



Why the Sky Is High

The Philippines

Discuss.

Do you know these words?

sky, stick, prayer, feast, dance, spear

Read.

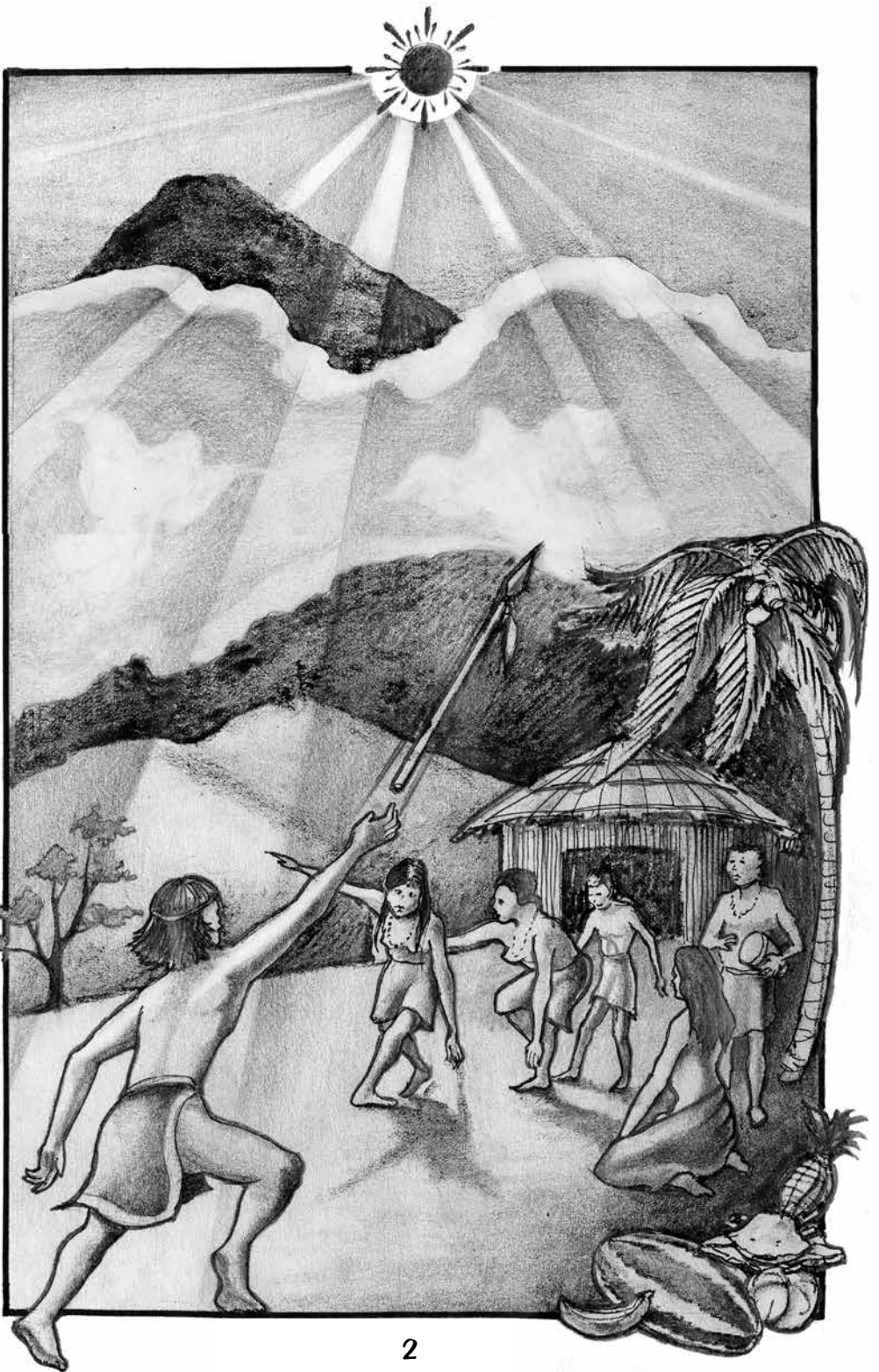
Many years ago the world was new. The **sky** was very low. People could touch it with a **stick**. God answered their **prayers** quickly. But people did not behave well. God was angry and made them work. Finally, He let them rest. They had a great **feast**. One of the **dancers** threw his **spear** in the air.

