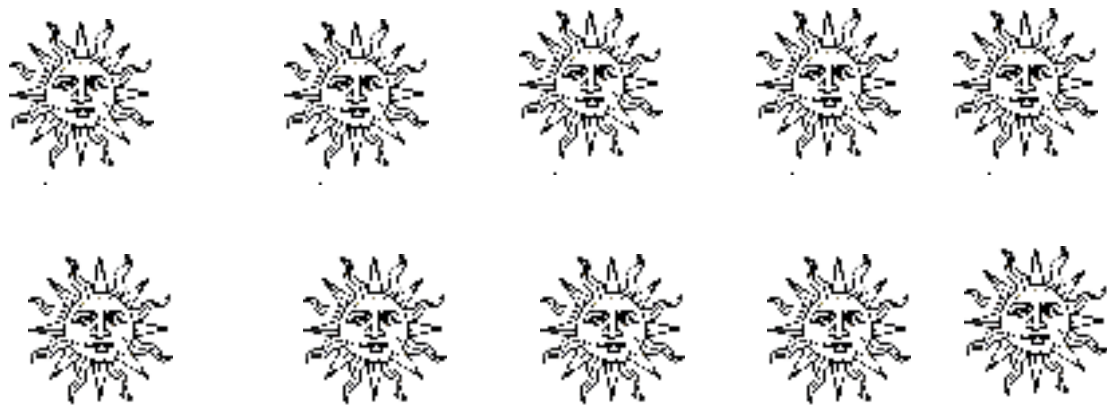


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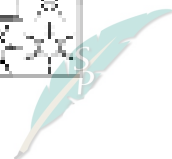
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Notes for the ESL Teacher

This unit has the features listed below:

- *simple narrative in the present tense
- *2 versions of the story
 - i) numbered prose paragraphs for quick reference
 - ii) play script based on the story text
- *question sheets to develop comprehension skills and sentence structure
- *sequence and finding proof exercises to reinforce comprehension
- *comic book blank form for students to demonstrate their grasp of main idea, sequence and detail in graphic mode
- *concentration match game to develop vocabulary skills
- *teacher's answer sheets for questions and games
- *word lists specific to the story for teacher reference and student use

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- For example:
- *run four or five copies of the word list for group work
 - *run individual copies of the story and question sheets for a reading lesson
 - *run a set of the comic book pages for one student or for a group to illustrate
 - *run four or five sets of the match game for groups to play or a single set for the whole class



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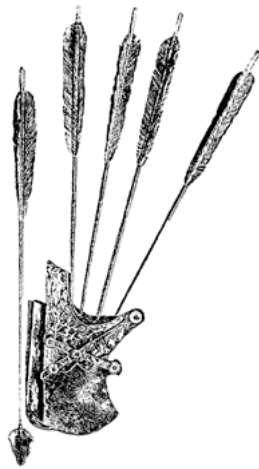
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This story is based on a traditional Chinese Tale



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Yi, the Celestial Archer, and the Ten Suns

1. Chinese legend tells of ten suns that
rise into the sky one at a time.
This makes the week ten days long.
2. The Celestial Emperor, Di-jun,
the goddess, Xihe,
and their ten children live at Tanggu,
a secret place by the oriental sea.
3. In this land grows a grand tree, Fusang.
It is a huge tree,
and the ten Suns rest
on its enormous branches.
4. The Suns swim and play
in a lake that is always boiling
because of the heat.
5. Each morning, one of these children takes a turn
lighting the world with Queen Xihe
in her chariot drawn by six dragons.
Together they cross the sky from East to West.
6. However, the ten Suns become unhappy.
They find this arrangement unbearable,
like being in prison.
7. Therefore, they all rise into the sky together,
and they create a horrendous heat.
8. All the rivers dry up,
the trees catch fire,
the animals perish
and the people hide in the caves.



