

## **Raogo and Poko**

In a bush village lived a woman and her two children: Poko and Raogo. She loved her daughter Poko very much and preferred her to the boy who was always beaten.

Raogo was really unhappy and his sister took pleasure in hurting him. His mother scolded him every day and he would make all the house holds. As meals, she gave him the rests and at night, he should sleep with the animals.

Yet Raogo was kind and obedient. Despite his suffering, he said nothing and the villagers admired his courage.

One day, returning from the fields, Raogo saw a snake trying to enter the house. He then took a stick and tried to kill the beast, but he was not fast enough and the snake managed to slip into the hollow of a baobab tree.

Raogo did not abandon: he plunged his hand into the hollow of the tree to catch the snake. He rummaged around and suddenly he felt something hard under his fingers, he withdrew his arm from the hollow and what does he see? His hand is full of gold ! Back at home, Raogo, very happy, told his adventure to his mother and shows her his treasure.

Poko, who is very jealous, began to cry: "Raogo will be richer than me! I need gold too mum".

Then his mother took the gold from Raogo and gave it to her daughter, saying: "hey, all this gold is yours. And you'll get even more because it is now your turn to go and get some in the hollow of the baobab tree. You have only to plunge your hand, like your brother. Go there quickly!"

Poko did not wait a minute longer, she went straight to the baobab tree. When she arrived, she plunged her hands into the hollow and starts looking : nothing!

Suddenly she screamed and fell to the ground. Her mother immediately ran, but it was already too late : the snake bit her hand and she died instantly. Instead of gold, it was the poison of the snake that had Poko as a reward.

Raogo was so rich and all the villagers advised him to repudiate his evil mother. But Raogo was so kind that he preferred to keep his mother close to him, in the beautiful house he had built. Raogo had so many qualities, he was so generous with people that at the death of the old chief, he was the one who was designated to replace him.

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## **Vocabulary**

To scold: gronder the household: corvée, ménage obedient: obeïssant a beast: une bête the gold: l'or  
the hollow: le creux to scream : hurler to rummage: fouiller

### Comprehension

I Choose and write down the number and the letter that correspond to the right answer 2PTS

- 1) Raogo was : a) poko's husband   b) Poko's son   c) Poko's brother   d) an orphan
- 2) Raogo's mother gave him: a) nothing to eat   b) the rests of the food to eat   c) the rest of the snake to eat   d) the rests of the animals to eat
- 3) When Raogo plunged his hand in the hollow: a) he didn't find anything   b) he found a snake  
 c) he found a snake and gold   d) he found some gold
- 4) When Poko plunged her hand in the hollow : a) she had been reward of gold   b) she found some gold  
 c) she found nothing   d) she had been beaten

Pupil's name.....

### Answers to questions 2pts

1).....2).....3).....4).....

2) Read the sentences and write T if it is true , and F if it's false 1pt

a) raogo found his treasure from a hollow:.....

b) Raogo's mother admired his courage.....

3) Write down one passage of the text showing that Raogo was suffering: 1pt

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3) Write down one passage of the text showing that Raogo's mother was an evil lady: 1pt

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### Guided essay ( 1)      4pts

1-Why was Raogo unhappy?.....

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2-How did Raogo find his treasure?.....

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3-What happened to his sister?.....

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4-What did Raogo do to his mother after the villagers' advice?.....

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**Find in the indicated paragraphs of the text the contrary of the following words** 1pt

a) Slowly.....Parg 1                      2)Son:.....

**II Grammar1** Turn these sentences into the negative form 1pt

a)The woman loves her son a lot.....

b)Raogo slept with wild animals.....

**2** **Fill in the blanks with one of these pronouns ( who, which, or whom)** 1pt

a)Parents (.....) ill-treat children must be punished.

b)Raogo could kill the snake (.....) bit his sister.

**3** **Turn these sentences into the opposite voice** 1.5pt

a) The villagers admired Raogo.....

b) Do the villagers eat snakes? .....

c)All the rice was eaten by Fatou.....

**4****Write the verb into the present perfect** 1pt

a) I (to catch.....) a snake.b) She (to find.....) gold.

**5** **Choose the correct work to fill in the blanks** 1pt

a) Raogo has not eaten(ago , for , since ..... ) yesterday.

b) I have been looking for you (ago , for , since ..... )long time.

**6) Put the sentences into the correct tense** 1.5pt

a) If that house (to collapse ..... )many people would be killed

b) The reports ( to type..... ) by the secretary yesterday

c) As soon as he entered the house he( to put ..... ) on the TV

***Guided essay ( continued)*** 3pts

***What would you do if you were in Raogo's place?***

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