

WHAT MADE THE HORSES STOP? (PASS • PAST)

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Definitions

Pass: to move, proceed	The group will pass the giant statue in the park.
Past: time gone by	For the past few minutes, it rained.
Pass: to test successfully	The students passed their English test with high marks.
Past: after	At half past 10 o'clock, recess will begin.

Setting: The River; The Temple

Characters:

Narrator

Jada

Kayla

King

Servant

Narrator: Once upon a time there were two sisters named Jada and Kayla. They were both very beautiful but only one was kind. Her name was Kayla. A pair of golden sandals was her prized possession, and was passed on to her by her Mother. One day the sisters were talking by the river.

Kayla: Jada, you are dressed so beautifully. Where are you going?

Jada: At half past the noon hour, I'm going to the Temple of the King. Once he passes by me in the courtyard, I know he'll choose me as his bride.

Kayla: May I go with you, Jada? I would love to see the court and the King.

Jada: Of course not! You must stay at home and work in the field. But first, Kayla, go to my room and pass my golden shawl to me out of the window. I want to look my best, just as I always have in the past. I shall see you later.

Kayla: It is such a lovely day; I think I'll go swimming. Then I'll be refreshed to go to work in the fields.

Narrator: Kayla removed her golden sandals and left them on the river bank. She dove into the cool water and dreamed of what it would be like to go with her sister to see the King. Suddenly, a huge eagle swooped down and grabbed one golden sandal in his beak and flew away.

Kayla: Oh, please fair eagle, don't take my sandal. Please come back. Please.

Narrator: As his father had done in the past, the young King helped his people with granting their every need. He was saddened by the thought that he had neither a wife nor any children. Suddenly, the eagle passed over the Temple and dropped the sandal at the King's feet. In an instant the King knew that whomever this lovely sandal fit was meant to be his wife. The King made an announcement while he passed the sandal to his servant to hold up high for all to see.

King: Behold this golden sandal! What woman can fit her foot into it? Whoever she is will be my bride. My servant shall walk among you so that you may try it on.

Narrator: Every woman moved forward to try on the sandal, but Jada pushed and shoved her way passing all the women until she was first in line.

Jada: I know that golden sandal will fit my foot perfectly! (angrily) Quick! Give it to me!

Servant: Yes, Madam. Do sit down and try it on.

Narrator: Jada wiggled and stretched and scrunched her toes but there was no way she could get the sandal to fit. She tried and tried but she could not pass the test. Angrily she stood, stamped her feet and with loud groans, she trudged home.

Servant: Your Majesty, there is no woman's foot that fits the golden sandal. What shall you do?

King: Let us search the entire kingdom until we find her.

Narrator: Many days passed. The King and his servant traveled hundreds of miles with no luck. Discouraged, the King decided to return to the Temple. On his way home, his horse stopped...

What happened next?

Using as many definitions of pass and past as you can, end the play.