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9. The celestial Emperor becomes very angry.
He calls Yi, the celestial archer.
10. The Emperor tells Yi, "The ten Suns are going up into
the sky together.
They are causing ruin and death everywhere.
Here is a red bow and a quiver of ten white arrows.
Punish these rascals immediately!"
11. Yi goes down to earth with his bow and arrows.
The destruction is horrible.
He takes his bow and strings it.
The arrow flies like a comet.
12. It strikes the first Sun
who falls from the sky in flames.
Then the other nine suns attack Yi
and they start to spit fire.
13. The archer strikes the first, the second, the third,
the fourth... the rest flee,
but Yi follows them without mercy.
The Suns fall one after the other.
14. Yi sees the last Sun in the sky
and he raises his bow for the second time.
Suddenly, the Emperor speaks to Yi.
15. "Stop!" he commands.
"The humans can neither live
nor prosper without Sun."
Yi obeys without a word.



Yi, the Celestial Archer, and the Ten Suns

16. The last Sun flees to Tanggu
and hides in the tree Fusang
for many days.
17. During this time, the rains come
and fill the rivers again.
18. Since that day, the surviving Sun
wisely travels in the chariot of his mother.
He never causes trouble
either in the sky or on earth.
19. When Yi prepares to leave,
the humans beg him to stay with them
to solve other problems.
20. The celestial archer submits graciously
to their demands
without a word.



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Skit

Narrator 1

Chinese legend tells of ten suns that
rise into the sky one at a time.

Narrator 2

This makes the week ten days long.

Narrator 1

The Celestial Emperor, Di-jun,
the goddess, Xihe, and their ten sons
live at Tanggu,
a secret place by the oriental sea.

Di-jun

We are going to live here at Tanggu forever.

Narrator 2

In this land grows the grand tree Fusang.
It is a huge tree.

Xihe

Our children can rest on its enormous branches.

The Ten Suns

Let's swim in the lake!

Lake

Sssssss! Sssssss! Sssssssss!

Narrator 1

The lake is always boiling because of the heat.

Di-jun

Here are my orders, my children.
Every morning, one Sun in turn will ride
with the Queen, your mother to light the world.



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Sun 1

I must cross the sky without my brothers?

Di-jun

Yes, one at a time!

Sun 2

Oh mother! It is not fair!

Xihe

My dear children, It is your father's law!

The Ten Suns

Darn!

Xihe

Here is my beautiful chariot.
Son One, come with me!

Sun One

Yes, mother.

Narrator 2

Together Xihe and her son
cross the sky from East to West.

Narrator 1

Each day, a different Sun rides with the Queen
while the others stay home.
After many years, however, the ten Suns become unhappy.

Sun Three

This arrangement is unbearable!

Sun Four

It is a prison!



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Sun Five

The earth is more fun than the lake.

Lake

Be careful!

Sssssssssss! Sssssssssss! Sssssssssss!

Be careful!

Sun Six

We stay here nine days out of ten!

What a bore!

Sun Seven

Tomorrow we will go up together!

The Ten Suns

Good idea!

Narrator 2

So, the ten Suns go up together,
and they create a horrendous heat.

Narrator 1

All the rivers on earth dry up,
the trees catch fire.....

Narrator 2

...the animals perish
and the people hide in the caves.

Narrator 1

The celestial Emperor becomes very angry.

Di-jun

My sons disobey me?

Curses!

Call my celestial archer, Yi!



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Yi

Your Majesty, here I am.

Di-jun

The ten Suns are going up into the sky together.

Yi

Oh Horror! That is a catastrophe!

Di-jun

Here is a red bow and a quiver of
ten white arrows.

Xihe

Oh no! Save my sons!

Di-jun

They are causing ruin and death everywhere.
Punish these rascals immediately!

Yi

So be it.

Xihe

Alas!

Narrator 2

Yi goes down to earth with his bow and arrows.
He sees the horrible destruction.

Narrator 1

Yi takes his bow and strings it.
The arrow flies like a comet.

Narrator 2

It strikes the first Sun
who falls from the sky in flames.



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Sun One

Ahhhh! Help! I am falling to earth!

Sun Eight

It is our brother! He is dead!
Attack this villain!

Narrator 1

Then the other nine suns attack Yi
and they start to spit fire.

Narrator 2

The archer strikes the second,
the third, the fourth...

Sun Nine

Let's go! Run, everyone!

Narrator 1

The rest flee, but Yi follows them
without mercy.

