

The Well

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A Before Reading

1 Match the words with the pictures below.

bucket well volcano ~~soldier~~ tap rope



(a) *soldier*



(b) _____



(c) _____



(d) _____



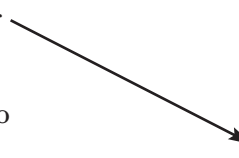
(e) _____



(f) _____

2 a Match the words on the left with the words on the right.

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|----------|-------------------|
| mother | gang |
| water | tree |
| well | bucket |
| volcano | checkpoint |
| soldier | daughter |
| oranges | cure |
| sickness | fire and smoke |
| lunch | bread and sausage |
| farm | tap |
| boys | animals |



b Write one of the words above in the gaps below.

- Every *mother* has a son or a *daughter*.
- Fire and _____ are coming from the _____.
- _____ comes from a Well and a _____.
- The _____ is guarding the _____.
- He wants to eat some _____. He is pulling them from the _____.
- The _____ of _____ are running away from a dog.
- There is a _____ with a rope in the _____.
- The farmer looks after the _____ on the _____.
- I had _____ and sausages for _____.
- Tell me doctor is there a _____ for my _____?

3 Look at the words below. Which do you think are good things? Which are bad? Which are not good or bad? Put one in each gap below.

grandmother	photograph	dust	magic	bridge	friendly woman	fresh water
dry grass	the wind	ghost	dirty water	gold coins		

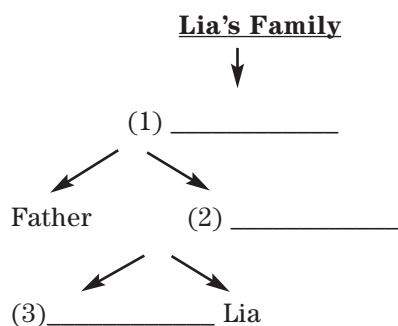
Good	Bad	Not good or bad
<i>grandmother</i>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4 You are going to walk all day in the desert. It is very hot. What must you take?

Water, _____

B While Reading

5 a Read pages 2–5 and fill in the gaps below.



b Answer the questions and fill the gaps below.

Who wants to go to the well? (1) _____ and (2) _____

Who wants them to go to the well? (3) _____

Who doesn't want them to go? (4) _____ and (5) _____

6 a Look at the places below. In the story Lia and Jay go to these places. Read the story and put the places in order 1- 5.

- (a) The well on their grandmother's farm ____
- (b) A place with no houses ____
- (c) The checkpoint (1) ____
- (d) A bridge ____
- (e) The friendly woman's well ____

7 a Who says what? Write the names of the person speaking in the gaps below

Things they say

- (a) The volcano is near the farm
- (b) It's a ghost
- (c) Give them to us
- (d) Please, go to the well
- (e) She is not thinking clearly
- (f) I will go to the farm alone
- (g) Take some water from my well
- (h) Bring me some too.

Person speaking

- Lia's Father
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

b Now put the sentences in correct order.

- (1) d (2) - (3) - (4) - (5) - (6) - (7) - (8) -

8 Lia and Jay find good and bad things on their journey. While you read pages 6 – 15 make notes below.

Good things they find

- Oranges
- _____
- _____
- _____

Bad things they find

- Dust in the air
- _____
- _____
- _____

C After Reading

9 Lia's friend wants to go to her Grandmother's farm. You are Lia. Write the directions.

Start - First you walk along the highway to the checkpoint. Then

10 Write a short story about Lia's grandfather. Explain why he puts his gold in the well.

11 You are Lia or Jay. You can buy anything you want with your grandfather's gold. Write a list of things you will buy and do.

e.g. I will buy a new house for my family

12 Suddenly they hear a sound. Is it the sound of the wind?(page 16). Continue the story for one more page. What is the sound they hear?