

# Other Side of the River

## Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

Late one \_\_\_\_\_, a young monk was walking in the \_\_\_\_\_. As he walked, he thought a lot about himself. He \_\_\_\_\_ about his problems and how he could be happy in the \_\_\_\_\_.

After a few hours, he came to a \_\_\_\_\_. He had to get to the \_\_\_\_\_ side in order to go home.

He looked at the river. The water was \_\_\_\_\_ very fast. He asked himself, "How can I get to the other side?"

He decided to take a \_\_\_\_\_ and think about his situation. After \_\_\_\_\_ hours, the young boy finally decided to give up. It seemed like there was no way to get \_\_\_\_\_ the river.

He would have to go home by taking the \_\_\_\_\_ way. That would be another \_\_\_\_\_ walk.

Just then, he saw \_\_\_\_\_ on the other side of the river. The young boy called to the old man and asked, "Teacher, could you please tell me how I can get to \_\_\_\_\_ of the river?"

The old man thought for a moment, \_\_\_\_\_ a little and answered, "My young boy, that's \_\_\_\_\_. You are on the other side of the river."

## Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. very fast | a. quit     |
| 2. give up   | b. briefly  |
| 3. a moment  | c. rapid    |
| 4. answered  | d. opposite |
| 5. other     | e. replied  |

## True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. The boy was walking in the city. T or F
2. The boy wanted to walk four more hours. T or F
3. The young monk was walking after lunch. T or F
4. The river was fast and deep. T or F
5. The old teacher told the boy how to go home. T or F

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## Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

ACRETEH \_\_\_\_\_

ONMINGR \_\_\_\_\_

DHEAUGL \_\_\_\_\_

MVONIG \_\_\_\_\_

RTHANEO \_\_\_\_\_

OANUIITST \_\_\_\_\_

## ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. Where was the boy going?
  2. Who did he meet?
  3. Why was the boy walking alone?
  4. What do you think the boy decided to do?
  5. What did the old teacher say to the boy?
  6. The title of this ESL listening story is The Other Side of the River. What do you think that means?
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## Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. country / was / walking / morning, / young / monk / Late / in / one / the / a

2. he / came / a / after / to / river / a / few / hours

3. and / to / his / think / situation / he / take / a / decided / about / rest

4. walk / another / that / be / hour / four / would

5. to / other / how / I / side / the / get / can

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