

Two Monks

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

What happens if we can't stop _____ events that happened in the past? Sometimes those memories become a problem. That's one _____ message in this simple story.

One morning, two monks were walking along a mountain _____. One man was old and wise. The other was young and didn't have _____ experience. Around lunchtime, the two men came to a _____ river. The water was moving at a great _____. They studied the current. They were looking for a safe place to cross.

Soon, a young woman approached them. She wanted to go to the other side of the river but was _____. She asked the monks if they would help her.

_____ speaking, the old monk put the woman on his back. Then he crossed the river. He walked slowly and _____.

On the other side of the river, he put her on the ground. She thanked the man and continued on her _____.

The young monk was shocked by what he had seen. He was _____ that monks should never touch a woman.

On the other side of the river, the young monk wanted _____ question. But he didn't say a word.

Several hours _____, and the two men did not speak. Finally, after many hours of not talking, the young monk _____. He asked the old man, "Monks are not allowed to touch women. Why did you _____ her on your back?"

The old man turned around and looked at the young man. Then he said, "My dear _____, I put that woman on the ground many hours ago. Why do you still carry her in your _____?"

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. path | a. went by |
| 2. journey | b. gradually |
| 3. passed | c. perceptive |
| 4. wise | d. trail |
| 5. slowly | e. trek |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. Two monks walked on a mountain trail in the morning. T or F
2. The river current was fast. T or F
3. The monks asked for help. T or F
4. After crossing the river the monks were silent. T or F
5. Monks were taught to help women. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

ESOMIRME _____

SPADES _____

NURTREC _____

OWEDALL _____

DLWOU _____

DRUOGN _____

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. Where were the monks walking?
 2. Who did they meet?
 3. What did the old monk do at the river?
 4. Why was the young monk surprised?
 5. How did the old monk respond?
 6. Does this ESL listening story have a message? What is it?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. that's / one / in / simple / this / possible / story / message
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2. and / man / one / old / was / wise
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3. of / to / but / wanted / river / was / other / go / she / afraid / to / side / the / the
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4. seen / by / had / young / shocked / the / what / was / monk / he /
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5. the / young / question / monk / ask / the / the / a / wanted / to / of / other / river / side / on
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