Narrator 2

The Suns fall
one after the other.

Narrator 1

Yi sees the last Sun in the sky
and he raises his bow for the tenth time.

Sun Ten

Sir, let me live.

Xihe

O disaster! It is my last son!



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Narrator 2

Suddenly, the Emperor speaks to Yi.

Di-jun

Stop, my archer!
The mortal men can neither live
nor prosper without Sun.

Narrator 1

Yi obeys without a word.

Narrator 2

The last Sun flees to Tanggu
and hides in the tree Fusang
for many days.

Narrator 1

During this time, the rains come
and fill the rivers again.

Narrator 2

Since that day, the surviving Sun
wisely travels in the chariot of his mother.

Narrator 1

He never again causes trouble
either in the sky or on earth.



Yi, the Celestial Archer, and the Ten Suns
Questions

1. In the legend how many days are in a week?

2. Where is *Tanggu*?

3. Where do the ten suns rest?

4. Why is the lake boiling?

5. Who crosses the sky each morning?

6. What do the suns decide to do?

7. Who became very angry?

8. Who must punish the suns?

9. What do the suns do when Yi chases them?

10. Yi strikes and kills how many suns?



Yi, the Celestial Archer, and the Ten Suns
Sequence

- _____ The ten suns do not like this arrangement.
- _____ With his red bow, Yi chases the ten suns.
- _____ Each day, the surviving Sun wisely travels in the chariot of his mother.
- _____ The ten suns live at Tanggu.
- _____ The suns attack Yi with their flames.
- _____ Each day, one of the suns crosses the sky with the Queen Xihe.
- _____ The celestial Emperor becomes very angry.
He calls Yi, the celestial archer.
- _____ They rest in the tree Fusang, and they swim in a boiling lake.
- _____ Therefore, they all rise into the sky together.
They cause ruin and death everywhere.
- _____ Yi strikes and kills nine suns.



Yi, the Celestial Archer, and the Ten Suns
Finding Proof

Find proof in the text for these statements.

1. *The tree Fusang is huge.*

2. *None of the suns wants to wait his turn.*

3. *The suns create a fatal heat.*

4. *Yi is an excellent archer.*

5. *The suns are cruel.*

6. *The suns are afraid of Yi.*

7. *The Emperor is wise.*

8. *The last sun becomes wiser.*



Vocabulary

A

again - _____
all - _____
always - _____
angry - _____
animals - _____
archer - _____
arrangement - _____
arrows - _____
at a time - _____
attack - _____

B

because - _____
become - _____
beg - _____
being - _____
boiling - _____
bow - _____
branches - _____

C

calls - _____
catastrophe - _____

catch fire - _____
cause - _____
caves - _____
celestial - _____
chariot - _____
children - _____
Chinese - _____
comet - _____
commands - _____
create - _____
cross - _____

D

days - _____
death - _____
demands - _____
destruction - _____
disaster - _____
dragons - _____
drawn - _____
dry up - _____
during this time - _____



Vocabulary

E

each - _____
earth - _____
East - _____
either _____
emperor - _____
enormous - _____
everywhere - _____

F

fair _____
fall - _____
fill - _____
find - _____
first - _____
flee - _____
flies - _____
follows - _____
fourth - _____

G

goddess - _____
graciously - _____
grand - _____
grows - _____

H

heat - _____
here is - _____
hide - _____
horrendous - _____
horrible - _____
however - _____
huge - _____
humans - _____

I

immediately - _____

L

lake - _____
land - _____
law _____
leave - _____
legend - _____
let's _____
lighting - _____
like - _____
live - _____
long - _____



Vocabulary

M

makes - _____
many - _____
mercy - _____
morning - _____
mother - _____

N

neither ..nor - _____

O

obeys - _____
orders - _____
oriental - _____

P

people - _____
perish - _____
place - _____
play - _____
prepares - _____
prison - _____
problems - _____
prosper - _____
punish - _____

Q

queen - _____
quiver - _____

R

rains - _____
raises - _____
rascals - _____
red - _____
rest - _____
rise - _____
rivers - _____
ruin - _____

