



# Super English

Level 5 - Unit 14  
Folktales - Lesson 1





Vocabulary

# Survival - Vocabulary



**merchant:** a person whose business is buying and selling goods for profit (n)



The woman is a street **merchant** and sells cactus to people walking past.

# Survival - Vocabulary



**greedy:** wanting more and more of something, especially money; wanting more than you need (adj)



The **greedy** dog took all the bread off the table.

# Survival - Vocabulary



**imagine:** to form an idea in your mind of what somebody/something might be like (v)



The boy **imagined** being an astronaut and flying into space.

# Survival - Vocabulary



**honest:** telling the truth or able to be trusted and not likely to steal, cheat, or lie (adj)



The man was an **honest** person and didn't accept the money because it was too much.



Let's  
Read!

# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



Once upon a time, in a Persian city, there lived a carpet **merchant** with two sons, Qassim and Ali Baba. After their father's death, Qassim took over his father's business, but he was **greedy** and didn't share with Ali Baba. Qassim married a rich woman, but Ali Baba married a poor woman, so Ali Baba had to earn money by cutting and selling wood.



# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



One day, Ali Baba was cutting wood in the forest when he heard the galloping of many horses. He hid behind a rock and watched who was coming. Ali Baba saw forty men on horses with knives and swords. They were also carrying bags of gold and treasure.

# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



Ali Baba knew they were thieves and wondered why they were in the forest. Then he watched the chief raise his arms and say, "open sesame!" Just then, a giant rock slid to the side, opening up an entrance to a cave. The thieves went inside, and the door closed behind them. A little while later, the thieves left without the bags.

# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



Ali Baba couldn't resist going in to look. He stood in front of the cave and said, "open sesame." Again, the rock slid to the side. Ali Baba went inside, and the rock closed behind him. Ali Baba couldn't believe his eyes. There were piles of gold and treasure—more than he could ever **imagine**. Ali Baba thought he could take some coins, and the thieves would never notice. So he filled up a bag with coins and went home.

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When he reached home, Ali Baba called to his wife and dumped the coins in front of her. His wife was shocked and asked if he had stolen the coins. Ali Baba told her the story of the forty thieves and the cave. There were too many coins to count, so Ali Baba told his wife to go to his brother's house and borrow a weighing scale. So his wife hurried over and asked the sister-in-law to borrow a scale.

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Qassim's wife was curious about what they needed the scale for, so she put wax on the bottom of the scale. Whatever Ali Baba and his wife were weighing would stick to the wax. Ali Baba and his wife weighed the gold and were happy with the amount. Ali Baba told his wife that they must keep this a secret and not tell anyone. His wife agreed and returned the scale the next morning.

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Qassim's wife found the gold stuck to the wax and immediately informed her husband about his brother's wealth. Qassim wanted to know where Ali Baba got the gold. He went over and asked Ali Baba about it. Ali Baba was **honest** with his brother and told Qassim about the cave and the forty thieves. Qassim, a greedy man, decided to go to the cave and take some of the gold and treasure for himself.

# Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves



The next morning Qassim went to the cave with four sturdy mules to carry the gold. He reached the cave and shouted, "open sesame!" The rock slid open and then closed behind him. Qassim was amazed by all the gold and gems and wanted to take it all. He put it all into bags and started to leave, but in all his excitement, Qassim forgot the password to open the door and got locked inside the cave. To be continued...



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Grammar!

