

READING- A DREAMTIME STORY

Mila Takujan which means "Red Snake".



Long, long ago there (be) an enormous snake that breathed fire, he (have) such a beautiful coloured red skin that it glistened in the sunlight and reflected for miles around. Mila Takujan was the snake's name and his beauty was admired by all other snakes.

One day, Tuat who (be) a smaller beautifully coloured green tree snake with yellow stripes challenged Mila Takujan's beauty saying he was far more beautiful with his green colour and yellow stripes. Mila Takujan laughed off Tuat's challenge until some of the other snakes (start) to agree that Tuat was indeed more beautiful than Mila Takujan. Red Snake (can) not believe his ears, he was furious and (know) he had to do something before he (lose) all his admirers.

So he (ask) Tuat to turn around so he could see his beauty from behind and when Tuat (agree) and turned his back, Red Snake (blow) his fire trying to burn poor Tuat. When Tuat realised what was happening he slithered as quickly as he could and kept going until he reached the ocean and (jump) in. There he lives today soothing his yellow stripes that are now black.

But watching from far above the wind spirit (see) the terrible thing that Mila Takujan had done and was so upset that she (blow) with all her might and (change) the direction of the wind blowing it back towards Mila Takujan. Red Snake (try) with all his might to slither away but he couldn't escape the fire.

With only one choice left, Mila Takujan (turn) and headed straight into the fire thinking if he could make it through the fire he would just get burnt and (can) survive. He (take) a deep breath but mistakenly swallowed some fire burning him inside as well. As he (go) through the fire he (feel) like he was melting but (know) he had to keep going despite the pain. With burns all over him he (keep) going until he reached a waterhole and (can) soothe his pain.

When he looked closer at his wounds, Mila Takujan (be) horrified to see that his beautiful red markings on his back had been burnt black and his stomach was now a bright red from head to tail from the hot ashes and fire. The wind spirit (have) another surprise for Mila Takujan because of his lies and deceit, the fire had also burnt his throat so he (can) no longer breathe fire but could only speak with the poison and forked tongue of a red bellied black snake.



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READING COMPREHENSION

1) ANTICIPATE

- a) What type of document is it?
- b) What is the title of this text?
- c) What is the source of this document?
- d) Describe the 2 pictures.
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- e) Try to guess what the story is going to be about.
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2) NOW CHECK YOUR HYPOTHESES

- a) Read the text and put the verbs in the correct form (simple past)
- b) **Who** are the characters? Highlight the words referring to them in the text
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- c) Highlight the time indications (**when**) and words referring to places (**where**)
- d) Can you briefly sum up the story?
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3) RECAP

Initial situation:

Conflict/ problem:

Resolution of the problem:

Ending:

PRONUNCIATION

In the text, find all the regular verbs (-ed) and classify them according to their pronunciation /t/ /d/ /id/