S

sea - _____
second - _____
secret - _____
since that day - _____
six - _____
sky - _____
solve - _____
speaks - _____
spit - _____
stay - _____
stop - _____



Vocabulary

strikes - _____
strings - _____
submits - _____
suddenly - _____
suns - _____
surviving - _____
swim - _____

T

takes a turn - _____
tells - _____
ten - _____
the rest - _____
therefore - _____
third - _____
this - _____
together - _____
travels - _____
tree - _____
trouble - _____

U

unbearable - _____
unhappy - _____

V

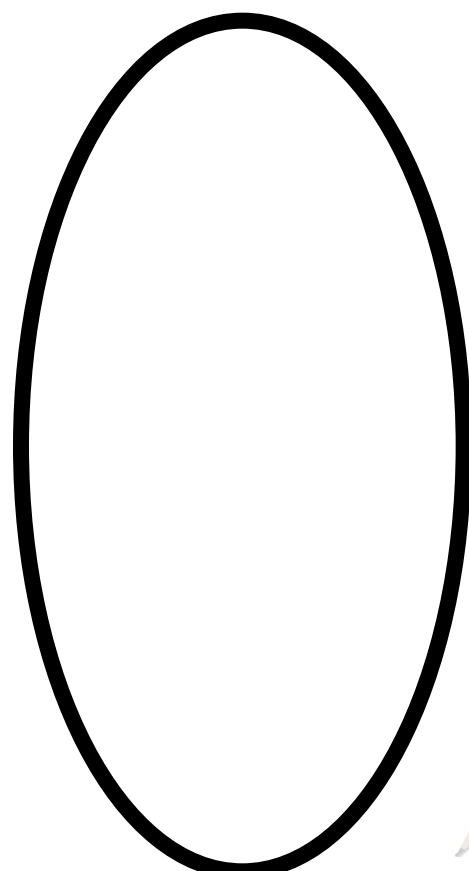
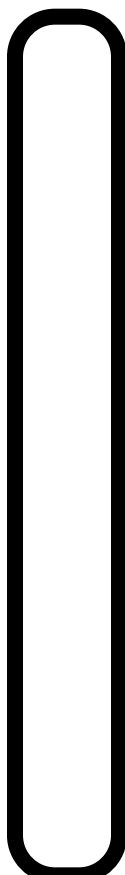
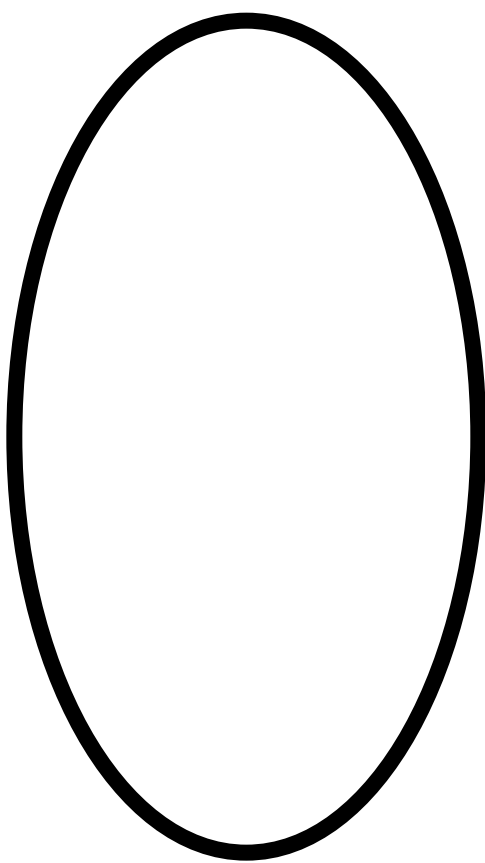
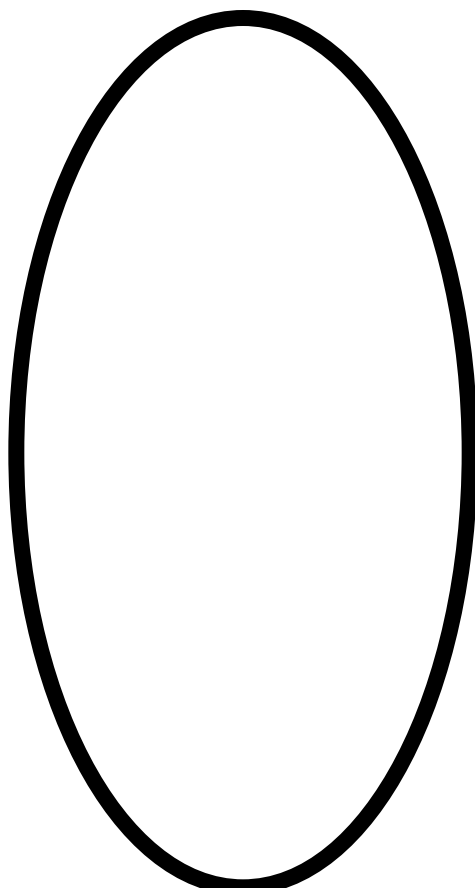
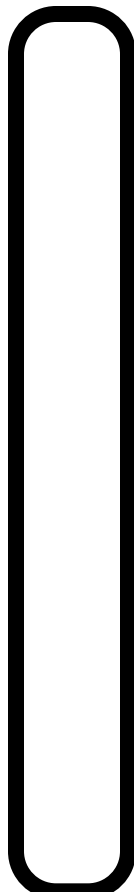
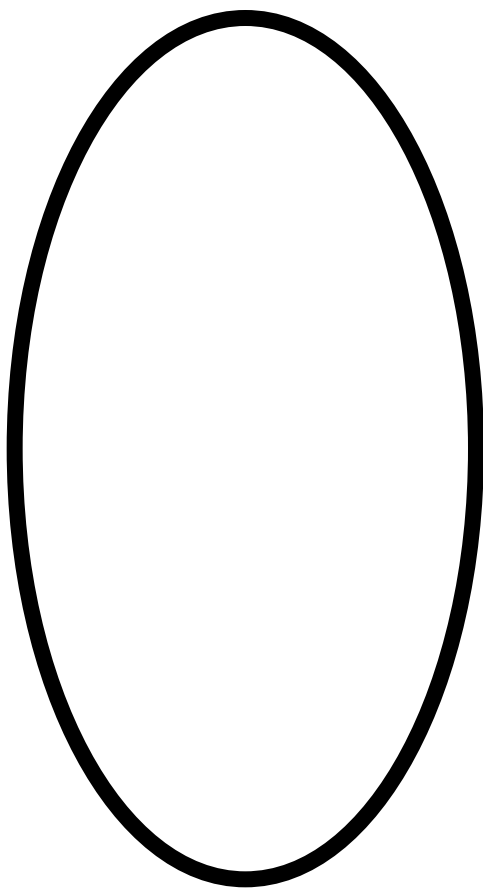
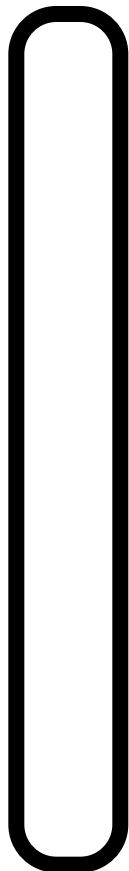
villain _____

