

Read the story.

A poor family lived high up in the mountains. One day, the little son did something wrong, and his mother punished him. He cried and ran outside.

'I hate you! I hate you!' he shouted.

A voice from the mountains answered, 'I hate you! I hate you!' The boy stopped crying. 'Who's that? Who's that?' He ran back to his mother at once.

'Mum,' he said, 'there's a bad man in the mountains! He said he hated me!'

When the mother heard this, she went outside with him.

'Son, now shout I love you,' she told his son.

'I love you! I love you!' the boy shouted loudly.

When he did this, he heard a voice answering, 'I love you! I love you!'

'That's your own voice, son. It came back from the mountains,' the mother said. 'You always get what you give. Always try to give love. Then you will get love back.'

Test your understanding.

- What does 'you' in line 6 refer to?
 - A. the boy
 - B. the boy's mother
 - C. the mountains
 - D. the man in the mountains
- When the boy told his mother what happened, what did she tell him to do?
 - A. shout 'I love you'
 - B. shout 'I hate you'
 - C. be good to the man
 - D. not to talk with the man
- Read lines 10-12. How did the boy feel?
 - A. bored
 - B. unhappy
 - C. afraid
 - D. excited
- The story tells us to _____.
 - A. love nature
 - B. give more love
 - C. always behave well
 - D. listen to our mother