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Lesson 24

Pambungad

*Magandang araw sa iyo, munting mambabasa! Handa ka na bang galugarin ang ating kwento ngayong araw? Sabay-sabay nating basahin ang librong **"The Little Prince"** isinulat ni **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**. Huwag mag-alala; gagabayen kita, kaibigan!*

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Book Title: The Little Prince (CHAPTER 24)

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THE LITTLE PRINCE: CHAPTER 24

Welcome Learner! This is AHA! Learning Center. You are going to learn chapter 24 of our story **"The Little Prince"**.

Chapter XXIV develops the relationship between the pilot and the little prince. The little prince shares what he has learned about truth being invisible. The little prince points out that the desert is beautiful because of a well that cannot be seen, the stars are beautiful because of a lovely rose that cannot be seen. He repeats the fox's secret: What is most important is invisible. When the day ends, the pilot realizes the wisdom of the fox. The objective of today's lesson is to explore the theme: "What is most important is invisible."

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LEVEL 1 VOCAB HUNT

TEACHER: Before we start our journey to learn what chapter 6 is all about, let's try to hunt some vocabulary words that can help us understand the story much better, and

this means that we have to find out the meaning of the following words below.

1. charmingly
2. weariness
3. feverish
4. radiation
5. trudged

Do you find it hard? Go ahead and ask help from your friends!

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LEVEL 2: LET'S READ!

TEACHER: *I know it seems so long, but I know that you can do it!*

TEACHER: *Oh no! Before reading this, you might want to consider reading Level 2. You'll understand the story much better if you don't skip the level.*

It was now the eighth day since I had had my accident in the desert, and I had listened to the story of the merchant as I was drinking the last drop of my water supply. "Ah," I said to the little prince, "these memories of yours are very charming; but I have not yet succeeded in repairing my plane; I have nothing more to drink; and I, too, should be very happy if I could walk at my leisure toward a spring of fresh water!" "My friend the fox--" the little prince said to me. "My dear little man, this is no longer a matter that has anything to do with the fox!" "Why not?" "Because I am about to die of thirst..." He did not follow my reasoning, and he answered me: "It is a good thing to have had a friend, even if one is about to die. I, for instance, am very glad to have had a fox as a friend..." "He has no way of guessing the danger," I said to myself. "He has never been either hungry or thirsty. A little sunshine is all he needs..." But he looked at me steadily, and replied to my thought: "I am thirsty, too. Let us look for a well..." I made a gesture of weariness. It is absurd to look for a well, at random, in the immensity of the desert. But nevertheless we started walking. When we had trudged along for several hours, in silence, the darkness fell, and the stars began to come out. Thirst had made me a little feverish, and I looked at them as if I were in a dream. The little prince's last words came reeling back into my memory: "Then you are thirsty, too?" I demanded. But he did not reply to my question. He merely said to me: "Water may also be good for the heart..." I did not understand this answer, but I said nothing. I knew very well that it was impossible to cross-examine him. He was tired. He sat down. I sat down beside him. And, after a little silence, he spoke again: "The stars are beautiful, because of a flower that cannot be seen." I replied, "Yes, that is so." And, without saying anything more, I looked across the ridges of sand that were stretched out before us in the moonlight. "The desert is beautiful," the little prince added. And that was true. I have always loved the desert. One sits down on a desert sand dune, sees nothing, hears nothing. Yet through the silence something throbs, and gleams... "What makes the desert beautiful," said the little prince, "is that somewhere it hides a well..." I was astonished by a sudden

understanding of that mysterious radiation of the sands. When I was a little boy I lived in an old house, and legend told us that a treasure was buried there. To be sure, no one had ever known how to find it; perhaps no one had ever even looked for it. But it cast an enchantment over that house. My home was hiding a secret in the depths of its heart... "Yes," I said to the little prince. "The house, the stars, the desert-- what gives them their beauty is something that is invisible!" "I am glad," he said, "that you agree with my fox." As the little prince dropped off to sleep, I took him in my arms and set out walking once more. I felt deeply moved, and stirred. It seemed to me that I was carrying a very fragile treasure. It seemed to me, even, that there was nothing more fragile on all Earth. In the moonlight I looked at his pale forehead, his closed eyes, his locks of hair that trembled in the wind, and I said to myself: "What I see here is nothing but a shell. What is most important is invisible..." As his lips opened slightly with the suspicious of a half-smile, I said to myself, again: "What moves me so deeply, about this little prince who is sleeping here, is his loyalty to a flower-- the image of a rose that shines through his whole being like the flame of a lamp, even when he is asleep..." And I felt him to be more fragile still. I felt the need of protecting him, as if he himself were a flame that might be extinguished by a little puff of wind... And, as I walked on so, I found the well, at daybreak. Chapter 25 "Men," said the little prince, "s

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LEVEL 3: LET'S REVIEW

TEACHER: *This might help you understand the story!*

- The pilot and the little prince are on their eighth day together in the desert.
- The pilot has run out of water and is facing death.
- They go together to look for water.
- The little prince falls asleep and the pilot carries him.
- At day break the pilot finds a well.

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LEVEL 4: LET'S TRY

TEACHER: *You have gone so far as a learner! Let's do the level 4 to see your ability to understand and remember. If you have your notebook and pen write the letter of the correct answer.*

157. How many days have the pilot and little prince been together when the pilot drinks the last of his water supply?

- (a) Eight days.
- (b) Forty four days.
- (c) Two days.
- (d) A year and a half.

158. Who is dying of thirst in the desert?

- (a) Neither are dying of thirst. They are only panicking. It is not really a problem.
- (b) The pilot is dying of thirst. The little prince is not human and does not need water.
- (c) The little prince is smaller and more susceptible to dying of thirst.
- (d) Both the pilot and the little prince. The pilot's thirst is physical ,and the little prince needs spiritual awakening.

159. What does the little prince decide that they should look for to quench their thirst in Chapter XXIV?

- (a) Death.
- (b) A bottle of thirst quenching pills.
- (c) Baobab trees.
- (d) A well.

160. Night falls and the pilot and little prince are walking in the dark. What do they think of the desert in the moonlight?

- (a) There is no hope in the desert, all is lost.
- (b) The desert is like the stars, full of pieces that cannot be understood.
- (c) The desert is beautiful.
- (d) The desert is a good place to die.

161. What does the little prince believe that the desert hides?

- (a) A well.
- (b) The secret of eternal youth.
- (c) Snakes that can kill.
- (d) A home for the ages.

162. What moves the pilot so much about the little prince whom he carries in his arms across the dark desert?

- (a) That he is from another planet and yet is here now.
- (b) That the little prince is dying.
- (c) That the little prince has given up hope and needs protection.
- (d) His loyalty to a flower--the image of a rose that shines through his whole being.

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LEVEL 5: LET'S WRITE

TEACHER: Last wave na to! Wag kang susuko. Write a paragraph making the case for one side of the statement:

TEACHER: *Last wave na to! Wag kang susuko.*

- How does the relationship between the little prince and the pilot change in Chapter XXIV? What does the little prince teach the pilot? Does the pilot understand? Does he change as a result of what the little prince teaches him?

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CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE DONE WITH CHAPTER 24 SEE YOU FOR OUR CHAPTER 25!

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