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Good morning students

Today we will take up the passage 'The Fraud' as a part of English Comprehension assignment. This passage has been taken from your English Comprehension book titled 'Friday Afternoon'.

Students now let us start with the passage 'The Fraud'. Here I am going to explain you the summary of the passage. This paragraph is written by Susan Price. In this story the writer has taken two character a little girl named Sue and her mother. Sue and her mother lived on the hot green island of Jamaica, where monkeys lived on the trees. The little girl Sue was all alone living with her mother. There was no one to play with her. One day she asked her mother if she could go down to play with the little boy who lived there. Her mother gave her permission to go down to play with the little boy but there was



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was a condition that she had to come back before it's dark. The monkeys on the trees saw the mother wagged her finger at Sue and the wagged their fingers at each other because monkeys copy what they see people doing. Sue asked her mother why she had to come back before it's dark. The mother told her that if she came back when it's dark then she will be afraid. Sue heard this word very first time so she asked her mother what was 'Fraid' instead of afraid. Mother warned her that if she came home in the dark she would know about afraid. Sue got the instructions and went down to play with the little boy. They played, covering their eyes with hands and the monkeys copied. Sue was enjoying the company of the little boy so she forgot her mother's warning. When she went back it was dark. Her mother was angry but Sue said to her mother though I came in dark but I am not a 'Fraid'. A few days later Sue again asked her mother to go to play with the little boy. Mother gave her permission but with the same warning. This time she again forgot her



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promise with her mother. When mother saw that Sue was again late so she decided to teach her a lesson. The mother got a large white sheet. The monkeys saw the mother taking a white sheet so one of the monkeys went into the house and got a little white towel. Sue's mother took the sheet and hid herself by the side of the road. Sue was coming back and enjoying, she was not at all afraid because she did not know what a fraud was. When her mother saw her, she took the white sheet over her head, so she would look like a ghost as the monkey was following the mother it copied the mother and took the white towel over its head. When Sue came close the mother made the sheet flap and also made a sound like ghost. When Sue saw a white thing flapping in the dark she thought it must be a 'Fraud' that her mother told her. The monkey was still copying the mother and it was just behind the mother flapping the white towel over its head.



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When Sue saw the little white thing also flapping in the dark. she said "Big Fraud, there's a little Fraud behind you!" and the mother turned around and saw the little monkey, she thought it was the real ghost. She was so afraid that she ran. As the monkey copied so it ran after her mother. When monkey's towel fell off then the mother felt silly.

Alright students I hope you all enjoyed the story. Now you all are required to read the content given in the book and do exercise-A. given on page number. 43. as a part of your home assignment.

On the basis of your understanding of the story answers of the home assignment will be done by yourselves. Thank you.

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