W

week - _____
West - _____
what a bore _____
white - _____
wisely - _____
without a word - _____
world - _____



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Yi, the Celestial Archer, and the Ten Suns
Questions (Teacher)

1. In the legend how many days are in a week?
There are ten days in a week.
2. Where is Tanggu?
Tanggu is by the oriental sea.
3. Where do the ten suns rest?
The ten suns rest in the grand tree Fusang.
4. Why is the lake boiling?
The lake is boiling because the suns swim in it.
5. Who crosses the sky each morning?
Queen Xihe and one sun crosses the sky each morning.
6. What do the suns decide to do?
The suns decide to rise into the sky together.
7. Who became very angry?
The celestial Emperor becomes very angry.
8. Who must punish the suns?
The archer Yi must punish the suns.
9. What do the suns do when Yi chases them?
The suns attack Yi and spit fire.
10. Yi strikes and kills how many suns?
Yi strikes and kills 9 suns.



Yi, the Celestial Archer, and the Ten Suns
Sequence (Teacher)

- 4 The ten suns do not like this arrangement.
- 7 With his red bow, Yi chases the ten suns.
- 10 Each day, the surviving Sun wisely travels in the chariot of his mother.
- 1 The ten suns live at Tanggu.
- 8 The suns attack Yi with their flames.
- 3 Each day, one of the suns crosses the sky with the Queen Xihe.
- 6 The celestial Emperor becomes very angry.
He calls Yi, the celestial archer.
- 2 They rest in the tree Fusang, and they swim in a boiling lake.
- 5 Therefore, they all rise into the sky together.
They cause ruin and death everywhere.
- 9 Yi strikes and kills nine suns.



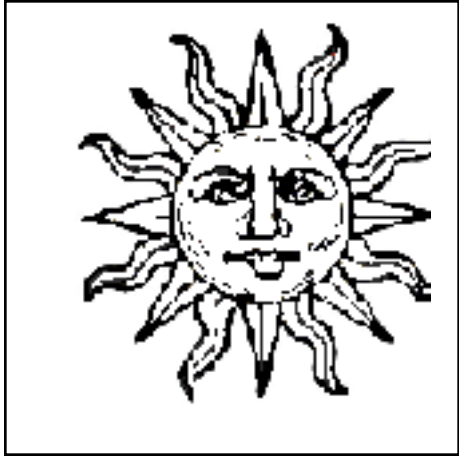
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Find proof in the text for these statements.

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The ten suns rest on its enormous branches.
2. None of the suns wants to wait his turn.
They find this arrangement unbearable, like being in prison.
3. The suns create a fatal heat.
All the rivers dry up, the trees catch fire and the animals perish.
4. Yi is an excellent archer.
Yi strikes nine suns with nine arrows.
5. The suns are cruel.
They cause ruin and death everywhere.
6. The suns are afraid of Yi.
They attack him and then run away.
7. The Emperor is wise.
He saves the last sun for the good of humans.
8. The last sun becomes wiser.
He never causes trouble again.



Make two copies: one for the teacher and one for the student.



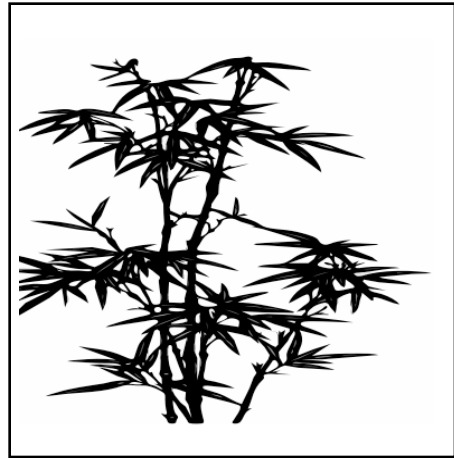
the sun



flames



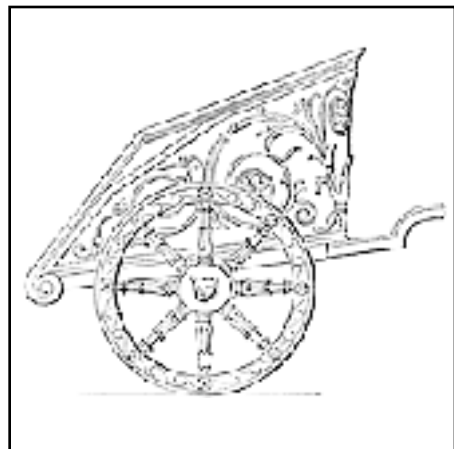
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a tree

