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**1 Read the sentences about *Sundiata the Lion King*. Write the character's name.**

- 1 ..... was the king in the kingdom of Manding in Africa.
- 2 ..... was the first son of the king.
- 3 ..... told the king, "A woman called Sogolon is going to have a son. And this boy will be a wonderful king."
- 4 ..... came to the palace. She married the king and had a son.
- 5 ..... was Sogolon's son.
- 6 ..... told Sundiata to run.

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**2 Put the events in the correct order (1–8).**

- a  For the first time, Sundiata stood and walked!
- b  One evening, Sundiata saw the sorcerer.
- c  Sundiata grew very strong, and he learned to be a warrior.
- d  Sogolon had a baby.
- e  Sundiata, Sogolon and Nyakhaleng travelled for seven long years.
- f  Sundiata started to stand, but the sticks broke.
- g  Sundiata was a small and thin baby.
- h  The sorcerer told Sundiata, "Leave Manding. Dankaran wants to kill you."

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**3 Correct the sentences. The bold words are incorrect.**

- 1 The king **did not love** his wife.

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- 2 The king **did not want** Sogolon's child to be his son.

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- 3 The king asked Sogolon **to leave the palace**.

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4 At **ten** years old, boys changed into men.

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5 **No one** laughed at Sundiata because he could not walk.

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6 Sundiata started to stand, **and the sticks helped him**.

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4 Who said these words? Write **A** (*King Konaté*), **B** (*the fortune teller*) or **C** (*the people of Manding*).

1 "A woman called Sogolon is going to have a son." .....

2 "And this boy will be a wonderful king." .....

3 "But Prince Dankaran will be the next king!" .....

4 "Maybe Dankaran will be king one day. But Sogolon's son will be a stronger and more famous king. He will bring money to this kingdom and make it great." .....

5 "This baby isn't strong! How will he be a great king?" .....

6 "Sundiata can walk! He is as strong as a lion!" .....

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5 Choose the correct verbs.

"Let's <sup>1</sup> **play / to play** a game," said King Mansa to Sundiata. "But you must <sup>2</sup> **win / to win** the game. Or you will <sup>3</sup> **die / to die**."

Sundiata looked at the swords on the wall. "I want <sup>4</sup> **win / to win**, and then you must give me that big long sword."

"Yes, I will <sup>5</sup> **give / to give** you the sword," said the king. "But it's a difficult game."

They started <sup>6</sup> **play / to play** the game, and the king began <sup>7</sup> **tell / to tell** a story about a young warrior.

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6 Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d).

1 What did Sundiata offer to the sorcerer?

a all his money

b his elephant

c his sword

d his magic

- 2 Why didn't the sorcerer kill Sundiata?
- a Because the boy was so kind and friendly.
  - b Because no one wanted to pay him.
  - c Because he did not have a sword.
  - d Because he could not find the boy.
- 3 Why did Sundiata, his mother and his sister leave Manding?
- a Because Dankaran wanted to kill Sundiata.
  - b Because they needed to find food.
  - c Because they needed to look for someone.
  - d Because they wanted a holiday.
- 4 How long did Sundiata, his mother and his sister travel for?
- a two months
  - b three years
  - c seven years
  - d three days and three nights
- 5 What did Sundiata want to win in the game?
- a He wanted King Mansa's kingdom.
  - b He wanted to marry King Mansa's sister.
  - c He wanted King Mansa's sword.
  - d He wanted to kill King Mansa.
- 6 What was Sundiata right about?
- a The king wanted his help.
  - b The king wanted to ask him a question.
  - c The king planned to give him something.
  - d The king planned to kill him.

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**7 Complete the sentences about *Yennenga and the Mossi Kingdom*. Write the correct forms of the words in brackets.**

- 1 Yennenga was a wonderful rider, and she could go as ..... (**fast**) as the wind.
- 2 Yennenga did not listen to her brothers. She rode ..... (**fast**) and faster and trained hard every day.
- 3 Now Yennenga was the ..... (**fast**) rider in the Dagbon Kingdom.
- 4 "Father, the Malinke people are coming ..... (**close**) every day and we must fight them," Yennenga said.
- 5 His daughter trained hard, and she was ..... (**strong**) than her brothers.

