

# Super English

Level 5 - Unit 14  
Folktales - Lesson 2



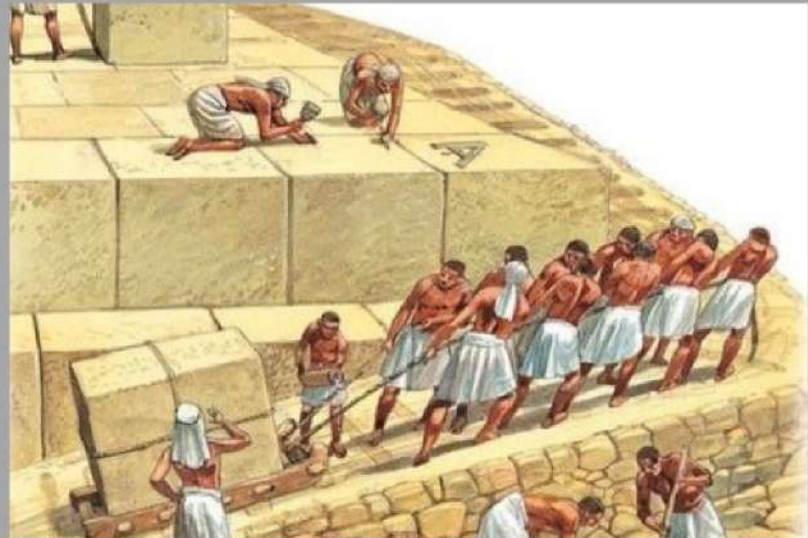


Vocabulary

# Folktales - Vocabulary



**slave:** a person who belongs to someone else and has no freedom; usually treated badly and forced to work hard (n)



The **slaves** were forced to work many hours every day with little food and water.



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**alley:** a narrow road or path between buildings (n)



They walked through the **alley** because it was shorter than walking around the block.

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**barrel:** a large round container for liquids or food that is usually wider in the middle (v)



The building was full of large wine **barrels**.



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**stab:** to thrust a sharp pointed object such as a knife into something or someone (v)



The man used his fork to **stab** the hotdog so that he could eat it.



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# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



After a while, Qassim heard the tapping of horse hooves. The forty thieves had come back to the cave. When they entered the cave, they found Qassim sitting with the bags of gold and treasure. Without asking a single question, the chief killed him with a knife and left his body lying inside the cave. Qassim's wife went to Ali Baba to tell him that Qassim had disappeared, so Ali Baba went to the cave to look for him.



# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



Ali Baba found his brother lying dead in the cave. He brought him back to his wife. Qassim's slave, Morgiana, said they should hide the reason for his death from everyone. She would report to the doctor that Qassim had died from an illness. Everyone agreed this would be best. Qassim's wife was so upset from the death of her husband that she also passed away a few days later. Ali Baba thought Morgiana was very clever and good, so he took her to his house to work for him.

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When the thieves returned to the cave and discovered that someone had taken Qassim's body, they knew another person knew their secret. The chief ordered his men to go to the village and find out who had died recently. All the men rode to the village to find out. One thief talked to the doctor and was told that Qassim and his wife had died recently. The doctor told the thief where Qassim's brother lived.



# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



The thief rode to Ali Baba's home and marked the door, so he could bring the chief there the next day and kill everyone. When Morgiana returned to the house, she noticed the mark on the door and knew this meant danger for the family. Morgiana was very clever and decided to mark all the doors in the alley with the same mark. At midnight the thieves came but were confused by all the marks.

# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



The next day the chief asked the doctor where the house was again. The chief went to Ali Baba's house pretending to be an oil merchant. All the other thieves hid in large oil **barrels** he brought with him. He knocked on Ali Baba's door and asked if he could rest there for the night. Ali Baba agreed and asked Morgiana to put the barrels in the back of the house.



# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



While putting the barrels in the back of the house, Morgiana heard a whispering sound coming from one of them. It was one of the thieves talking to himself. Morgiana realized that the barrels all had thieves in them, and the merchant was their chief. Morgiana got a lot of hot boiling oil. She poured the boiling oil into the barrels killing all the thieves quickly.

# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



Next, Morgiana went inside to see the chief. She brought in a delicious dinner for everyone. As Morgiana went to serve the chief of thieves, she pulled a dagger from her sleeve and **stabbed** him through his heart. Ali Baba was shocked and asked Morgiana why she had done such a terrible thing to their guest.



# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



Morgiana explained everything to Ali Baba. Ali Baba was very grateful she had saved his life and told her that she was now a member of his family and no longer a slave. Morgiana was very happy and thankful to Ali Baba. Everyone kept the secret of the cave and its treasure, and they all lived happily together.





