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An extract from the screenplay of *The Return of the King*, by Peter Jackson
(DVD chapter 18)



Denethor is the Steward of the kingdom of Gondor. His elder son Boromir was killed in battle. His younger son, Captain Faramir, has just lost the battle of Osgiliath, a nearby city which is now full of orcs.

- DENETHOR
I do not think we should so lightly abandon the outer defences; defences that
5 your brother long held intact. carelessly
- FARAMIR
What would you have me do? order me to do
- DENETHOR
I will not yield the River and Pelennor unfought - Osgiliath must be retaken. abandon
- 10 FARAMIR
My Lord, Osgiliath is overrun. defeated
- DENETHOR
Much must be risked in war. Is there a captain here who still has the courage
to do his Lord's will?
- 15 CLOSE ON: FARAMIR as he finally realises the truth.
- FARAMIR
You wish now that our places had been exchanged, that I had died and
Boromir had lived?
- CLOSE ON: For a brief second, DENETHOR seems to hesitate, then...
- 20 DENETHOR
Yes, I wish that.
- FARAMIR
Since you are robbed of Boromir, I will do what I can in his stead. in his place
- ANGLE ON: FARAMIR bows low to DENETHOR, then turns to leave. bends down
- 25 FARAMIR
If I should return ... think better of me, father.
- DENETHOR
That will depend on the manner of your return.



Understanding.

1. Say where about in the text the following facts can be read.

- Denethor preferred one of his two sons.
- Faramir failed where Boromir had succeeded.
- Denethor is desperate.
- Faramir wishes to be loved by his father.
- Faramir is accused of being a coward.

2. Find out which adjectives best describe the two protagonists of the scene. Be ready to make sentences with these adjectives.

	DENETHOR	FARAMIR
Obedient		
Cruel		
Unwise		
Clear-sighted		
Affectionate		

FOCUS on an extract from **GENESIS 22**, (New International Version)

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Grammar : the passive voice (yellow page, §3h)

1. Find out instances of passive voices from the text.

2. Rephrase the following sentences according to the example.

- Someone offered Faramir the opportunity to prove his worth.
→ Faramir **was offered** the opportunity to prove his worth.
- Somebody showed him the sense of honour.
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- Someone is going to teach Faramir how to obey his father's will.
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- Someone had given Faramir the rank of a captain
→
- Somebody will send Faramir to a likely death.
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- Someone is asking him to fight a gallant last stand.
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