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## 8 Match the words in bold with the definitions below.

- 1 The people of Dagomba, in Africa, loved the young **Princess** Yennenga. ....
- 2 Yennenga often carried water, **looked after** younger children, or helped older people. ....
- 3 Yennenga loved to look after the **crops** and watch them grow. ....
- 4 She rode and **trained** her horse a lot. ....
- 5 "We must all fight to win this **battle**," answered Yennenga. ....
- 6 "My name is Riale," he said. "I'm a **hunter**." ....

- a A very big fight with many people.
- b Plants. They grow on a farm and people eat them.
- c A person. He or she kills animals for food.
- d Helped a person, animal or thing.
- e The daughter of a king or queen.
- f Taught to do things.

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## 9 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d).

"Father, the Malinke people <sup>1</sup> **a is coming** closer every day and we must fight <sup>2</sup> **a them**,"

**b are coming** **b him**

**c come** **c her**

**d comes** **d it**

she said. "I am your fastest rider and I am very brave. I can use a sword and a bow and arrow.

My brothers <sup>3</sup> **a are going to fight** with you, and I want to go with them. Can I go?"

**b will to fight**

**c fight**

**d are fighting**

The king <sup>4</sup> **a thinks** for a long time. His daughter trained <sup>5</sup> **a hardly**, and she was

**b is thinking** **b hard**

**c thought** **c harder**

**d think** **d hardest**

<sup>6</sup> **a as strong as** her brothers. But she was also very kind and gave the most help to the

**b strong than**

**c strongest than**

**d stronger than**

Dagomba people.

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**10 Read the questions. Choose the correct answers (a, b or c).**

- 1 What did the Malinke warriors have?
  - a elephants
  - b bows and arrows
  - c swords
- 2 Who did the Malinke warriors kill?
  - a Yennenga
  - b Yennenga's friend
  - c Yennenga's horse
- 3 Where did Yennenga fall from?
  - a a tree
  - b an elephant
  - c a horse
- 4 What did Yennenga fall into?
  - a two kind, strong arms
  - b the river
  - c the dark forest
- 5 Who is Riale?
  - a a sorcerer
  - b a warrior
  - c a hunter
- 6 Yennenga was a wonderful warrior, a kind woman and what ...?
  - a a queen
  - b a fortune teller
  - c the new mother of the Mossi Kingdom

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**11 Complete the text from *Rostam and his horse Rakhsh*. Choose the correct words.****There are two extra words.**

kingdom    prison    warriors    horse    magic    battle    sword    Demon    king

“Please don't do this,” Zal said. “You cannot fight demon <sup>1</sup> ..... with a man's <sup>2</sup> ..... !” But the <sup>3</sup> ..... did not listen. He travelled to Mazandaran with his many <sup>4</sup> ..... and there was a big <sup>5</sup> ..... Sadly, the king did not win and many warriors died. The White <sup>6</sup> ..... , one of the warriors of Mazandaran, put the king in <sup>7</sup> ..... and blinded him.

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**12 Read the text. Write T (true), F (false) or DS (does not say) next to the sentences (1–6) below.**

Rostam was a kind man, and he offered the woman some food. Then he said, “God, thank you for this food.”

The name of God broke the witch’s magic. She changed into an old woman again and Rostam quickly killed her with his sword.

The next evening, Rostam and Rakhsh arrived at a farm. Rostam was very hungry, and he walked into the farm. He wanted to eat a little of the crops.

“Stop!” shouted Olad, the farmer. “Don’t steal my crops!”

Then Rostam told Olad his story.

“Please help me to get to Mazandaran,” Rostam said.

“All right. I’ll take you there,” said Olad.