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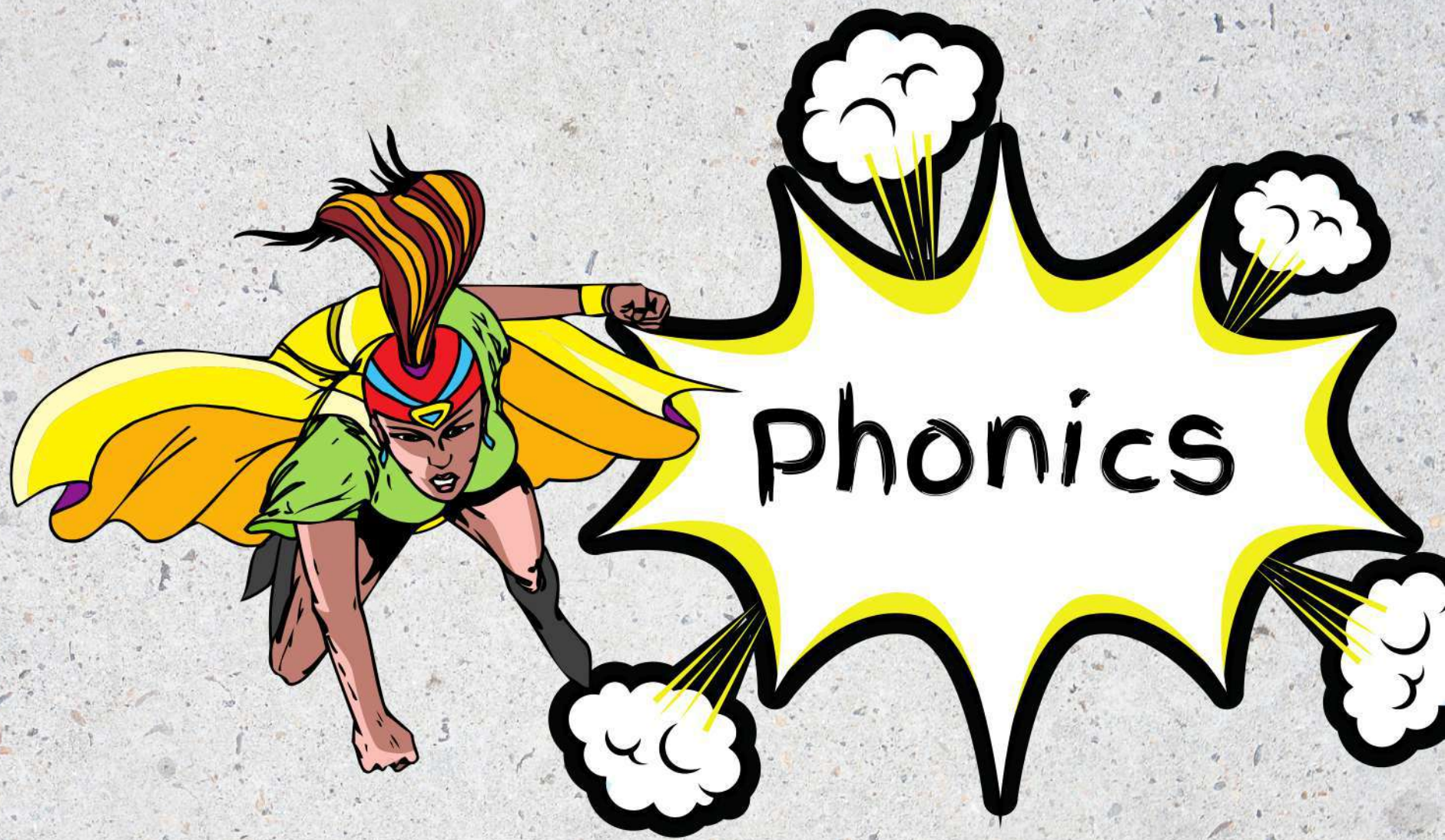
# didn't use to

The negative of **used to** is most commonly **didn't use(d) to**. Sometimes we write it with a final -d, sometimes not.

1. I **didn't use to exercise** much, but now I go to the gym every day.
2. He **didn't used to be** so unhappy, but now he rarely smiles.



Both forms are common, but many people consider the form with the final -d to be incorrect, and you should not use it in exams:



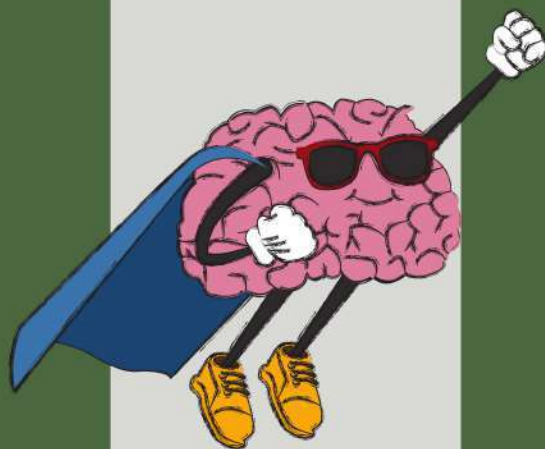
Phonics



# Phonics

When a word has the letters **ex + vowel**, we pronounce it like **egz**. When **h** follows **ex**, it is silent.

exactly  
examination  
exertion  
executive  
existence  
example  
exercise



exaggerate  
exotic  
exude  
exit  
exhausted  
exhibit  
exhale

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