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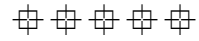
Lesson: Don't be too quick to let people know that you are alone. Don't be too quick to trust strangers who offer help when they know you are alone.

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WARAABE IYO LAX

Beri baa waxaa jirey Lax ka soo luntay cidii lahayd. Iyada oo meel maraysa ayaa waxaa arkay Waraabe (dhurwaa). Intuu dhinacyada eegay ayuu arki waayey cid la socota. Waraabihii wuxuu yidhi, "Naa daylo miyaaney cidi kula socon?" Waxay tidhi, "Cidna ilama socoto." Iyada oo runta sheegsa. Waraabihii aad ayuu ugu farxay Laxda kaligeed iska socota oo aan cidina ilaashanayn. Waraabihii wuxuu yidhi, "Naa daylo imika ma kaa dhabbaa oo kelidaa ayaad halkan timi?" Waxay ku jawaabtey, "Haa oo xoolihii kale ayaan ka ambadey." Waraabihii qosol ayuu ladhacay inta uu indhaha isku qabtey.

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haddii uu qabto. Markaa hawdkii ayey ku sii carartey oo tidhi, waxaad khayaamayso raadso aniga i dagi mayside.



Dulucda sheekada:

Ha ku degdegin in aad isku halayso qof aanad garanayn oo iska dhigaya in uu ku caawiyo.

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A Play

Time: A long time ago.

Place: In the grasslands of Somalia.

Character: Narrator

Sheep

Hyena

Narrator: A long time ago a sheep got lost from her flock. She wandered around trying to find the other sheep when a hyena found her.

Hyena: Why hello there little sheep.

Narrator: The hyena looks around to see if anyone was looking.

Sheep: Hello ! I'm lost. I can't find the other sheep. I can't find my owner. I've been walking all day, but I just don't know where I am.

Narrator: The hyena got excited and he started to jump about at the good luck at finding a lost sheep.

Hyena: Oh really? Sure I can help you. Just come a little closer.

Narrator: Now the hyena was really excited. Just thinking about his good luck made the hyena throw his head back, close his eyes and laugh very hard, as all hyenas do.

Hyena: Hee hee hee, (etc.)

Sheep: Oh, I better run fast. This hyena is going to eat me.

Narrator: When the hyena finally stopped laughing, he opened his eyes and saw that the sheep was gone.

Hyena: Sheep, sheep, please come back. I won't hurt you. Where are you? Come back sheep.
Please!!

Narrator: But the sheep kept running until she found her flock.

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New Vocabulary

around	hyena
believe	know/knew
chance	last
continued	mean/meant
danger	trick
excited	trust
finally	

Background Vocabulary

flock
lamb
shear
sheep herder
wool

Background Information, Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Discuss what it means to be a predator or prey.
2. List predators with their prey.
3. Have you ever been tricked by someone? Explain.
4. Have you ever tricked someone? Explain.
5. Explain the importance of sheep and goats in the Somali economy.
6. What must a good sheep herdsman do to care for his sheep? What are the dangers he must face?

After Reading

1. What is the main idea of this story?
2. What lesson can be learned from this story?
3. Tell how the hyena was stronger, but the sheep was smarter.
4. Can you name any other sheep stories or poems?
(Mary had a Little Lamb, Baa, Baa, Black Sheep, etc.)
5. Circle all the new vocabulary words in the story.
6. Write your own sheep story.
7. What do you think would have happened in this story, if the hyena had not laughed?
8. Read the fable, The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing. Compare it to this story.

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Cloz activity

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