

Alpha Level 5

The Ungrateful Tiger



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Word Study

A Write the word that matches the meaning.

exactly howling nervously pit rumble trap trick ungrateful

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| 1) ungrateful | not showing thanks for kindness |
| 2) pit | a large hole dug in the ground |
| 3) trap | a thing or a hole to catch animals or birds |
| 4) howling | long, loud cry of animals such as a wolf or a dog |
| 5) nervously | acting with the feeling of worry or fright |
| 6) trick | an action to make someone trust something untrue |
| 7) rumble | a low, continuous noise |
| 8) exactly | just right or the same as you are thinking |

B Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

annoyed
fair
immediately
leapt
search
work out

1. A tiger started coming into the village in **search** of food.
2. The tiger **leapt** onto the branch and climbed out.
3. "That's not **fair**. You tricked me."
4. "Why don't you let me **work out** if Sunni should be eaten?"
5. The tiger looked **annoyed**. He wanted to eat him right away.
6. Sunni agreed **immediately**. But the tiger didn't want to.

Word Study

C Choose and write the correct word to complete the sentence.

away by before if to until up when

- 1) The villagers dug a deep pit to trap the tiger.
- 2) He followed the sound until he came to the pit.
- 3) When the tiger saw Sunni, it cried, "Help!"
- 4) If you help me, I'll be very grateful. I won't eat you!"
- 5) Sunni was scared. He **moved** away from the tiger.
- 6) As they were arguing, an elephant **came** by.
- 7) Before I tell you my idea, I need to see exactly what happened.
- 8) Sunni **picked** up his firewood and hurried back to the village.

D Make your own sentences using the same sentence pattern.

An '**adverb**' in a sentence shows 'how the action is being done'.

The elephant pulled the branch out of the pit

I need to see

"You promised not to eat me!" Sunni said

"Thank you for helping" Sunni said

~~Sunni went home with fire woods~~

exactly what happened.

~~safely and happily.~~

gratefully.

nervously.

quickly.

Sunni went home with fire woods safely and happily.

1) The elephant pulled the branch out of the pit quickly.

2) I need to see exactly what happened.

3) "You promised not to eat me!" Sunni said nervously.

Comprehension

A Answer the following questions.

- 1) What is the story about?
 - a) A poor boy and a wise elephant
 - b) A fair and grateful tiger
 - ☒ c) A kind boy, a wise elephant and an ungrateful tiger
- 2) Why were the people frightened ? (pp. 2-3)
 - a) Because the tiger might steal food from them.
 - b) Because the tiger might kick them out of the village.
 - ☒ c) Because the tiger might hunt people for food.
- 3) What brought Sunni to the pit? (pg. 4)
 - a) There were a lot of fire wood.
 - b) It was a short cut to the village.
 - ☒ c) He heard a howling sound and was curious.
- 4) Why did the elephant say "I need to see exactly what happened"? (pp. 12-14)
 - a) Because it didn't know what happened.
 - ☒ b) Because it had to trick the tiger.
 - c) Because it wanted know everything to be fair.

B Number the pictures in the correct order. Then match the sentences to the pictures.



- 1 The tiger cried "Help me please. Then I'll be grateful."
- After it was out of the pit, the tiger wanted to eat Sunni.
- An elephant came and said it could solve the problem.
- When the tiger went into the pit again to show what happened the elephant removed the branch.
- The ungrateful tiger is trapped again.

Comprehension

C Fill in the blanks and complete the chart.

Who's in the story?	A boy named <u>Sunni</u> , A <u>tiger</u> , An <u>elephant</u>
What happened?	Sunni helped and saved the tiger out of a <u>pit</u> . The tiger <u>promise</u> d to let the boy go before it was saved. But it changed its mind and became <u>ungrateful</u> . Sunni cried that it was not <u>fair</u> and was scared.
How's the problem solved?	An elephant was <u>pass</u> ing by and said that it could tell who was right. The elephant wanted to see <u>exactly</u> what had happened. Tiger jumped into the hole to show where it was. The elephant pulled out the branch <u>quickly</u> because it wasn't there! The tiger <u>trap</u> ped again.

elephant exactly fair pass pit
promise quickly Sunni tiger trap ungrateful.

D Speak and write. Complete the interview with Sunni.

INTERVIEW



Tell us what happened to you, Sunni.

What did you see when you followed the howling sound?



There was the tiger trapped in the pit.



Oh, how scary! Weren't you worried if the tiger might eat you?



I was so frightened, but I felt sorry, too. So I decided to help.

The tiger said it would be grateful and wouldn't eat me.



Did the tiger keep the word?



No way! It was going to eat me. Then the elephant came and saved me.



What did the elephant do?



It wanted to see exactly what happened. And the tiger went into the pit again. Then the elephant took the branch out. I am really grateful!