Answer.

1. What could people do with a stick?
2. How did God answer people's prayers?
3. How did people behave?
4. What did God make them do?
5. What did a dancer do?

Discuss.

What happened when the dancer threw his spear in the air?



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Many years ago, the world was new. The sky was very low. People could touch the sky easily with a stick. God also was very close. He could hear people's prayers. He answered them quickly. People did not need to work. Life was easy.

Then everything changed. People did not behave well, and God was very angry. He did not answer their prayers, and He made them work hard.

After the people had worked for many months, God let them have some days of rest. The people had a big feast. They had a wonderful time with lots of dancing. One of the dancers forgot the sky was so close. He threw his spear in the air. It stabbed the sky and hurt an angel.

God was angry again, and He raised the sky high above the earth. And now no one can touch it.




New Words.

Look at the story again and underline the words that you are not sure of. Write them below, and then ask your classmates or teacher about them, or look them up in a dictionary.

Write T for True and F for False.

1. ___ Many years ago, life for people was easy.
2. ___ People could touch the sky.
3. ___ God was very far away.
4. ___ He couldn't answer people's prayers.
5. ___ People did not need to work.
6. ___ God became very angry when the people did not behave well.
7. ___ God told the people to pray.
8. ___ He made them work for many months.
9. ___ The people decided to dance in the sky.
10. ___ A dancer threw his spear at God.

 Check your answers in the story; then write your score here and on page 97. **Right:** ___/10

Write. Finish these sentences.

Many years ago,

Then

After

And now

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Read, write, and look again.

Many years ago, the world was _____. The sky was very _____. People could touch the sky _____ with a stick. God also was very _____. He could hear people's prayers. He answered them _____.



People did not need to work. Life was _____.

Then everything changed. People did not behave _____, and God was very _____. He did not answer their prayers, and He made them work _____.

After the people had worked for _____ months, God let them have some

days of rest. The people had a _____ feast. They had a _____ time with lots of dancing. One of the dancers forgot the sky was so _____. He threw his spear in the air. It stabbed the sky and hurt an angel.

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Pronounce these words.

answered

touched

needed

stabbed

danced

raised

worked

changed

behaved

Use the words above in these sentences. Then say the sentences.

1. Nobody _____ to work.
2. The spear _____ the sky.
3. They _____ at the feast.
4. A person _____ the sky with a stick.
5. God _____ their prayers quickly.
6. The people _____ very badly.
7. God _____ the sky very high.
8. The people _____ hard for many months.
9. Life was easy, but then everything _____.

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Write a sentence for each word.

was

were

can

could

hear

heard

have

has

had

forget

forgot

throw

threw

makes

made

lets

let

hurts

hurt



Listen to and tell the story of why the sky is high

Many years ago

People could

God also

People did not need

Then everything

People did not

and God

After the people had worked

The people had

One of the dancers

It stabbed

God was

And now,



Put on a play

Tell the story “Why the Sky Is High” as a play.
These are the characters:

Announcer

People

God

Dancer

Angel



How Chipmunk Got Her Stripes

Native American Seneca

Discuss.

What do these words mean?

chipmunk, stripe, bear, darkness, light, hole

Read.

Long ago, the animals talked about day and night. **Bear** wanted **darkness** all the time. **Chipmunk** wanted day and night. They argued for a long time. Finally the sun rose. There was **light**. Chipmunk was happy. Bear was angry, and he chased chipmunk to her **hole**.