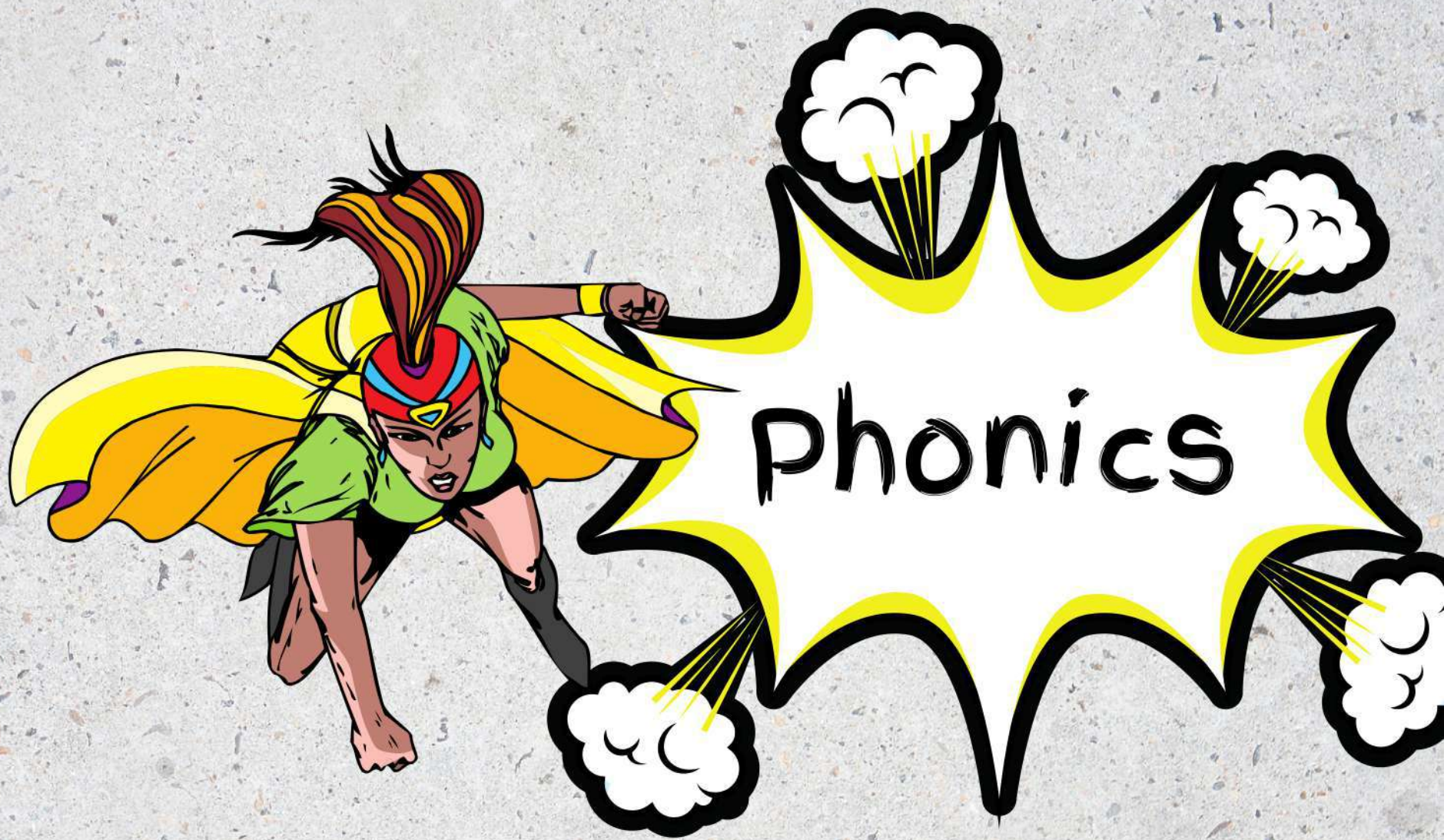


# used to

We use **used to + infinitive** to talk about things that happened in the past that are no longer true

1. I **used to live** in Chicago, but now I live in New York.
2. She **used to be** my English teacher when I was in school.
3. This restaurant isn't very good, but it **used to be** excellent.
4. I ride my bike to school, but I **used to walk**.



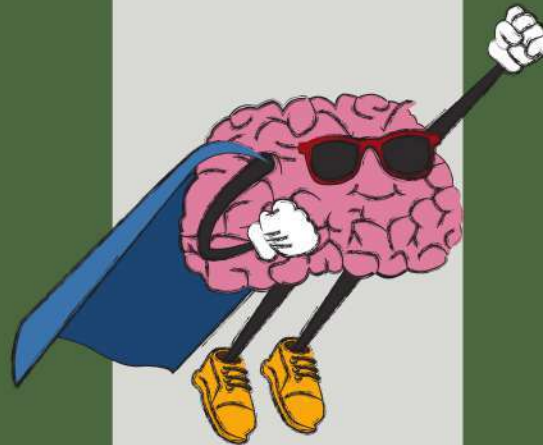


Phonics

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When a word has the letters **ex + consonant**,  
we pronounce it like **eks**.

exclusive  
expand  
excuses  
expired  
extrovert  
exclusive  
expressway



expert  
exploit  
expensive  
export  
exceed  
exterminate  
excellent

# Super English

See you  
Next time!

