

Link for the Book of Hopes' <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

Read a paragraph from the following story from the 'Book of Hopes' each day. I have shown you where to stop reading each day. We will have to read the whole short story by the end of the week. You will complete the work throughout the week and turn in on Friday. The daily task is highlighted in yellow, leave your comments on google classroom.

Day 1: Read the paragraph below and complete the task.

The Monk and the Armadillo

Situated somewhere between the cold, snowy peaks of Nepal and the tall, swaying mango trees of India, stands the highest mountain your imagination can possibly imagine. And right on the very top of this mountain's tip, lies a single straw hut, inside which lived a monk – a very holy man, who believed it was his calling to sit on top of this mountain in complete isolation until he understood the depth and breadth of the universe, and everything in between.

Task: Comment on what you like so far...

Day 2: Read the next paragraph below and complete the task:

Now sitting in a straw hut all day and all night, with nothing but the sun and the moon and the wind to keep you company, can get awfully boring. Especially if you've been doing it for fifty years, as this very wise monk had. And so deep down, in his heart, the monk

began to grow restless and started to hope for a sign. A sign that would tell him his knowledge was complete, that he had learned everything he could possibly learn, and that he should return back down the mountain to the beautiful village he had once grown up in, the friends he had left behind and the food he couldn't help dreaming about. Having survived on nothing but grains and seeds collected from between the rocks of the mountain for fifty years, the monk secretly hoped his sign would come soon. For oh! How he longed to taste a bowl of hot, delicious noodles, floating with a million spring onion hoops, just like his mother used to make. And even though he could have left the mountain at any time, the monk knew in his heart that he had to wait for a sign if he was to leave it in peace.

Task: Comment on what you think will happen next...

Day 3: Read the next paragraph below and complete the task:

A year went by. And another. And another. And still the monk continued to secretly hope. Until one day, all the way from the golden, hot sands of Arabia, his sign began to make its way to him! For a mighty storm was hurtling across the desert plains and, like the insides of a giant washing machine, had snatched a poor armadillo up in its arms. The armadillo, frightened and alone, curled itself up into a tiny ball of iron armour and, squeezing its eyes tight, hoped with all its heart that it would land safe and sound and not too far from home.

The storm was fierce and wild and hungry and, unknown to the armadillo, loved to travel. So imagine its surprise when, on feeling itself be dropped, the armadillo found itself not in a desert at all! But outside the door of a straw hut, situated on the snow-capped peak of a mountain that stood so high above the clouds it could almost touch the stars!

Task: Comment on how you think the Armadillo is feeling right now...

Day 4: Read the next paragraph below and complete the task:

And imagine his surprise, when just a few hours later, the monk opened his door to find a poor armadillo shaking at his feet.

'It is here!' cried the monk, lifting the armadillo up in his hands with a joyous smile. 'My sign is here! And it is in need of help!' And thanking the skies that had brought this little life to his door, the monk ran down the mountain at once, to find help for his new friend.

Task: Comment on where you think the monk will find help from...

Day 5: Read the last paragraph below and complete the task:

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Task: Write a 100 word review about this story.

What to include in your review:

- ❖ A star review out of 5 (5 most, 1 least) e.g: * * * * * 5 stars/* * * * 4 stars/* * * 3 stars/* * 2 stars/* 1 star
- ❖ What was your favourite part/ what did you like most?
- ❖ Would you recommend this story to someone else?