

Finger and Moon

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

Each _____, an English teacher enjoyed walking with his dog in the park. The teacher would throw a _____ . His dog loved to run and catch it.

One day, a student from the English class _____ the teacher. The student asked many _____ questions. She wanted to know the best methods for learning English as fast as possible. The teacher listened, but didn't speak for _____ minutes.

Then the teacher answered, "Try not to focus on the methods. Teaching methods are like _____ on a road. They are useful because they point you in a direction that helps you understand and use the language.

However, they aren't the most important thing for _____ a language. If you really want to improve, think about your _____, which is being able to speak easily with others."

The student said, "I really don't understand. I thought _____ words and rules was enough?"

"Look at this," the teacher said.

The teacher raised his hand and _____ to the moon with his finger. Then he said to his dog, "Get the moon."

"What's the dog looking at?" the teacher asked the student.

"It's looking at your _____," the student replied.

The teacher said, "That's right. My poor dog can't look beyond my finger. He might _____ it's the moon, but he'd be wrong, of course. My finger is kind of like studying methods.

If students don't look _____ the finger, they'll never have an opportunity _____ to the big and wonderful moon."

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. detailed | a. past |
| 2. answered | b. responded |
| 3. goal | c. magnificent |
| 4. beyond | d. specific |
| 5. wonderful | e. objective |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. The teacher walked in the park with her dog every morning. T or F
2. The dog loved to catch a ball. T or F
3. The student wants to learn English quickly. T or F
4. Speaking easily with others is the main goal. T or F
5. The teacher listened carefully to the student's questions. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

NJEOID _____

OEHGNU _____

EERLSVA _____

OTNOYUTPIRP _____

DREITCONI _____

NORGW _____

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. Do you have a dog (or any other pet)?
 2. Who did the teacher meet in the park?
 3. What did she want to learn?
 4. The teacher pointed to the moon. What do you think that means?
 5. Do you think the teacher's answer was good?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. the / each / with / English / park / in / an / walking / his / afternoon / teacher / enjoyed / dog
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2. the / raised / his / finger / pointed / with / his / the / teacher / and / to / hand / moon
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3. kind / finger / of / methods / my / like / studying / is
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4. the / if / an / moon / they'll / wonderful / and / big / don't / finger, / look / beyond / opportunity / have / experience / students / to / the / never
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5. student / it's / the / your / finger / at / looking / replied.
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