

CHAPTER 1

Andras sat on his white horse and looked around. He looked south towards the **distant** hills. He turned and looked north at the coast. He looked west across the wide river and east across the growing fields. He smiled. Everything he saw belonged to his **tribe**.

Up ahead, two farmers were passing. They were walking their **cattle**. The cows looked fat and healthy although they moved slowly.

Andras sat up straight. He waited for the men to notice him. However, they **kept on** walking and ignored him. Andras rode towards them angrily.

“Stop!” he shouted. “Don’t you know who I am?”

“No,” said one of the farmers.

Andras jumped down from his horse. Without any warning, he hit the farmer in the face. The other man stepped back. Andras turned and hit that farmer too. The man fell to the ground.

“FOOLS!” shouted Andras. “I am Prince Andras! Eldest son of the great King Brenin! Show some respect when you see me!”

The second man stood up slowly. He looked frightened. The first man got up quickly. There was blood in his mouth.

distant (adjective) not close, far away; not wanting a close relationship

tribe (noun) a group of people (usually of the same kind)

cattle (noun) domestic animals, especially cows, bulls, and calves

keep on (phrasal verb) to continue



Andras jumped down from his horse. Without any warning, he hit the farmer in the face.

He was a huge man, much bigger than Andras. He looked very angry and **stared** at Andras. His left hand held a large stick.

“Is there a problem?” said Andras. “Do you have something to say?”

Andras took out his sword and held it by his side.

The large man showed no fear. He took a step forward and looked like he was going to fight Andras. However, his friend held his arm and pulled him away. He **bowed** to the prince.

“We are very sorry, Prince Andras,” he said. “We didn’t recognise you. It won’t happen again. We will show more respect in future.”

“Okay, you can go,” said Andras.

The two men walked away. The larger man looked back at Andras several times. However, his friend kept hold of his arm and pulled him away.

“This is wrong,” thought Andras, as he watched them leave. “The people should know and fear me. My father is not strong enough. They need to know who rules this tribe.”

Andras rode to the coast where he sat down to think. King Brenin was a good king, but he was getting old. It was true that the people lived well here. They were never hungry and they

stare (verb) to look at something/somebody directly and with wide-open eyes
bow (verb) to bend your head forwards

had no enemies. No one attacked their homes or burnt their **crops** or stole their cattle. They lived in peace. When there were arguments among the people, King Brenin always listened carefully and made good decisions. He was very **wise** and fair, but he was not **ambitious**.

Andras loved his father very much, but he thought he could be a better king. He loved stories about heroes from long ago. He loved men who travelled across the land and sea to have amazing adventures. People still told those stories and still remembered those heroes.

This was a big island with many other tribes. Andras dreamt about leading an army to fight these other tribes. There were lands full of cattle and **wealth**. Most importantly, these lands were full of people. **Victory** in battle brought slaves! King Brenin's people worked hard. They worked from morning until night in the fields, day after day. That was work for slaves.

"I'll bring back slaves," Andras thought. "Our people won't have to work in the fields. They will have time to train as warriors and become the best fighters in the world. No one will be able to **defeat** them. And I will lead them!"

crop (noun) plants that farmers grow

wise (adjective) having or showing good judgment; sensible

ambitious (adjective) having a desire to be powerful, famous, or successful

wealth (noun) a large amount of money or possessions

victory (noun) winning in a battle or competition

defeat (verb) to win against someone in a war, game, etc

CHAPTER 2

Andras was excited. He rode his horse across the fields towards home. He hit his horse hard to make it go as fast as it could.

He rode right into the centre of town. When he reached the Great Hall, he jumped down and went inside. This was the largest building in town. It was where the king made all the important decisions. It was very **impressive**. Andras saw a group of people sitting at the far end of the hall. He was very **determined** as he walked towards them.

They were sitting at a table enjoying their lunch. There were six men, all grey-haired and **aged**.

“Father,” Andras said loudly. “I want to speak to you.”

The king looked annoyed. Andras had not shown respect. He had known these men for many years and enjoyed their company. It was wrong for his son to **demand** to speak to him.

impressive (adjective) something that is impressive makes you admire it because it is very large, good or important

determined (adjective) having a strong desire to do something and not letting anyone change your mind

aged (adjective) old

demand (verb) to want; to ask for



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GRAMMAR QUIZZES

Quiz-1

Use the conjunctions in brackets to rewrite the sentences as in the example below.

1. Andras was the eldest son, but he did not become king.
(Although)
Although Andras was the eldest son, he did not become king.
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2. The king was far away, but he was still watching me.
(Although)
.....
3. It was a big boar, but I managed to kill it. (However)
.....
4. Gwen waited for a long time, but Andras did not come home.
(Though)
.....
5. I wanted the shield, but I couldn't just steal it. (Although)
.....
6. Prince Elis wanted to marry Gwen, but I married her. (However)
.....
7. Huw was from a different tribe, but he was still a good man.
(Though)
.....
8. I wanted to go outside, but it was raining. (Even though)
.....
9. I don't want to go this way, but it is quicker (Even though)
.....
10. Mabon went to the right, and I went to the left (While)
.....

Quiz-2

Complete the sentences with *before, after, when, since* or *until*.

1. It was Yulia's birthday, and they were going to go to the cinema school to celebrate.
2. Mum was annoyed because we all still needed to pack we went away on holiday tomorrow morning.
3. "I'll apologise I get the respect I deserve," she said calmly.
4. It's been quite a challenge, but I haven't eaten any chocolate I started my diet.
5. The proud fans cheered for their team they narrowly won the game.
6. They were excited because they'd never been swimming
7. Whatever you do, don't release the pressure the bleeding has stopped!
8. She was nervous as she hadn't been back home her mum died.
9. The council contacted John to say the road would be closed further notice.
10. He was alarmed he realised Jack would be home any minute and the flat was still a mess.