moon. It looked beautiful and calming. Suddenly, I felt very tired, so I closed my eyes and I fell asleep.

b. _____. The wind was blowing and an owl was hooting in a tree. I was trying to get up when suddenly I heard a splash. I looked down at the water and saw something. I had never seen anything like that before. It was green and ugly and it was coming out of the water and moving towards me. Its green arm was stretching out from the water to grab my leg.

c. _____. I was so scared that I couldn’t move. The cold green hand was moving closer and closer when suddenly someone jumped behind me with a flashlight. He was wearing strange clothes and he pointed his flashlight at the monster in the water and shouted “Get Back!” The monster hissed and disappeared back into the river. After a few minutes of shock, I looked up at the man. He looked different, but kind.

d. _____. “The Moon Goblins will get you.” What was he talking about? I’d never heard of moon goblins before. In fact, I had never believed in monsters before. I didn’t know what to say. “Who... who are you?” I asked him. “You can call me... The Doctor” he said. Then, he turned around and said, “Watch the stars at night, and be careful of the full moon”. Then, there was another blue flash and he had gone. I couldn’t believe what had happened. Was I dreaming? Was it my imagination? Who were Moon Goblins, and who was this mysterious Doctor? And why did he save me? I was determined to find the answers to these strange questions. I stood up, looked at the moon and quickly walked home.

D. Read the text again and answer the following questions.

1. Why did the narrator stop by the River Thames?
2. What happened while she / he was looking at the moon?
3. Describe what she / he saw in the water.
4. Who helped the narrator?
5. Did the narrator understand what happened to her / him?.
6. Do you think the narrator dreamt this strange experience? Why / Why not?
7. What do you think moon goblins are? Are they good or evil? Are they real or imaginary?.
8. Who do you think the doctor might be? What was his mission?