

**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)

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The pears and \_\_\_\_\_ were gone.



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



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



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



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



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



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