

CHAPTER 1

It was June. Two people were climbing a mountain. One was a girl called Heidi. The other was her aunt, Dete. Heidi was an **orphan**. Her parents died when she was a baby. Dete looked after her. She was a nice woman. She lived in a village in the Swiss Alps. She wanted to move to Frankfurt. She didn't want to take Heidi with her. Heidi was five years old. Dete was taking Heidi to live with her grandfather.

Her grandfather lived at the top of a mountain. It was a long way from the village. It took a long time to walk there. Heidi was very tired. There was a boy on the mountain. He was **herding** goats.

They reached Heidi's grandfather's house. Dete knocked on the door. Heidi's grandfather opened the door.

"What are you doing here?" he asked.

"I have brought Heidi to live with you. I am moving to Frankfurt. I cannot take her with me," Dete said. Dete left Heidi at the house. She left quickly.

"I do not want him to say, 'no'," Dete thought.

"How old are you?" grandfather asked.

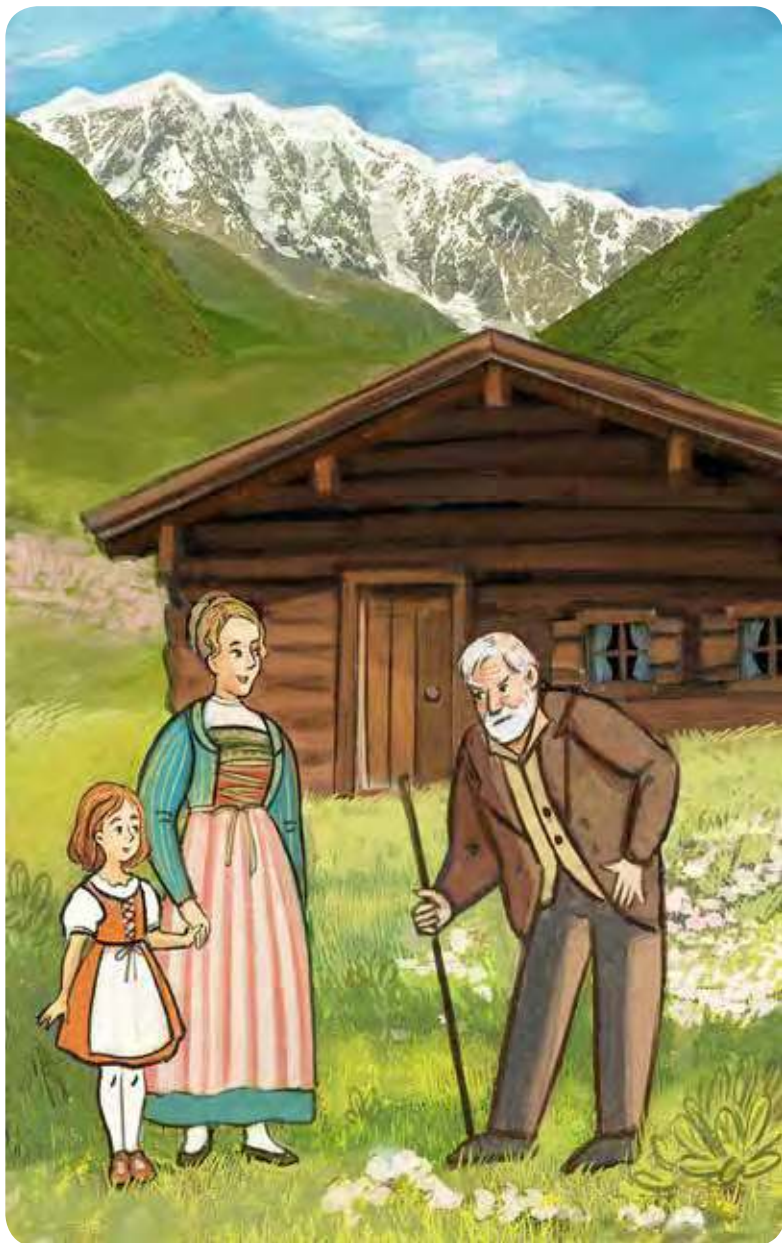
"I am five," Heidi said.

