

# Rainbow Readers

## Title: Bantay the Magic Dog

### Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

breeze	claws	harvest	squeeze	stain
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1. Squeeze the orange hard to get out the juice.
2. The spaghetti sauce left a big stain on my shirt.
3. Cats can scratch you with their sharp claws.
4. The soft breeze blew her hair into her face.
5. In many countries, autumn is the time to harvest rice.

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Malaya and her father had no furniture. T / F
2. Malaya often played her flute. T / F
3. She made baskets for her father to use. T / F
4. When Bantay came to their house, Malaya's father told her to keep her promise.  
T / F
5. Malaya's father was angry about Bantay breaking the flute. T / F

### B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Malaya wanted to eat (meat / fruit).
2. She found Bantay's (teeth / eyes) scary.
3. The bamboo flute had belonged to Malaya's (mother / grandmother).
4. Bantay was (lying / telling the truth) about the magic honey.
5. The sugar cane they grew had (tough / soft) skin.

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. Malaya's baskets were being stolen by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Dogs
- b. Thieves
- c. Birds
- d. Cats

2. What did Bantay ask Malaya for?

- a. Love
- b. Food
- c. Money
- d. Sugar

3. Which is NOT true about the magic honey they bought?

- a. They found it near Malaya's home.
- b. It had insects in it.
- c. It cost them one peso.
- d. It stained Malaya's hands yellow.

4. How did they use the flute?

- a. They played beautiful music with it.
- b. They planted it in the ground.
- c. They traded it for sugar cane.
- d. They traded it for magic honey.

5. What were Malaya and her father able to sell?

- a. Sugar cane
- b. Magic honey
- c. Sweet tea
- d. Sugar crystals

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

magic	crows	cane	watchdog	precious
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Malaya lived with her father in the Philippines. She made baskets, and her father worked in the fields. They were too poor to afford the sweet fruit that Malaya loved. One day, some crows kept stealing her baskets until a talking dog chased them away. In return, Malaya promised him a home. She named him "Bantay," meaning "watchdog." Malaya didn't like him because of his sharp, knife-like teeth; however, her father told her to keep her promise. The next day, Bantay broke her precious bamboo flute. Malaya was upset, but Bantay said they could find magic honey far away and fill the flute with it to grow sugar. They traveled to the land of magic honey and bought some. Malaya and her father followed Bantay's instructions. Eventually, the flute grew into sugar cane with hard skin that only Bantay's sharp teeth could break. They used it to make sugar crystals, which made them rich. Malaya never had to live without sweetness again.