

A NARRATIVE (1)

Telling a story – linking ideas

1 Read the story. Where do clauses a–f go?

- a as soon as their father had died
- b who had worked hard in his vineyard all his life
- c what their father had meant by the great treasure
- d and while they were working they thought about what their father had said
- e because they felt that all their hard work had been for nothing
- f Soon they had dug up every inch of the vineyard

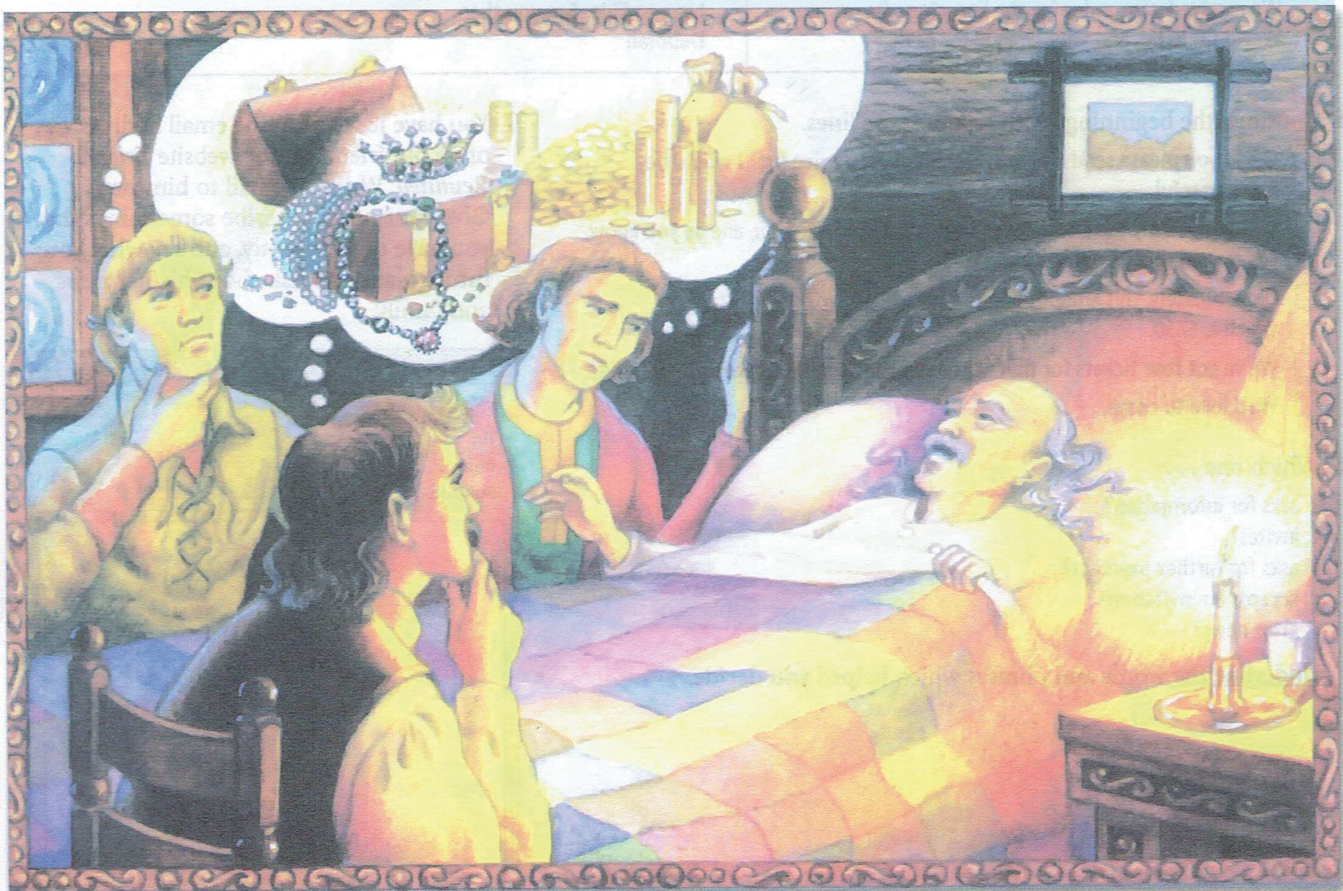
Complete the moral.

THE FARMER AND HIS SONS

There was once an old, dying farmer (1) _____. Before he died he wanted to teach his three sons how to be good farmers. So he called them to his bedside and said, 'My boys, I have an important secret to tell you: there is a great treasure buried in the vineyard. Promise me that you will look for it when I am dead.'

The sons gave their promise and (2) _____ they began looking for the treasure. They worked very hard in the hot sun (3) _____. They pictured boxes of gold coins, diamond necklaces, and other such things. (4) _____ but they found not a single penny. They were very upset (5) _____. However, a few months later the grapes started to appear on the vines. Their grapes were the biggest and best in the neighbourhood and they sold them for a lot of money. Now the sons understood (6) _____ and they lived happily ever after.

THE MORAL OF THIS STORY IS: HARD WORK BRINGS . . .



- 2 Complete the sentences using a linking word from the box. Use each linking word once only.

THE EMPEROR AND HIS DAUGHTERS

There was once an emperor _____ lived in a palace.
 He had three daughters _____ no sons.
 He wanted his daughters to marry _____ he died.
 He found three princes. _____ his daughters didn't like them.
 They refused to marry the princes, _____ the emperor became very angry.
 He said they must get married _____ they were sixteen years old.
 The three daughters ran away _____ the night and found work on a farm.
 They decided to marry the farmer's sons _____ they were working there.
 They married the sons _____ they were sixteen.

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 as soon as
 while
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 when
 but
 However,
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- 3 In what ways are these sentences different from the ones in exercise 2?

There was once an old emperor who lived in an enormous, golden palace in the middle of the city Ping Chong. He had three beautiful daughters, but unfortunately no sons.

Continue rewriting the story, adding more detail to make it more interesting.

- 4 Write a folk tale or fairy story that you know. Write about 200 words.

Begin:

There was/were once ...

or

Once upon a time there was/were ...

End:

... and they lived happily ever after.

If your story has a moral, give it at the end.