"You look tired," grandfather said.

"It is a long way up the mountain. I have never climbed a mountain before. I am tired. I am thirsty," Heidi said.

orphan (n) a child whose parents are dead

herd (v) to keep or move animals together



“I have brought Heidi to live with you. I am moving to Frankfurt. I cannot take her with me,” Dete said.

“Sit down and drink this,” grandfather said. He gave Heidi some goat’s milk. She drank it.

“That tastes good,” Heidi said.

“That is because it is fresh,” grandfather said.

There was not much to do at grandfather’s house. He didn’t have any toys for her to play with. The village was a long way away. It was quiet. Grandfather didn’t have a lot of time to play with Heidi.

Heidi went to **explore** the mountain. She saw a boy with the goats.

“Hello,” Heidi said.

“Hello,” the boy said.

“My name is Heidi. Who are you?” Heidi asked.

“My name is Peter,” the boy said.

“What are you doing?” Heidi asked.

“I am a **shepherd**. I look after the goats. I make sure they don’t get lost. I keep them safe from other animals,” Peter said.

“Who owns the goats?” Heidi asked.

“They are your grandfather’s,” Peter said.

Heidi went back to her grandfather’s house. They talked and ate together.

“I like having Heidi here,” grandfather thought.

explore (v) to look around a place or to learn more about it
shepherd (n) a person who takes care of sheep or goats

Heidi liked living with grandfather. She went outside every day. She played on the mountains. She went to see Peter every day. Heidi liked Peter. Peter liked Heidi. They became friends.

Peter was just a shepherd boy. No one was nice to him. Heidi was always nice to Peter. Heidi took her lunch to Peter. It was her second day on the mountain. She ate her lunch. Peter was always hungry. He never had enough to eat. Peter was sitting next to Heidi.

“Here, you can have this. I have enough to eat,” Heidi said. She gave Peter some of her food. Peter didn’t know what to say. No one gave him their food before. He looked at Heidi. He was **amazed**.

“It is just bread and cheese,” Heidi said. Peter still didn’t take the food. He didn’t know what to do. Heidi put the bread and cheese on his knee. Peter looked at the food. He picked it up and ate it quickly.

“Thank you” he said.

Peter taught Heidi about all the goats. They all had names. They all had different personalities. One of the goats was naughty. Peter went to hit the goat.

“No!” Heidi cried.

“I must hit the goats when they are bad,” Peter said.

“Please, don’t. I will give you food every day. But you cannot hit the goats any more,” Heidi said.

“I promise I will not hit the goats any more,” Peter said.
amazed (adj) feeling or showing great surprise

GRAMMAR CHECK

Test-1

Choose the correct word (s) written in bold.

1. Her grandfather **has lived** / **lived** at the top of a mountain. It was a long way from the village.
2. Grandfather didn't have **any** / **no** toys for her to play with.
3. Heidi went to explore the mountain. She **saw** / **has seen** a boy with the goats.
4. Heidi gave Peter **some** / **any** of her food. He didn't know what to say.
5. Fraulein Rottenmeier tried to find a way to send Heidi home. She **has gone** / **went** to talk to Klara's teacher.
6. She went to the top of the tower to look for some trees. She **couldn't** / **cannot** see any.
7. Fraulein Rottenmeier punished Heidi. She **takes** / **took** Heidi to the cellar and locked her there.
8. Fraulein Rottenmeier was angry with Heidi because she **is trying** / **was trying** to leave.
9. Sebastian found Heidi's hat. He took it back into the house. He **hide** / **hid** it from Fraulein Rottenmeier.
10. Heidi **has started** / **started** crying when she was reading the book.

VOCABULARY CHECK

Test-1

Match the words with the pictures.

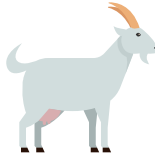
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cloak

wheelchair
cupboard

goat
bread rolls



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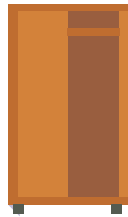
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