

Water from the well

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Level 2 • Beginner–Elementary

Age: Primary (6–11)

Language aims: To practise listening to stories; to practise listening for information

Time: 20–30 minutes

Student grouping: Individuals, whole class

Materials: One copy of the worksheet per student (cut to separate the well image from the strip of characters but don't cut out each character); an extra copy of the worksheet for yourself with the characters cut out; the audio (downloaded in advance or played via onestopenglish); multiple pairs of scissors; Blu-Tack; picture of a family (father, mother, daughter, son)

Language focus: *Dog, cat, mouse; man, woman, girl, boy; pull, couldn't, please, well, help; father, mother, sister, brother; they, he, she; husband, wife, daughter, son; happy*

Procedure

Step 1

Hand out a strip of characters to each child and ask them to cut each character out.

Step 2

Teach the words *dog, cat, mouse, water, well* and *rope* by showing the worksheet pictures of these to the class.

Step 3

Hold up the picture you prepared of the family and elicit *man, woman, boy* and *girl*. Now point to each of these people using their family names – *father, son, daughter* and *mother* – then introduce the relationships within the family – *wife and husband, brother and sister*.

Step 4

Give each child a copy of the well picture from the worksheet and tell them that they are going to hear a story about a man who wanted some water from a well. Ask them to look at the well image.

Step 5

On the board, using the well picture and cut outs, demonstrate how they add a character as they listen to the story. Demonstrate by playing the audio and adding the characters as you listen.

Step 6

Play the audio again and let the children stick their characters onto their well pictures. You may need to play the audio two or three times. Go round the class to help as necessary.

Follow-up activity

Children can draw a picture of their own family helping father out of the well!

Transcript

One day, a man wanted to get some water from the well. // He went to the well to pull up the water // but he fell in with a huge splash! // He called for help. 'HELP! HELP!' //

A woman ran to the well. // She held on to the man // and she pulled and she pulled and she pulled // but she couldn't pull him out. //

The wife called for her husband. // He ran to the well. // He held onto his wife. // She held on to the man // and they pulled and they pulled and they pulled // but they couldn't pull him up. //

The husband called for his son. // He ran to the well. // He held onto his father. // His father held onto his wife. // She held on to the man // and they pulled and they pulled and they pulled // but they couldn't pull him up. //

The boy called for his sister. // She ran to the well. // She held onto her brother. // He held onto his father. // His father held onto his wife. // She held on to the man // and they pulled and they pulled and they pulled // but they couldn't pull him up. //

The girl called for her dog. // The dog ran to the well. // The dog held onto the girl. // She held onto her brother. // He held onto his father. // His father held onto his wife. // She held on to the man // and they pulled and they pulled and they pulled // but they couldn't pull him up. //

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The dog called for the cat. // The cat ran to the well. //
The cat held onto the dog. // The dog held onto the
girl. // She held onto her brother. // He held onto his
father. // His father held onto his wife. // She held on to
the man // and they pulled and they pulled and they
pulled // but they couldn't pull him up. //

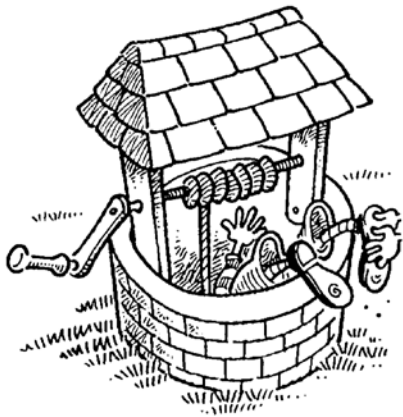
The cat called for the mouse. // The mouse ran to the
well. // The mouse held onto the cat. // The cat held

onto the dog. // The dog held onto the girl. // She
held on to her brother. // He held onto his father. // His
father held onto his wife. // She held on to the man //
and they pulled and they pulled and they pulled //
and they pulled him out of the well.

Everyone was very happy. Then, the man said, 'I want
some water.' He went to the well, but ... 'Uh uh uh
uhhhh!' Splash!

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