Answer.

1. What did the animals talk about?
2. What did Bear want?
3. What did Chipmunk want?
4. How long did they argue?
5. When the sun rose, how did Chipmunk feel?
6. What did Bear do?

Discuss.

What happened when Bear chased Chipmunk?



How Chipmunk Got Her Stripes

One time long ago, the animals had a meeting. They wanted to decide if the world should have night all the time, or if the world should have day and night.

Bear wanted night all the time. Chipmunk wanted day and night. They began to argue. “Night is best. Let us have darkness,” sang the bear. Chipmunk sang, “The light will come. Let us have light.”

“Night is best. Give us darkness,” Bear repeated. He raised his voice because he was so sure that he was right. Chipmunk spoke louder, “The light will come. Give us light.” They went on and on like this. The other animals had no chance to speak.

Finally, the sky showed its first bright red color. “Light is coming,” Chipmunk sang happily. The sun rose higher and daylight filled the sky. Bear was very angry. He chased Chipmunk, but the little animal got away. She jumped into her hole in a tree, but before she got in the hole, Bear’s big claws made marks on Chipmunk’s back. And that is why Chipmunk has stripes today.




How Chipmunk Got Her Stripes

New Words.

Underline new words in the story. Write them below and find out their meaning.

Write T for True and F for False.

1. ___ All the animals wanted night all the time.
2. ___ Chipmunk wanted day and night.
3. ___ Chipmunk and Bear argued.
4. ___ The other animals also wanted day and night.
5. ___ Finally, the sky showed a yellow color.
6. ___ Bear chased Chipmunk.
7. ___ Chipmunk couldn't get away.
8. ___ Chipmunk jumped into a tree.
9. ___ Bear's claws made a mark on Chipmunk.
10. ___ Chipmunks have stripes on their backs.

 Check your answers in the story; then write your score here and on page 97. **Right:** ____/10

Write. Finish these sentences.

One time long ago,

Bear wanted

Chipmunk wanted

Finally, the sky

And that is why

How Chipmunk Got Her Stripes



Read, write, and look again.

One time _____ ago, the animals had a meeting. They wanted to decide if the world should have night _____ the time, or if the world should have day and night.

Bear wanted night _____ the time. Chipmunk wanted day and night. They began to argue. “Night is _____. Let us have darkness,” sang Bear. Chipmunk sang, “The light will come. Let us have light.”



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How Chipmunk Got Her Stripes

Pronounce these words.

behaved	touched	needed
answered	danced	wanted
showed	worked	decided
filled	chased	repeated
argued	jumped	

Use seven of the words above in these sentences. Then say the sentences.

1. A person _____ the sky with a stick.
2. God _____ prayers quickly.
3. They _____ very badly.
4. They _____ to work again.
5. They _____ very hard.
6. Everybody _____ at the feast.
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7. Chipmunk _____ to have day and night.
8. Finally, the sky _____ its first color.
9. Bear _____ “Night is best,” several times.
10. Daylight _____ the sky.
11. Bear _____ Chipmunk.
12. Chipmunk _____ into a hole.
13. Bear and Chipmunk _____ about night and day.
14. The animals _____ to have a meeting.

How Chipmunk Got Her Stripes



Write a sentence for each word.

get

got

get away

got away

begin

began

go

went

come

came

speak

spoke

sing

sang

rise

rose



How Chipmunk Got Her Stripes

Listen to and tell the story of Chipmunk and Bear.

One time long ago,

They wanted to decide

Bear wanted

Chipmunk wanted

They began

The other animals

Finally, the sky.....

“Light is coming,”

The sun rose

Bear was

He chased Chipmunk, but

He jumped,

but before,

Bear’s big claws

And that is why



Put on a play.

Tell the story “How Chipmunk Got Her Stripes” as a play.
These are the characters:

Announcer
Some animals
Bear
Chipmunk
The sun