

Lesson 9

The Little Prince

Living on ¹

The Little Prince's Feeling: doubtful

Details/Events:

The rose ²

The Little Prince's Feeling:

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Details/Events:

He decided to leave his planet.

Arrival on ⁴

The Little Prince's Feeling:

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Details/Events:

The little prince was told that the rose was ⁶, but he saw thousands of them.

Meeting the Fox

The Little Prince's Feeling: confused

Details/Events:

The fox asked the little prince to tame him, which means they can ⁷. This made them unique for each other. Later, the little prince realized the rose was special to him because ⁸.

The Little Prince's Feeling: enlightened

Details/Events: The fox explained why taming would be good for him.

- (1) The sound of the little prince's steps would attract the fox ⁹.
- (2) The color of the wheat reminded the fox of ¹⁰.

The Little Prince's Feeling: curious

Details/Events: To tame the fox, the little prince should

- (1) keep a certain ¹¹ from the fox.
- (2) avoid saying anything to the fox for fear of ¹².

Saying Farewell

The Little Prince's Feeling: sad

Details/Events:

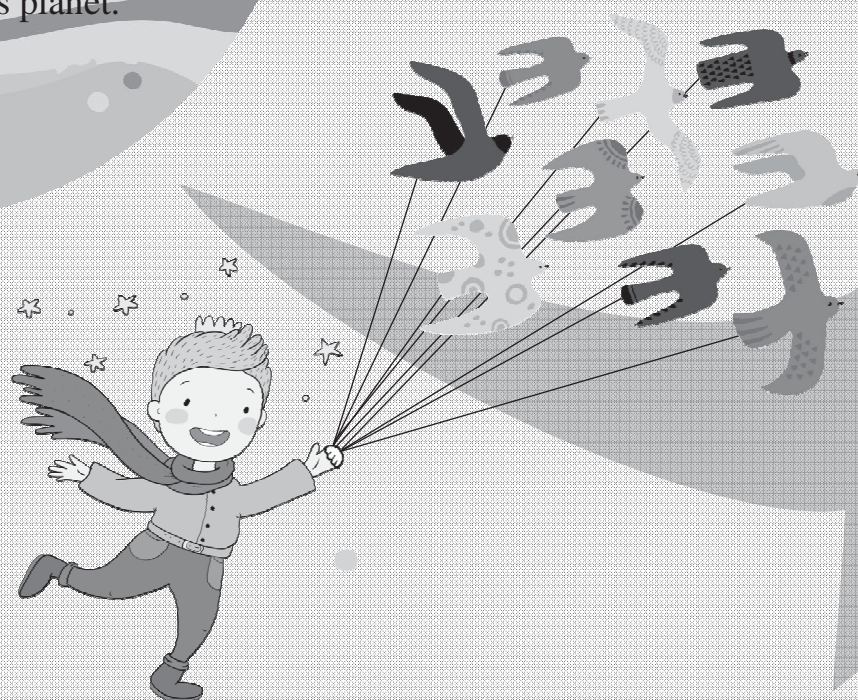
The little prince would depart from Earth and he blamed the sadness on the fox's request to be ¹³. However, the fox thought the connection ¹⁴.

The Little Prince's Feeling: enlightened

Details/Events:

The farewell gift is a ¹⁵.

- (1) It is ¹⁶ that we can see clearly.
- (2) What is essential is ¹⁷ to the eye.



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第一段~第二段

There was once a little prince who lived on a tiny planet, B-612. He fell in love with a **mysterious** rose, but he soon began to doubt her because of her **constant** lies. Feeling **confused** and lonely, he decided to **explore** other planets.

Arriving on Earth, the little prince saw thousands of roses. He was **stunned** because his rose had told him she was one of a kind. He lay down on the grass, crying. Then a fox appeared and asked the little prince to **tame** him. The little prince asked the fox the meaning of “tame.” “It means making **connections**,” said the fox. “Let me explain. To me, you’re nothing more than a little boy like all other little boys. To you, I am a fox like all other foxes. But if you tame me, then we will rely on each other, and we will be **unique** in the world for each other.”

第三段~第八段

“I am beginning to understand,” said the little prince. “There is a flower ... I think she has tamed me ...”
“It’s possible,” said the fox. “We see all **sorts** of things on Earth.”
“Oh! This is not on Earth,” said the little prince. The fox was **fascinated**.
“On another planet?”
“Yes.”
“That’s very interesting!” Then the fox came back to his idea. “My life is **dull**,” he said. “I’m a little bored. But if you tame me, I will recognize the sound of a step that is different from other steps, which make me hide under the ground. Yours will **attract** me out of my burrow. And look! You see the wheat **fields** over there? I do not eat bread, so wheat is not useful to me. But you have hair with the color of gold. When you have tamed me, the golden wheat will **remind** me of you. Please—tame me!”

第九段~第十三段

“I’d like to,” replied the little prince, “but I’m running out of time. I have friends to **discover** and many things I need to understand.”
“We can only understand the things that we tame,” said the fox. “There is no shop that sells friendship. If you want a friend, tame me!”
“How?” asked the little prince.
“You must be **patient**,” replied the fox. “First, sit down at a little distance from me. I will look at you out of the corner of my eye, and you don’t have to say anything. Language leads to **misunderstandings**. But every day, you can sit a little closer to me.”

第十四段~第二十段

The next day the little prince tamed the fox.
But when the hour of his **departure** drew near—
“I feel like crying,” said the fox.
“It’s your own fault,” said the little prince, “You wanted me to tame you.....”
“Yes, I know,” said the fox.
“But you’re about to cry!” said the little prince. “So, it has done you no good!”
“It has done me good,” said the fox, “because of the color of the wheat fields.” Then he added, “ Go look at the roses again. You will understand that yours is unique. Come back to say goodbye, and I will give you a secret as a present.”

第二十一段~第二十三段

The little prince went to look at the roses again. “ You are not like my rose at all,” he said. “You are like my fox when I first met him. He was like all other foxes. But I made friends with him and now he is unique.” Then he went back to the fox.
“Goodbye,” he said.
“Goodbye,” said the fox. “Here is my secret. It is only with the heart that we can see clearly. What is **essential** is **invisible** to the eye.”
“What is essential is invisible to the eye,” the little prince repeated.
“It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important.”
“It is the time I have wasted for my rose—” said the little prince, so that he would be sure to remember.

Q&A

Paragraph 1~2

1. Why was the little prince stunned when he arrived on Earth? ★★

2. According to the passage, what is the meaning of “tame?” ★

3. For the little prince and the fox, what makes them unique to each other? ★

Paragraph 3~8

4. What does the little prince mean by saying “There is a flower ... I think she has tamed me ...?”★★★★

5. What does the fox usually do when he hears the sound of steps? ★

6. What difference will it make if the little prince tames the fox? ★★

Paragraph 9~13

7. In these paragraphs, which sentence reminds the little prince that people don’t need to understand anything but the things they care about? ★★★

8. Why does the fox tell the little prince not to say anything at first if he wants to tame the fox? ★

Paragraph 14~20

9. Why did the little prince say “It’s your own fault” to the fox? ★★

10. What does the color of the wheat fields symbolize? ★★

11. What did the fox ask the little prince to do before his departure? ★

Paragraph 21~23

12. What did the little prince think when he saw the roses again? ★★

13. What made the fox unique for the little prince? ★★

14. What is the secret that the fox gives as a farewell gift? ★
