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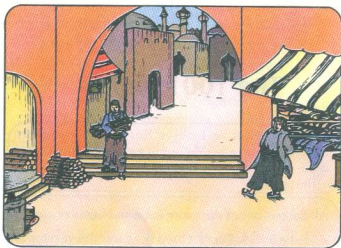
Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

The 1001 Nights



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LANGUAGES

ALI BABA AND THE 40 THIEVES



In a small town in Persia live two brothers. Their names are Ali Baba and Cassim. Ali Baba is a woodcutter¹. Cassim is a merchant².


1. *woodcutter*

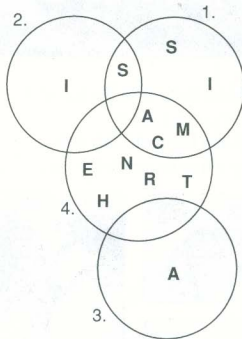


2. *merchant*



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 All the letters in the each circle make a word from the text. The words make a sentence. What is it?

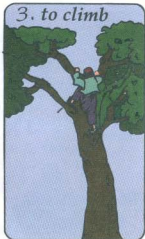
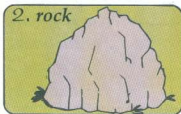
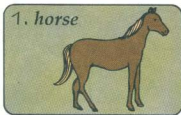


The sentence is:

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One day Ali Baba is in the forest. He sees forty men on horses¹. They stop at a big rock². Ali Baba climbs³ up a tree to watch the men.



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Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with one of the words above.

Ali Baba is



The man is



Cassim is

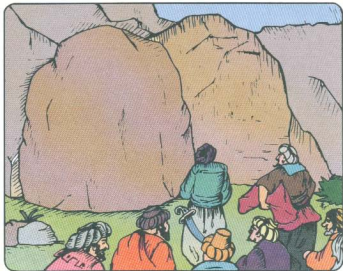


Ali Baba is

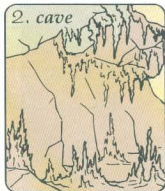


The merchant is



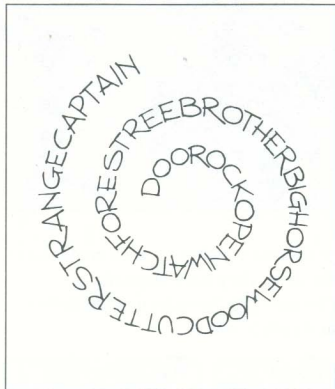


"Open, Sesame," says the captain.
A big door in the rock opens! The men
go in¹ the cave² and the door closes.
"How strange," thinks Ali Baba.



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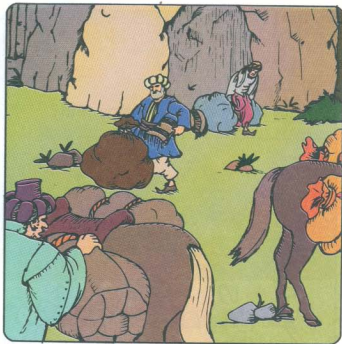
How many words can you find?



Write the words on the lines.

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Ali Baba watches the men come out of the cave. They have big sacks¹. The men put the sacks on their horses and gallop² away.

1. sack

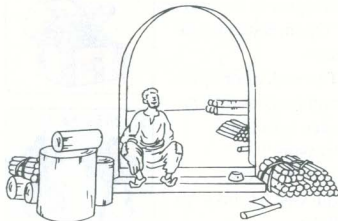
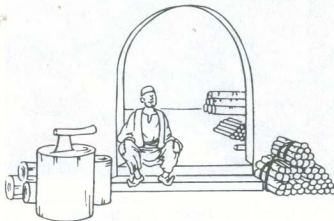


2. to gallop



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There are six differences between these two pictures. What are they?





Ali Baba is curious.
He goes to the cave.
"Open, Sesame," he
says.

The rock door opens
and he goes in! The
cave is full of
treasure!

"The men are
thieves²," thinks Ali
Baba.

1. treasure

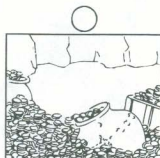
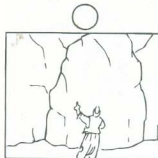


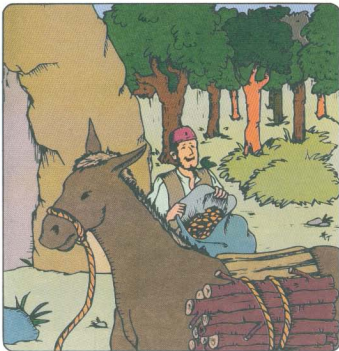
2. thieves



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Following the text, put the pictures
in the correct order.





Ali Baba puts some gold¹ in a sack.
 "Open, Sesame," he says to the rock.
 The rock opens, he puts the sack on his mule² and goes home.

1. gold



2. mule



ACTIVITY

Make these sentences negative.

The men are in the forest.
The men aren't in the forest.

Ali Baba is curious.

Cassim is a merchant.

The rock opens.

Ali Baba and Cassim are brothers.

The men go in the cave.

The door closes.




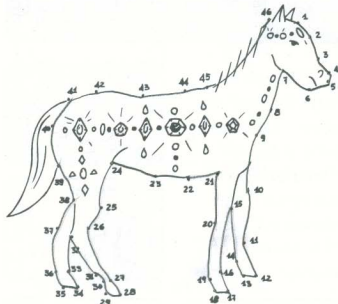
"Look¹," Ali Baba says to his wife. He tells her about the cave, and the thieves.

