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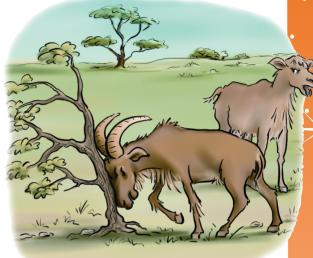
Fiction (traditional story): 'Thunder and Lightning'

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'Thunder and Lightning' – a Nigerian folk story

Thunder and Lightning were two grumpy old sheep. Lightning would lose his temper and knock down trees and burn the crops. Thunder, his mother, who had an extremely loud voice, would shout at him.

The villagers became really fed up with them. The villagers kept complaining about the damage – and the noise!



In the end, the village chief said he couldn't stand it any longer. He said they would have to go far away. He sent them to live in the sky!

But things didn't work out as the chief intended. To this day, Lightning still enjoys getting his own back on the villagers, and Thunder still shouts at the top of her voice and keeps the villagers awake at night.

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Get started

Copy these sentences carefully and complete them by filling in the gaps using words from the text.

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- 1. _____ and _____ were two grumpy old sheep.
- **2.** Thunder had an extremely ______ voice.
- **3.** The villagers complained about the _____ and the _____.
- **4.** The village chief sent the sheep to live in the _____
- **5.** Thunder still keeps the _____ awake at night.

Try these

Write a sentence to answer each question. One has been done for you.

1. What did Lightning do to annoy everyone in the story?

Answer: Lightning lost his temper, knocked down trees and burnt crops.

- **2.** What is lightning in real life? What damage can it do? Use a dictionary for help if necessary.
- **3.** How did the villagers feel before the chief sent the sheep away?
- 4. What do you think they wanted to happen?
- **5.** Do you think they were happy in the end? Why do you think this?

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Now try these

1. How may the villagers feel now? Write one or two sentences as though a villager is saying them.

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- **2.** Rewrite the story from the village chief's perspective. Think about what he wants and how he feels.
- **3.** Draw a picture of Thunder and Lightning bothering the villagers.

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