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Task I: Read the passage and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

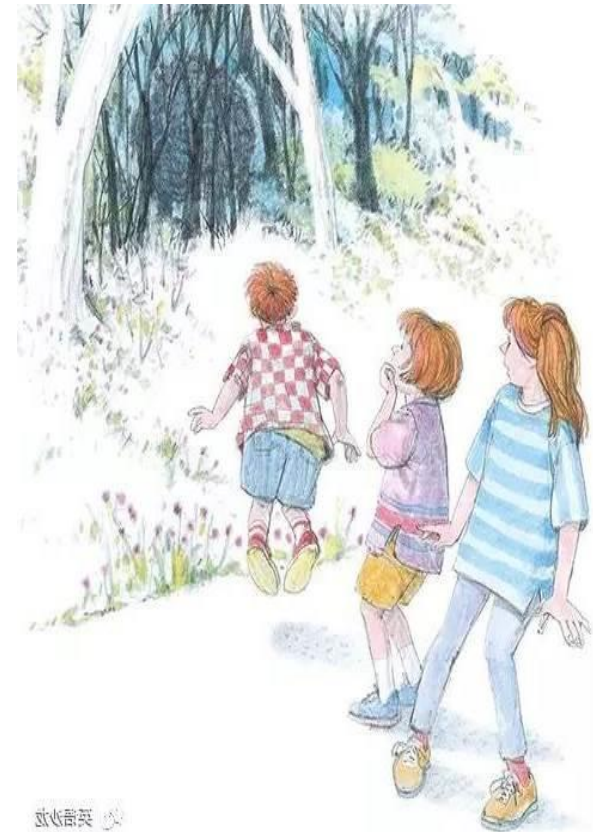
- 1. What did Eddie and Cathie hear when they were at the corner of the barn?**

Mr. McAfree told their father that there was a Bigfoot sighting on this mountain.

If it wasn't Bigfoot, it was something just as big. It broke trees in half like they were nothing. it was the scream that got to me. It was the most inhuman thing I've ever heard.

2. What did they do after hearing the conversation?

- They wanted to discover the bigfoot themselves.
- They talked Marie into going along for the adventure.
- They set off.



3. What did they hear and see when they arrived at the dam?

What they heard:

- a loud crack; a branch breaking;
- sound: a howl, a growl, a moan, a scream all wrapped into one

What they saw:

- barely make out a large, dark shape
- The creature started crashing through the trees right toward them.



4. How did they react to it?

- **“Run!” Eddie yelled.**
- **Cathie had already abandoned Marie and was running as fast as she could down the road.**
- **Eddie soon caught up to her.**
- **... he didn't look back until they reached a curve in the road.**
- **Marie was nearly paralyzed with fear as she stumbled down the road toward them and waved her arms wildly.**
- **Cathie and Eddie ran back. Each one grabbed an arm and practically dragged Marie down the road.**

5. What was the creature actually?

It was in fact Mr. King's pig.

“My prize pig broke out of the barn two days ago,” Mr. King said. “You wouldn’t think a six-hundred-pound boar (公猪) would be so hard to find, but no one seems to have seen him.”





Task II: Further thinking

Among the three children, who do you think was the bravest and who was the most timid? Give your reasons.

Eddie was the bravest.

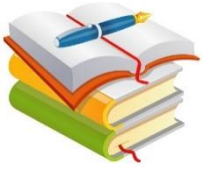
- Hearing that there might be Bigfoot by the dam, he got excited.
- He first suggested and insisted they go for the adventure.
- He always walked ahead.
- When they heard a loud crack, though frightened, he was still curious to figure out what it was.



Task II: Further thinking

Among the three children, who do you think was the bravest and who was the most timid? Give your reasons. **Marie was the most timid.**

- She joined the other two kids reluctantly.
- She lagged behind the other two when walking on the mountains.
- She screamed when hearing a loud crack.
- She was nearly paralyzed with fear and could hardly move when the creature was crashing through trees toward them.