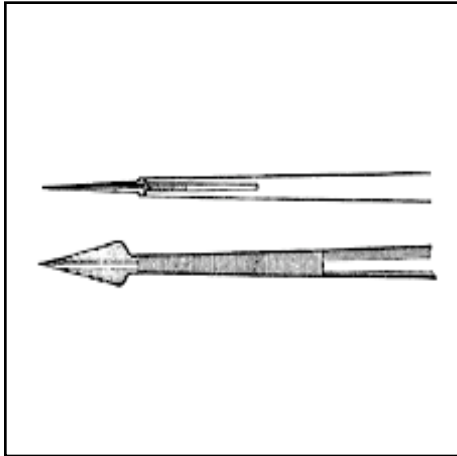


a lake

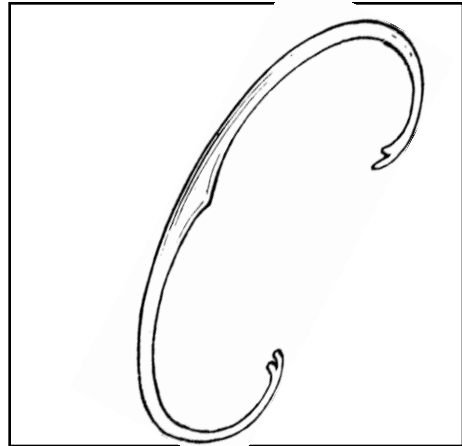


a chariot





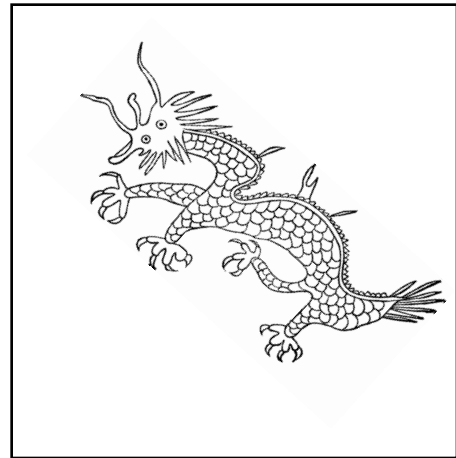
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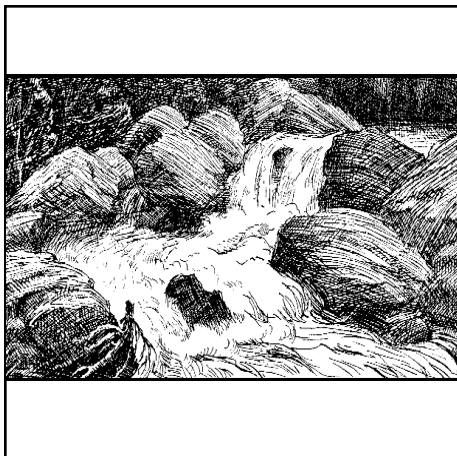
a bow



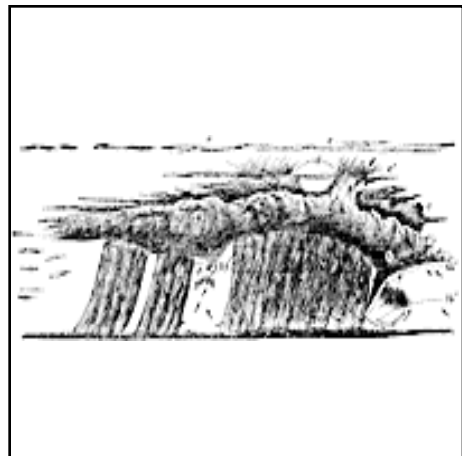
an archer



a dragon



a river



rain



the sun

flames

a quiver

a tree

a lake

a chariot



arrows

a bow

an archer

a dragon

a river

rain



Notes for the Concentration Game

Aim – match each picture card to its corresponding word card.

Preparation

- print the game pages
- cut out the picture and word cards
- draw a grid of 12 or 24 squares (depending on how many cards you wish to use at a time) on construction paper or cardboard and number them from 1 to 12 or 1–2

(If you wish to hang the game board on a stand or board, attach numbered library pockets to a sheet of poster board and insert the cards in the pockets)

– randomly place the cards face down, one in each square

1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	

Play

- a student chooses a pair of numbers and the cards are turned over
- if the cards match, leave them face up and the student or team gets a point
- if the cards do not match, turn them face down before the next player takes a turn

With the large game board the game can be replayed many times. For a simpler version have the students number the game cards on the back and turn them face down on a desk to play. They will soon memorize the numbers, however, which makes the game too easy.



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