

SPAG and Reading Daily Tasks

Friday 12th February 2021

The Town of Egarim

9 Surrounded by glittering pools of fresh water, the town
20 of Egarim stood alone in the vast desert. Tall palm trees
28 lined the streets and small, sand-coloured houses sat
40 dotted in groups. In front of one house sat a small cart
47 that was piled high with colourful fruits.

58 Even the sun, who usually acted so cruelly to anyone
69 who tried to cross the desert, had taken pity on Egarim
77 and had bathed it in a soft, gentle light.

86 To the four weary travellers who were approaching the
95 border, the town looked like a miracle. However, they
100 were about to find out
104 that in Egarim, not
107 everything is as
109 it seems.



Quick Questions



1. How many travellers were approaching Egarim?



2. Find and copy one word which means the same as **tired**.



3. Would you like to visit the town of Egarim? Explain your answer.



4. **...not everything is as it seems.**

Why do you think that the author has chosen to end the text in this way?

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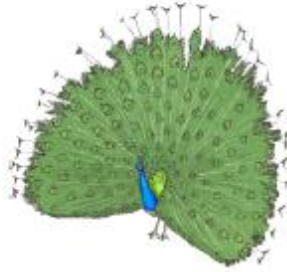
The school cook _____
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Section 2

Can you insert the possessive apostrophe in the correct place in this sentence?

The peacocks feathers
are extremely elegant.



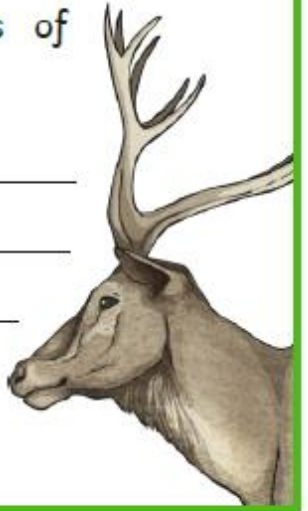
Section 3

Write the plural forms of these singular nouns:

deer - _____

wolf - _____

sheep - _____



Section 4

Mr Whoops has got in a terrible muddle with his 'el', 'al' and 'le' endings. Can you help him to match each definition with the correct 'el', 'le' or 'al' ending?

The measurement of a turn. ang _____

An underground passage. tunn _____



Section 5

Sort these words into the table:

adjective	preposition

into strict near busy

Section 6

Underline the subordinate clause in this sentence.

After walking out of the shop, the man dropped his box of oranges.



Answers on the following slides



Answers



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Four travellers were approaching the town of Egarim.



2. Find and copy one word which means the same as **tired**.
weary



3. Would you like to visit the town of Egarim? Explain your answer.
Accept any sensible answer, such as: No, I would not like to visit the town of Egarim because, even though it sounds nice, the last paragraph makes it sound scary.



4. **...not everything is as it seems.**
Why do you think that the author has chosen to end the text in this way?
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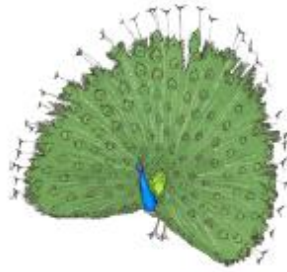
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