#### Lesson 11 Lord of the Flies

"Lord of the Flies" is one of the must-read books for British and America students. This novel was written by William Golding, a Nobel Prize laureate for Literature.

"Lord of the Flies" tells the story of a **group** of British **choir** boys who are the **only survivors** of a **plane crash**. They are now on an **island** where no one lives. At the very beginning, the boys are **quite united**. They try to work together to **fight** against **beasts** which may **exist** in the **wilderness**. But soon, for some **reason**, they **split** and one group of boys become very **violent**. Fights start and **tragedies** follow. One boy who almost becomes **mad sets fire** to the **entire** island. The fire **attracts** a British **warship** and the boys are **rescued**. Yet the warship is **sailing** to another fighting **zone**, as can be **expected**.

This story tells us that **human beings** can easily **degenerate**. Choir boys are **supposed** to be good and **civilized**. The **original** thinking of the boys is good: to be united and **defend** themselves. But quickly, they become **enemies** and **attack** each other. This **happens** all the time in **history**. We may say that "Lord of the Flies" **appears** on earth almost every day.

Lord of the flies has the same **meaning** as **Satan**, the **devil**.

#### Vocabularies

appear 出現 attack 攻擊 attract 吸引 beast 野獸 choir 合唱 choir boy 唱詩班孩子 civilized 文明的 crash 墜落 defend 保衛 degenerate 墮落,沉淪 devil 魔鬼 enemy 敵人 entire 全部 exist 存在 expected 預期的, expect 的過去分詞 fight 作戰 fly 蒼蠅 group 集團 happen 發生 history 歷史 human beings 人類 island 島 laureate 桂冠詩人 literature 文學 lord 上主,領袖,貴族頭銜 mad 瘋狂 meaning 意義 Nobel 諾貝爾 only 惟一 original 原始的 plane 飛機 prize 奬 quite 很 reason 理由 rescue 救 sail 航行 Satan 撒旦 set fire 放火 split 分裂 suppose 假設 survivor 生存者 tragedy 悲劇 united 團結,unite 的過去分詞 violent 狂暴的 warship 戰艦 wilderness 荒野 winner 勝利者,得獎者 zone 區域

### **More Sentences**

- 1. This house was built by my father.
- 2. Was the house built by your father?
- 3. I have never written this letter.
- 4. He won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1978.
- 5. He is very famous in literature.
- 6. He is an Oscar winner.
- 7. This movie tells a story about a group of soldiers who got lost in the war.
- 8. This book talks about the history of mathematics.
- 9. We have a very good choir in our church.
- 10. All choir boys are supposed to be good boys.
- 11. There is no survivor in that car accident.
- 12. I am the only survivor of that fire which destroyed our house.
- 13. There was another plane crash yesterday.
- 14. There are too many plane crashes recently.
- 15. Taiwan is a big island.
- 16. No man is an island.
- 17. At the very beginning, he was a weak boy. But he got stronger and stronger.
- 18. At the very beginning, we were doing all right.
- 19. We should be united.
- 20. They have never been united. That is why they failed finally.
- 21. We should fight to the end.
- 22. We should fight against our enemy.
- 23. Oh, he is really a beast.
- 24. I am afraid of beasts.
- 25. There does not exist any bad guys here.
- 26. Many clever children exist in our society.
- 27. I like to walk in the wilderness.
- 28. I am scared to be in the wilderness.
- 29. There is no reason to be afraid of dogs.
- 30. One reason that he is lazy is that he has a rich father.
- 31. The country was split into two countries.
- 32. The company split into many small companies.
- 33. He is a violent person.
- 34. Do not be violent. It is bad for you.
- 35. This is a real tragedy.
- 36. He who became blind two years ago, is still working.

- 37. He who was very violent before is now liked by anyone.
- 38. He did not set fire to the woods.
- 39. The entire nation is shocked by the news.
- 40. The entire country is beautiful.
- 41. The news has attracted many people to come to this town.
- 42. The good environment attracts many birds.
- 43. He was finally rescued.
- 44. It is too late to rescue him now.
- 45. The battleship was sailing away.
- 46. This is a walking zone; no car is allowed.
- 47. Rain is not expected.
- 48. He is expected to come.
- 49. We expect it to rain tonight.
- 50. We human beings should love one another.
- 51. It is bad for us human beings.
- 52. He is supposed to come here tonight.
- 53. You are supposed to have finished the report.
- 54. This is not a civilized society.
- 55. In a civilized society, we solve problems according to the law.
- 56. He is not very civilized.
- 57. He degenerated into a useless person.
- 58. The storm is degenerating and is now not a threat at all.
- 59. The original aim is to bring peace to the world.
- 60. The original idea is a good one.
- 61. We should defend ourselves.
- 62. We should defend our freedom.
- 63. Japan attacked China in 1937
- 64. This has never happened in our history.
- 65. Many wars happened here long time ago.
- 66. A tragedy happened last night.
- 67. We may say that he is a good person.
- 68. We may that he brought peace to the world.
- 69. He may appear in the party tonight.
- 70. He has never appeared.
- 71. This sentence has no meaning at all.

### Points of Grammar to Be Noted

- This novel was written by William Golding, 這句話是被動語氣,主動語氣是 William Golding wrote this novel.
- "Lord of the Flies" tells the story about a group of British choir boys who are the only survivors of a plane crash. 這句話裡的 who 是不能省略的。
- are quite united 這裡,"united"是過去分詞用作形容詞,我們很少話 They unite.而會說 They are united.
- One boy who almost becomes mad sets fire of the entire island.
  這句話的主詞是 one boy,動詞是 sets, who almost becomes mad 是形容 one boy
  的子句。
- 5. the boys are rescued 這句話又是被動語氣.
- 6. can be expected

因為有 can,又是被動語氣,"be"要用原形。我們也可以用以下主動語氣的句子;

We expect him to come soon. No one expects him to appear.

The teacher expects the students to work hard.

7. This happens

"happen"是不及物動詞。以下的句子都是錯的,因為"happen"被用成了及物動詞。

China happened many wars.

This town happened a fire last night.

# **Translate the Following Sentences into English:**

- 1. 這本書是我在1976年寫的。
- 2. 他去年得了三個獎。
- 3. 我是這場車禍中二個生存者之一。
- 4. 這個國家分裂成兩個。

- 5. 這是個兇暴的社會。
- 6. 這個暴風雨襲擊了整個國家。
- 7. 他們原有的目的是好的。
- 8. 我們以為他會來的.。
- 9. 他隨時可能出現。
- 10. 這部電影沒有任何意義。

## **Correct the following mistakes:**

- 1. This book is written by me in 1965.
- 2. This novel is one of the best novel.
- 3. This is a town no man lives.
- 4. They are quite uniting.
- 5. They try run very fast.
- 6. They try to find tigers may exist in this area.
- 7. The boys rescued.
- 8. This can not be expect.
- 9. China happened many wars.
- 10. China appeared many plane crashes.