

Lesson 20

1. A fable is a special kind of story. It makes us laugh, but it is intended to do more than just provoke _____ in the reader.
2. A fable often has a serious purpose. The ones told by Aesop have a _____ that teaches a lesson about life.
3. "A Tale of Two Donkeys" is a good example of a fable. It tells of a series of _____ between a farmer and his daughter and the various people they meet.
4. The story pokes fun at the father. He is shown as a rather _____ person with no mind of his own.
5. The farmer's problem is that he is so anxious to please everyone he meets. He _____ with every suggestion made to him, no matter how unreasonable it is.
6. The pair make several stops on the way to the market. Each time, they change their positions before _____ their journey.
7. The two start out with the farmer riding the donkey. The woman at the well feels _____ for the daughter and scolds the father for riding while she walks.
8. Things get crowded when both try to ride the donkey, as the young man suggests. While there is _____ room for one person, the donkey barely has room for two.
9. Carrying one person is easy for the donkey. Putting an extra person on the animal adds to its _____.
10. A woman they meet later is upset by what she sees. Her _____ is aroused at the sight of two people riding one donkey.
11. The woman tells the farmer that he and his daughter should be carrying the donkey instead. He takes her _____ seriously and ties the donkey's legs to a pole.
12. The sight of the farmer and his daughter carrying the donkey must have been hilarious. To carry such a _____ load must have been very difficult.
13. The most difficult part of the journey was when both were carrying the donkey. They were forced to _____ themselves in order to hold so much weight.
14. The farmer and his daughter staggered along the road toward the market. They knew they were near their destination when they reached the _____ of the town.
15. The story doesn't tell us what the daughter thought of her father's actions. We know she was obedient, but was she _____ by her father's foolish behavior?