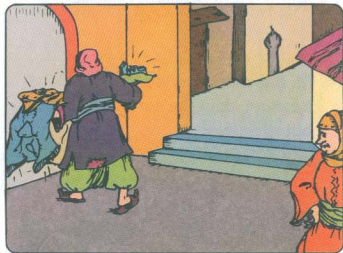
"We are rich²!" he says, "but it is a secret³!"



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 Ali Baba shows his wife part of the treasure. Join the numbers and find out what it is.





Ali Baba's wife
buys dresses¹ and
shoes². Cassim's
wife is jealous³
"Your brother
isn't poor," she
shouts at Cassim.
"He has a lot of
money⁴."

1. dress



2. shoes



3. jealous

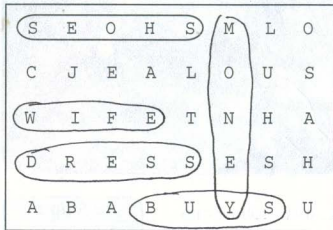


4. money



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Find the words.

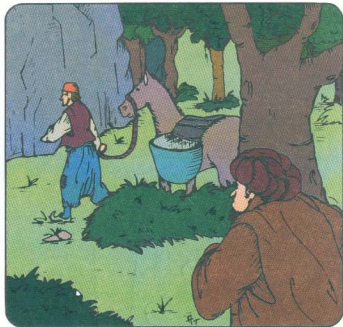


Write the words on the lines.

Shoes, money, dress, buys, wife.

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Cassim follows¹ his brother to the cave. Ali Baba goes away with a big sack.

"Open, Sesame," says Cassim. The rock door opens and Cassim goes in the cave.

"Gold, silver and jewels², fantastic!" He puts them in four sacks.

1. to follow



2. jewels



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Cassim follows his brother in the forest. Which is the path to the cave?





"Open flower ... open book ... open cat," says Cassim, but the rock door doesn't open!

"Oh no," he cries,
"I can't remember!
the secret word!
Open window ...
open dog ... open
teapot²."

The rock doesn't open!

2. teapot



1. to remember

to forget



ACTIVITY

Cassim can't remember the word "Sesame!" Put the pictures in the correct order as Cassim says them in the story. Colour the pictures and write a sentence about them.

dog



teapot



flower



1. The flower

is red.

cat



window



book





The thieves arrive at the cave!

"Who are you?" shouts the captain. "I'm Ali Baba's brother. He wants your treasure, not me."

The thieves are very angry¹ and they kill² poor Cassim!

1. angry



2. to kill

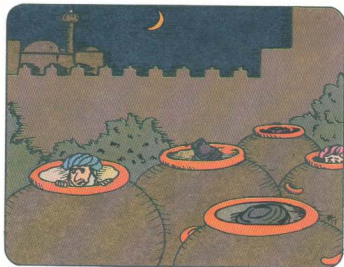


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The letters in the face spell the name of a person in the story.
Who is it?



It's



"We must kill Cassim's brother," says the captain.

That evening they go to Ali Baba's house. In the garden there are some big empty oil¹ vases².

"We can hide³ in the vases," says the captain.

1. oil



2. vase



3. to hide



ACTIVITY

Answer YES or NO.

Cassim has a brother.

Teapot is a magic word!

Ali Baba's wife buys a dog.

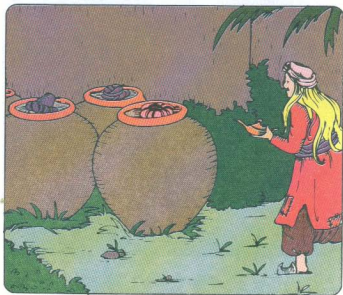
The cave is in the forest.

Cassim's wife is jealous.

There are bananas
in the cave.

A mule is a baby horse.

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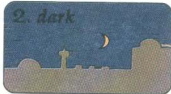


Morgana is
Ali Baba's
beautiful slave¹.
"It is dark²,"
she says. "there
is no oil in the
lamp³."
Morgana goes
to the garden
and sees the
thieves in the
vases.

1. slave



2. dark



3. lamp



ACTIVITY

 Change the sentences as in the example.

There is no oil.

There isn't any oil.

There is no treasure.

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There are no mules.

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There are no robbers.

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There is no water.

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There are no vases.

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The beautiful slave pours¹ oil in a big saucepan². She puts it on the fire³. When it is boiling hot, she pours it in the vases.

"AHHHH," shout the thieves and run away!

1. to pour



2. saucepan



3. fire



ACTIVITY

Look at the example and write sentences about the pictures using the word **POUR**.

Morgana pours oil in a saucepan.

(oil / saucepan)



Ali Baba

(wine / glass)



The slave

(coffee / cup)



Cassim

(tea / cup)

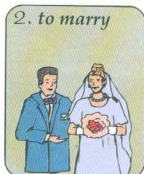




"Thank you, thank you," says Ali Baba, and frees Morgana.

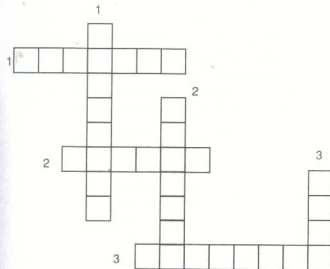
"You are not a slave now. You can go away¹ or stay here."

Morgana stays, and marries² Ali Baba's son.



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Crossword.



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1. Ali Baba sees forty
 2. The horses away.
 3. They are looking for the

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1. Cassim is a
 2. Ali Baba is Cassim's
 3. Ali Baba sees the men go in the