Project
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An Arabic Counting Tale How Many Donkeys?
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Aim: to develop pupils' reading skills using communicative approach in English language acquisition.

Tasks: to develop reading skills and text understanding usung different types of reading (skimming, scanning, reading for detail).

Age range: pupils aged 14 - 15.

Content of the activity: text and images

Description of the activity

1. complete the sentences using information from the text;
2. to fill in the gaps with the corresponding pictures;
3. give feedback about the text.
4. to answer the questions and take part in the discussion;

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One day, the rich villager drove 5 donkeys to the **market** to sell them. He **walked**, tripped after them and when he got tired got on one of the **donkeys**.

When he took a little rest, he **counted** the donkeys which walked ahead of him lop-eared.

- Whew! They are only **four**! – shouted the rich villager and he jumped **afraid** on the ground. – The one must've got away, I will come back to find it.

But before that he counted the donkeys again and they were five. Happy he **smiled** from ear to **ear**, got on one again and chased the others ahead.

After a while he started counting again.

- They are four again! – He started blinking puzzled.

At the same time the poor **villager** was coming.

- Neighbour, please, tell me how many donkeys you **see** ahead of you, because when I count them on the **ground**, they are five and when I got on the **saddle**, the one is missing.

The poor neighbour **laughed** and said:

- The donkeys are **six**, neighbour, but the one has two **legs**.

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http://www.worldstory.net/en/stories/donkey.html

1. Complete sentences!

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2. When he took a little rest, he counted the donkeys _____

3. - Whew! They are only four! – shouted the rich villager and_____

4. But before that he counted the donkeys again

_____

5. After a while he started _____

6. At the same time the poor villager _____

7. The poor neighbour laughed and said: - The donkeys are six, neighbour,

but_____

2. Read an Arabic Counting Tale. In emty places put a card with picture. so you could read all story!

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Appendix

donkey	small	rich	poor	market	walked	donkey	counted	four
afraid	smiled	ear	villager	See	ground	saddle	loughed	six
legs								
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