

## Story 6 The Traveler

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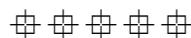
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appetite.” Then the owner said to his family, “What will he eat after he gets the medicine? Now he eats only one sheep. When he returns from the doctor, he will eat ten sheep.”

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Ninkii guriga lahaa wuxuu weydiiyey ninkii safarka ahaa ujeedada safarkiisa. Markaas ayuu yidhi, "Waxaan tegayaa dhakhtar oo caloosha ayaa la'iga hayaa, cuntaduna way iga xidhan tahay." Ninkii guriga lahaa intuu yaabey ayuu yidhi, "ma adiga ayaa cuntadu kaa xidhan tahay?" Markaa suu yidhi, "Haa." Markaa wuxuu yidhi, "Waxaan kaa codsanayaa in aanad isoo marin marka dhakhtarku cuntada kuu soo furo." Ninkii aad ayuu ula yaabay ninka neef cunay hadhow marka la soo daweyo waxa uu cuni doono. Ninkii martida loo ahaa wuxuu yidhi, "Malaha toban neef ayuu cuni doonaa marka uu soo noqdo."



*Dulucda sheekada:*

*Ha isku dayin in aad kalidii noole noqoto oo aad wax walba adigu qaadato, isku day sidii aad dadka kale wax uqa siin lahayd.*

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A Play

**Time:** A long time ago

**Place:** On the road in the country, and in a family's house

**Characters:**

Narrator                      a man (a father)

the traveler                      his wife

   their son

**Narrator:** A long time ago a man was traveling on a country road. On the way he met a family.

**Traveler:** Hello there! How are you this evening?

**Father:** Hello, we're all fine, thank you.

**Traveler:** I've been traveling all day, and I still have a long way to go. Could I rest in your house tonight before I continue my journey tomorrow?

**Father:** Yes, you can stay here. It would be our pleasure to have you in our home.

**Mother:** You are welcome. Come in so you can eat and drink first.

**Traveler:** Thank you so much for your kindness.

**Wife:** Here is some food to eat, and some blankets and pillows.

**Narrator:** The man ate all the food and drink. Then he took a nap.

**Father:** Our son should be coming home soon. He will help us fix a proper meal for our guest when he wakes up.

**Son:** Hello, mom and dad. I'm back with the sheep.

**Father:** Son, we have a traveler as our guest tonight. Will you please help us kill a young sheep so we can have a really good dinner for him tomorrow ?

**Son:** Sure.

**Narrator:** The son goes out to kill a lamb for the guest's dinner.

**Son:** Here, dad. I killed the lamb.

**Father:** Thanks, son.

**Mother:** I'll cook it now, so that it will be ready when our guest wakes up.

**Narrator:** The mother cooks the lamb over the fire. The traveler wakes up.

**Traveler:** I smell something really good. Is that lamb I smell cooking?

**Mother:** Why, yes! I hope you like lamb.

**Traveler:** I love lamb. How kind of you.

**Father:** In our house, you eat first.

**Narrator:** The father gives the best of the meat to the guest. The guest eats the meat, and then eats more and more until the whole lamb is gone.

**Traveler:** That was just wonderful. Thank you so much.

**Mother, Father, and Son:** You're welcome.

**Father:** My friend, where are you going tomorrow?

**Traveler:** I am going to see a doctor tomorrow because I have a stomach problem. I have such a bad appetite. I can't eat very much.

**Father, Mother and Son:** Really!

**Narrator:** The father turns to his wife and son, and whispers to them;

**Father:** I wonder what he will eat when he returns from the doctor? Maybe the medicine will make him eat ten sheep.

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New Vocabulary

appetite	owner
beg	pillows
blankets	return
bring/brought	share
continue	stomach
evening	traveler
lamb	welcome
medicine	

Background Vocabulary

desert  
greedy  
hunger  
thirst

Suggested Background Information,  
Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Talk about Somali hospitality, especially for travelers.
2. Talk about the dangers of long trips in the desert.
3. What was the means of transportation in Somalia a long time ago?
4. Use new vocabulary in sentences.
5. Write a list of things one should pack for a day's trip in the desert.
6. If you eat at some one else's house you should be polite. Give some rules of politeness.

After Reading

1. What is the main idea of the story?
2. What lessons can be learned from it?
3. What was funny about this story? Which part made you laugh? Why?
4. What do you think would have happened if the traveler had not eaten so much?
5. How was the traveler rude?
6. Make a story map.
7. Complete the cloz story.

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Cloz activity

Fill in the missing words in the story using the following words:

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Later that evening, the family's \_\_\_\_\_ came home. They killed a sheep. They gave the \_\_\_\_\_ and some milk to the traveler. The traveler was so hungry that he ate it all up \_\_\_\_\_ sharing any of it with the family.

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Sequencing activity

Number the sentences in the order in which they appeared in the story.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ A man was traveling and on the way he asked a family if he could rest at their house for the night.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Later that evening, they killed a sheep, and gave it to the traveler to eat.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ The owner of the house told the traveler not to return to his house after the doctor gave him medicine to improve his appetite.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ The traveler told the man that he was going to the doctor because he had such a poor appetite.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ The family welcomed the man into their house, and they gave him some pillows, blankets, food and milk.
  
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