Task II: Further thinking

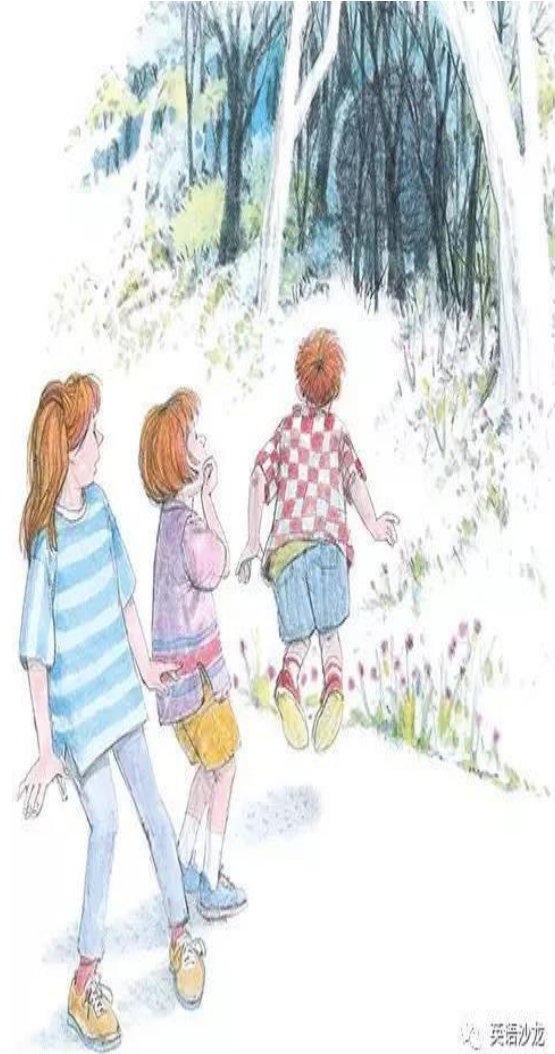
Why did Marie go for the adventure since she was unwilling to?

- **She used to form the image that she wasn't afraid of anything. As an older sister, she joined Eddie and Cathie so that they would not think she was a coward.**



Listening and speaking (美丽语音)

Task I: Listen to the record of the passage and read after it. Pay attention to its pronunciation and intonation.



Words and Expressions (魅力词汇)



Task I: Complete the following sentences with the proper form of the listed words.

capture convince slap disguise hesitate
shrill barely abandon stumble feeble
pursuit reluctantly lamely

1. Having captured the escaped tiger, everyone felt relieved.
2. "It wasn't my responsibility," he lamely explained.
3. It required a lot of talking to convince him of my honesty.
4. The woman said she would never abandon her child though he is disabled.
5. He was so angry that he slapped the newspaper down on the desk.
6. I said "Sorry," very feebly, feeling rather embarrassed.
7. Maybe you could disguise yourself as a waiter and sneak in there.

8. The telephone rang. Catherine hesitated, debating whether to answer it.
9. “That’s not true,” she protested in a shrill voice.
10. She was very old and barely able to walk.
11. Since no other doctors were available at the moment, she agreed, very reluctantly, to be operated on by a young doctor.
12. I saw a police officer driving a patrol car at more than 120 mph in pursuit of a motorcycle.
13. She nearly fell down by stumbling over my stretched leg.



Task III: Translate the following expressions into English and complete the following sentences with them.

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| 1. 引起注意 | capture one's attention |
| 2. 做...有困难 | have trouble doing |
| 3. 打算做 | mean to do |
| 4. 失去控制 | run wild |
| 5. (车)开走 | drive off |
| 6. 掩饰兴奋 | disguise one's excitement |
| 7. 使某人做 | cause sb. to do sth. |
| 8. 被...超过 | be outdone by |
| 9. 说服某人做... | talk sb. into doing sth. |

10. 对...厌烦

be bored with

11. 惊恐地

in horror / with fear

12. 胜过，占上风

get the better of

13. 辨认出

make out

14. 赶上

catch up

15. 因害怕瘫倒

be paralyzed with fear

16. 渐渐褪去

fade away

17. 遇到

have an encounter with

18. 示意某人做

motion for sb. to do

19. 挺直肩膀

square one's shoulder

20. 把...误认为

mistake ... for

1. People seem to be bored with more and more singing competitions and online voting.
2. Carelessness caused him to fail the exam.
3. What do you mean to do with your old bicycle?
4. Some of the best ideas happen when you just let your imagination run wild.
5. Some months ago, I had an encounter with a client when I felt treated unfairly and dishonestly.
6. Eddie couldn't disguise his excitement on hearing the news that their national team won the game.
7. People tend to mistake him for his twin brother.

8. You may have trouble driving at night because of glare from car headlights.

9. Not to be outdone by their neighbors, people will often contribute more than they originally planned to.

10. A good salesman is skilled at talking people into buying the product he is selling. in horror

11. At the sight of the blood the girl drew back / with fear.

12. Can you feel your worries fade away when you focus on something positive?

13. This is the only way to catch up and eventually get ahead.

14. Paralyzed with fear, Sarah stood rooted to the spot.

15. The police officer motioned for me to pull over because I was speeding.

16. I didn't want my emotions to get the better of me.

17. On my way home I saw him get into a new car and drive off.

18. The famous film star walked into the hall and captured everyone's attention within seconds.

19. There's someone outside the window, but I can't make out who it is.