

3rd Grade ELA

L.3.4b

Passage (The Traveler's Bag)

Adapted from "The Traveler and His Purse" by Aesop, public domain.

Setting: James and Jack were going to visit their grandmother. She lived but a two-day's walk away, and they traveled on what seemed to be a lonesome road.

Scene I

James: *(breathing in the fresh air)* Isn't this wonderful brother? A day of beautiful sunshine and fresh air.

Jack: Yes, my dear brother. It is! It is.

James: *(eyes squinting)* What is that Jack?

(The brothers ran over to a bag lying on the ground.)

James: *(greedily reaching for the bag)* How lucky I am! I have found this bag. It is rather heavy, too.

(He opened it up and saw gold inside.)

Jack: Brother, what is in the bag?

James: *(shouted greedily)* I am rich! I have found gold!

Jack: Don't say "I" have found gold. "We" have found gold. "We" are lucky. Travelers should share their good luck or bad luck on the road.

James: *(Angry. Pulling the bag away from his brother)* No, no! "I" have found it; therefore, "I" will keep it!

Scene II

(The brothers continued on their journey.)

(Sounds of shouting in the background.)

Mob of people: Stop! Stop! Thief!

(A mob of people with clubs in their hands come running toward the brothers.)

James: *(panicked)* Jack, what are we going to do? They think we stole the bag of gold.

Jack: *(moving his hands and head)* No, no. You would not say "we" before, so now stick to your "I". Say "I" have the bag.

Jack: You can't expect me to share your misfortune, when you weren't willing for me to share your fortune.

(Curtain drops.)

Question MC  

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Read this line from the play.

Jack: You can't expect me to share your misfortune, when you weren't willing for me to share your fortune.

Based on what you know about prefixes, what does the word misfortune mean?

- A little luck
- B money bag
- C bad luck
- D gold bag

Passage (Christmas at Nana's)

1 The smell of pine trees filled Nana's house as Emily arrived for Christmas. The smell reminded Emily of the many Christmases she had spent there. Nana always told Emily Christmas stories that she used to tell Emily's mother when she was a child. Nana would read "The Night Before Christmas" to Emily every Christmas Eve.

2 On the night before Christmas, Emily and Nana drank hot chocolate and baked gingerbread cookies. Gingerbread cookies had been Emily's favorite ever since she could remember.

3 As Nana and Emily finished cleaning up, Nana asked, "Emily, could you please pass me the box at the top of the stairs?" As Emily returned with the box, she wondered what was inside of it. Emily watched as Nana opened the box and started to pull out small ornaments for the tree. "How could I forget?" Emily thought as she watched Nana carefully handle the ornaments. They looked so old and breakable.

4 "These ornaments have been passed down for many years." Nana told Emily as she was decorating the tree.

5 Emily loved spending Christmas with her Nana, but she knew that one day she would no longer be able to spend Christmas with her Nana. That night as Emily got ready for bed, she made a Christmas wish. She wished that she would be able to have many more Christmases like this one, with her Nana.

Question MC  

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Read this sentence.

They looked so old and breakable.

What does the word breakable mean as it is used in this sentence?

- A hard to break
- B easy to break
- C to take a break
- D to look broken