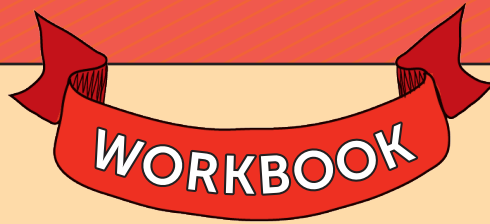


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Think Ahead

Before Reading

Let's think about how things change as they grow. Cut and paste.



A Match the words that rhyme.

1

cut

•

snack

2

face

•

life

3

wife

•

but

4

back

•

race

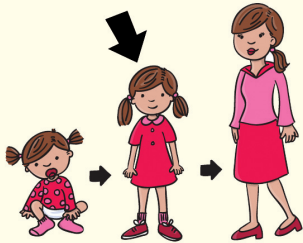
B Say each word three times.

Words to Know

During Reading

A Circle and say the word for each picture. Then write the words.

1



2





3



4



B Look and write the missing words. Use the Word Bank.

Word Bank

drinks

cuts

takes

sees

1



The man _____ wood.

2



The man _____ from the spring.

3



The man _____ his face in the water.

4



The man _____ the baby to the house.

Meet the Characters

During Reading

A Who is who? Match and write.

1



2



Old Woman

Old Man

Where is the spring?

Look! I'm young again.

Where is she?

I want to drink from the spring.

B What are they saying? Cut and paste. Say the sentences.

1



2



Comprehension

During Reading

A Look and circle (○) True or False.

1



The old man drinks from the spring.

True

False

2



The old man becomes young again.

True

False

3



The old woman is angry.

True

False

4



The old woman wants to drink from the spring, too.

True

False

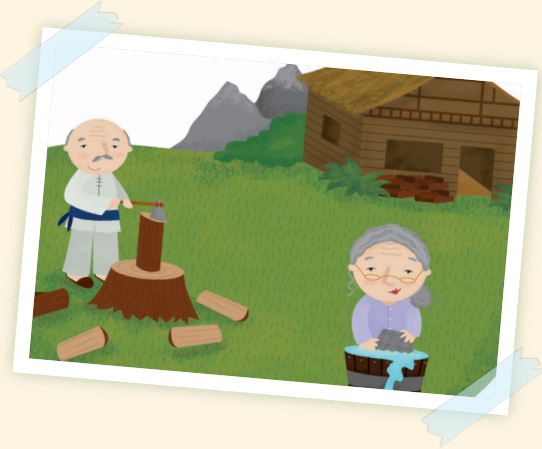
B Look and check (✓) the correct answers.

1 Where do the old man and woman live?

- By the sea
- In the mountains

2 What does the woman do?

- She cuts wood.
- She works around the house.



3 What does the old man tell his wife to do?

- Eat lunch
- Drink from the spring

4 After drinking from the spring, what does the old woman become?

- A pretty lady
- A baby



C Write the correct words. Use the Word Bank.

1



Word Bank

must
thinks

"Where is she?" he .

"I find her."

2

Word Bank

house
takes



He the baby back to the

.

D Match the cause to its effect. Cut and paste.

Cause

Effect

1

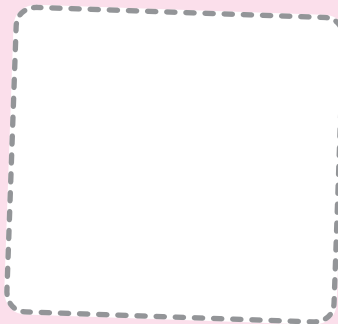


The old man
drinks from the
spring.



She becomes a
baby.

2



The old woman
goes to the spring.



He becomes young
again.

Review Quiz

After Reading

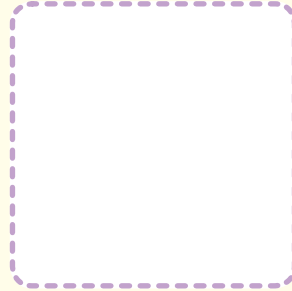
A Who am I? Cut and paste.

1



I want to be young, too!

2



I must find my wife.

B Circle (○) the best answer.

- 1 This is a story about the spring of (youth / baby).
- 2 The old man drinks from the (wood / spring).
- 3 The man sees his (wife / face) in the water.
- 4 The man is very (surprised / sad). He becomes young again.



C Match the two parts of the sentence.

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 The man is now ● | ● to tell his wife. |
| 2 The man runs ● | ● goes to the spring. |
| 3 The woman ● | ● young again. |
| 4 The man takes ● | ● the baby to the house. |

D Choose the correct answer.

1



Why is the man surprised?

- a. He is young.
- b. The spring talks.

2



What does the man think?

- a. The baby is a fairy.
- b. The baby is his wife.

E Cut and paste the pictures in order.

1



The old man drinks from a spring.

2



He becomes young again.



4



She becomes a baby.

3



His wife runs to drink from the spring.



Say the sentences. Read the big words with a loud voice.



"**Where** is the **spring**?" she asks.
"I **want** to **drink** from it."



"**Oh no, this** is my **wife**!" he
thinks.

Name

Date

Book Title



Draw a picture you like from the book.

A large rectangular area with a decorative border of small diamond shapes, intended for drawing a picture from the book.

Write a sentence from the book for this picture.

Lesson

Complete the lesson you learned from the story.
Circle (○) the best word.

Greed or too much of a good thing can have
(good / bad) results.



★ Key Words and Phrases ★



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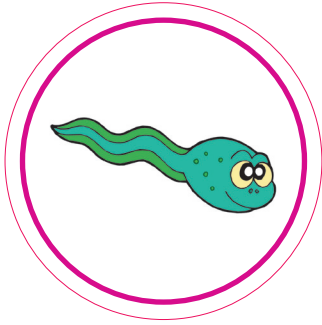
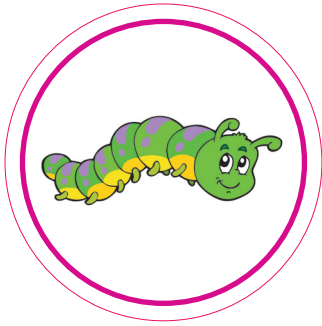
The man runs **to tell** his wife.



The man **tells** her **about** the spring.

The man finds a baby **next to** the spring.





Oh no, this is my wife! She is a baby.

You are so young!