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| 1 Rostam was not a kind man.                      | ..... |
| 2 Rostam thought, “This woman is very beautiful.” | ..... |
| 3 The name of God broke the woman’s magic.        | ..... |
| 4 The witch was very hungry.                      | ..... |
| 5 Rostam wanted some of the farmer’s crops.       | ..... |
| 6 Olad couldn’t help Rostam.                      | ..... |

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**13 For each question, choose the correct person: A (Rostam), B (Rakhsh) or C (the old witch).**

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| 1 Who did Zal give a horse to?     | A | B | C |
| 2 Who ran at the lion?             | A | B | C |
| 3 Who tried to wake Rostam up?     | A | B | C |
| 4 Who killed the dragon?           | A | B | C |
| 5 Who heard singing in the forest? | A | B | C |
| 6 Who changed into a young woman?  | A | B | C |

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**14 Match the questions with the answers. Draw lines between them.**

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| 1 Rostam started to fight,             | a and found the prison of King Kavus.            |
| 2 Then Rostam went inside              | b and he killed the warriors there.              |
| 3 Cut the demon                        | c and Rostam quickly killed him with a sword.    |
| 4 Now the demon was not ready to fight | d and the demon’s blood helped him to see again. |
| 5 Rostam took the blood to the prison  | e and take some of his red blood.                |
| 6 King Kavus came out                  | f and opened the door.                           |

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**15 Complete the sentences. Choose one word for each gap.**

- 1 a** with  
**b** off  
**c** on

- 2 a** quickly  
**b** slowly  
**c** angrily

- 3 a** good  
**b** bad  
**c** brave

- 4 a** until you die  
**b** until you died  
**c** until you will die

- 5 a** frighten  
**b** frightened  
**c** frightening

- 6 a** give  
**b** gave  
**c** is giving

- 1** Rostam rode ..... Rakhsh and started to fight.  
**2** But the demon king ..... changed into a mountain.  
**3** “You cannot kill me now!” he said. But ..... Rostam hit the mountain with his axe.  
**4** “I will not stop!” shouted Rostam, angrily. “I’ll use my axe .....!”  
**5** The demon king was .....  
**6** “Stop!” he said, and he ..... his kingdom to Rostam and King Kavus.

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**16 Complete the conversation from *Shakuntala and the gold ring*. Choose the best answers (a–e) below.**

Shakuntala: Please don’t kill the deer!

The hunter: <sup>1</sup> .....

Shakuntala: The forest is yours? Then you must look after every animal in it.

The hunter: <sup>2</sup> .....

The hunter: Will you marry me?

Shakuntala: <sup>3</sup> .....

Shakuntala: First, I would like my son to be the next king.

The hunter: <sup>4</sup> .....

Shakuntala: Second, I’d like some beautiful clothes, because I will be a queen. And third, let’s marry today.

The hunter: <sup>5</sup> .....

- a** Of course! Our son will be a wonderful king.  
**b** You are right. I’m very sorry.  
**c** You are a strong woman! Yes, you can have all of those things.  
**d** Yes... But I would like three things from you.  
**e** You can’t stop me... Everything in this forest is mine.

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**17 Read the questions. Write one-, two- or three-word answers.**

- 1 Where did Shakuntala and the king marry? .....
- 2 What did Shakuntala make? .....
- 3 What did Shakuntala take to make the ring? .....
- 4 Who did Shakuntala give the ring to? .....
- 5 What did the king give Shakuntala? .....
- 6 What was on his ring? .....

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**18 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words from the box. There are two extra words.**

angry    bad    happy    hungry    late    new    old    thirsty    wise

Then a <sup>1</sup> ..... man called Durvasa came to Shakuntala’s house because he was very <sup>2</sup> ..... and <sup>3</sup> ..... He shouted to her, but Shakuntala did not hear him. He shouted again, but she did not come.

“This is very <sup>4</sup> .....!” Durvasa shouted, very loudly now. Shakuntala heard him and came quickly, but it was too <sup>5</sup> ..... The wise man was <sup>6</sup> .....

“You only think about your <sup>7</sup> ..... husband! I am going to put a curse on you. Your husband will now forget you!”

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**19 Write *yes* or *no*.**

- 1 Shakuntala and her father walked for four hours. ....
- 2 Shakuntala washed her face with some river water. ....
- 3 Shakuntala held up her hand, and Dushyanta saw the ring. ....
- 4 Shakuntala could not break the curse without the ring. ....
- 5 Shakuntala had a baby. ....
- 6 A man found the ring and gave it to Shakuntala. ....
- 7 Dushyanta remembered his wife. ....

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20 Complete these lists. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.

cave	arrow	lion	axe	palace	bow	deer
	mountain	elephant	sword	forest	dragon	

Things for battle: .....

Animals: .....

Places: .....

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