The Roman Coin

and

Waa, Sugoi, Yuki!



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The Roman Coin and Waa, Sugoi, Yuki! Levels 25–26

Purpose

To extend speaking and listening skills to an advanced level, through role play.

Student Outcomes

- Presents competently to an audience, in a variety of roles.
- Engages an audience skilfully, using humour effectively.

Key Teaching Points

- Discuss the personality of each character in relation to the role and setting.
- Encourage independent role-play practice followed by peer analysis.
- Use audio devices to improve performances.

Links with Other Levels 25 and 26
PM Reader's Theatre

A Cunning Plan and *The Holiday Nobody Wanted*

The Goat Problem and *Lost on the Goldfields*

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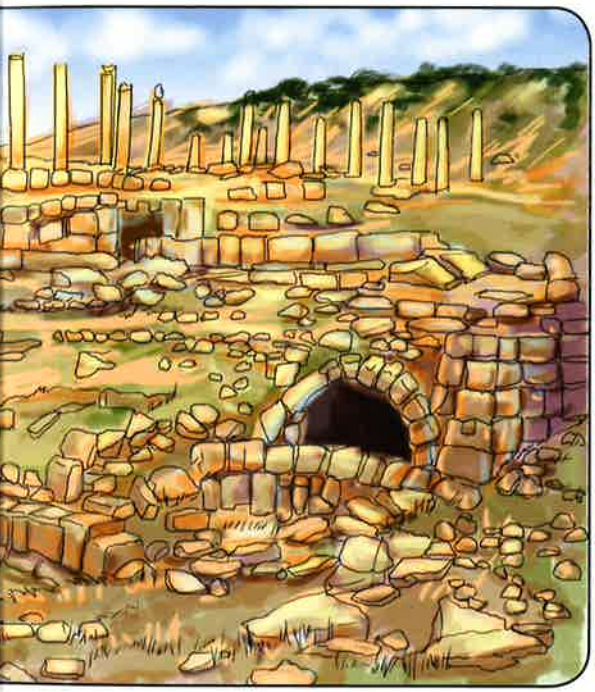
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Characters:



Narrator



Jean Ellis
the excavation manager at Pella



Caitlin



Maryam
Ahmed Ali's daughter



Caitlin's dad



Ahmed Ali
the Jordanian supervisor at Pella



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Narrator

Caitlin's dad is very interested in archaeology. He applied to go to Jordan as a volunteer worker at an excavation site, at a place called Pella. He asked if his daughter Caitlin could go along, too. Caitlin's dad has just received an email from the manager of the excavation.

Caitlin

Hi, Dad. Have you received an email about the excavation?

Caitlin's dad *(reading)*

It looks as if this might be it. Hold your breath, Caitlin. Let's see if I've been accepted …

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Caitlin

Have you? Have you?

Caitlin's dad

Brilliant! Yes, I have! And – here is the big news, Caitlin. You can come along too!

Caitlin

Me? I didn't even know you had asked if I could!





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Caitlin's dad

Well, I didn't want you to be disappointed in case children weren't allowed.

But the excavation manager has said yes!

Caitlin

How exciting! I'm going to find out more about Jordan by researching it on the internet.

Caitlin's dad

You'd better start looking for your winter clothes. It's going to be cold in Jordan in January!



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Narrator

A few weeks later, Caitlin and her father flew to Jordan. Jean Ellis, the excavation manager, met them at the airport in the capital city, Amman.

Jean

Welcome to Jordan! We are so pleased you could come to help on the excavation!

Caitlin

How far away is Pella?

Jean

It's about a three-hour drive.

Narrator

They started to drive to Pella. On the way, Jean told Caitlin and her father about the site they'll be working on.

Jean

Pella is quite remote as it is in the middle of the country, but years and years ago, it was a big, prosperous city. People have been living in the area for more than half a million years. The site has been occupied since 8000 BCE.

Caitlin

How do you know that?



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Jean

Because we have discovered things people have left there. We've found Neolithic houses that date from 6000 BCE and earlier. And we have found mud brick city walls from the middle Bronze Age, around 1800 BCE. We have also discovered late Bronze Age houses from about 1350 BCE.

Caitlin's dad

Have you discovered any Roman remains?