

e-future Art Classic Stories

ACS 20

The Magical Pear Tree

through the Art Style of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec



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A Write the correct word to complete the sentence. Change the form if needed.

merchant handle seeds juicy ignore greedy

1.



Watermelon is messy to eat because it's so _____.

2.



We usually plant the _____ in our garden in April.

3.



Fruit _____ can make a lot of money at this market.

4.



He's just _____ his brothers yelling at him.

5.



The baskets at the supermarket have two _____.

6.



She's _____ and wants all the toys for herself.

B Circle the correct words.




1. The old man was hungry and (busy / weak).
2. Ten (francs / pears) each is too much to pay.
3. The merchant was (delicious / shocked) by what the old man had done.
4. The merchant couldn't believe it—his (wagon / mart) was empty.

C Write the correct phrases and match them to their definitions. Then fill in the blanks.

gather around

hide from

out of your mind

1.  _____ • • a. try not to be seen by (someone)
 2.  _____ • • b. come together in a group around one person or thing
 3.  _____ • • c. crazy; very foolish
4. You can't ride your bike on the highway! Are you _____?
 5. When people come to visit, our cats always _____ them.
 6. It's time to _____ the cake and sing "Happy Birthday."

D Write sentences using the same pattern.

"Go away," he said to the old man.

"Sit down," she said to us.

"Don't laugh," I said to Nick.

He	told	the old man	to go away.
→ She	told	us	to sit down.
I	told	Nick	not to laugh.






1. "Come in," Anna said to them.

→ _____.

2. "Don't forget about the test," he said to me.

→ _____.

A Circle T for true or F for false.

1.  The merchant's pears were cheap. T / F
2.  A woman gave the old man a pear. T / F
3.  The old man wanted to sell the pears from the tree. T / F
4.  The old man took the tree with him when he left. T / F
5.  The merchant won't be able to sell any more pears. T / F

B Circle the right answer and write it in the blank.

1. People were _____ about the price of the pears.
pleased / upset
2. After the seeds were planted, the pear tree grew _____.
immediately / slowly
3. _____ enjoyed the pears from the tree.
Everyone / The merchant

C Complete the answers to the questions.

1. What did the old man ask the merchant for?

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He asked for _____.



2. What did the old man do when everyone had finished eating? (p. 22)

He _____ and took it with him.

3. What was missing from the merchant's cart? (p. 22)

The pears and _____ were gone.



D Circle the correct words. Then number the pictures in order.

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A merchant was selling (sweet / cheap) pears for ten francs.

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A magic tree with big, juicy pears grew. Everyone enjoyed them for (francs / free).

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The merchant's pears were all gone. He had been too (greedy / poor).

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A woman gave the old man a pear. He finished it and (planted / ate) the seeds.

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A weak old man asked for a pear, and the merchant (helped / ignored) him.