

Deer Me

Level
4

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Hi! I'm Mani. Our family is so excited to learn the story of the Thao people!



My favorite holiday ever was the time Mom and Dad took us to see Grandpa at Sun Moon Lake. It all started with some homework. “Everyone needs to share the story of their family. Where did your family come from? What’s your story?” our teacher asked.





POINT

Which students aren't listening to the teacher? What are they doing?



My brother Panu asked Mom and Dad, “Where does our family come from? Who are our ancestors?”

“We are Thao people,” Mom explained. “We grew up near Sun Moon Lake.”

“Your names are Thao names,” Dad said.

“Our ancestors found Sun Moon Lake after chasing a black bear,” said Dad.

“No! It was a brown monkey!” Mom said.





THINK

Why are Mom and Dad confused? Who do you think is right?



Mom and Dad could not agree.
We searched information on the
Internet.

“There are around 8,000 Thao people in Taiwan,” Dad said.

“No,” said Mom. “I think there are only 100!”

“Mom! Dad! Please stop,” I said. “We need to know the true story. This is our homework.”

“Can we just say we come from Taipei?” Panu suggested.

“That’s silly,” said Dad. “I have a better idea. We’re going to Sun Moon Lake to ask Grandpa.”





It's a Wild World!

How many animals have you seen in nature in Taiwan? We can see many animals in a zoo, but Taiwan also has many wild animals.



If you are lucky, you might see a wild boar, a leopard cat, or a monkey. You might even see a Formosan black bear, but there are very few left. They are an endangered species, and fewer than 600 remain in the wild.

Next time you visit Yushan National Park, look for a bear with a white moon shape on its chest!



1. For Mani's school presentation, she made some notes to help her when speaking. Please fill in the missing words with the correct verb form. Then, try giving the presentation to a partner using Mani's notes.

Our Trip to Sun Moon Lake

Part A: Preparation

- Panu and I _____ (ask) Mom and Dad about our family.
- Mom and Dad _____ (do) know the family story.
- We _____ (search) for information on the Internet but couldn't _____ (find) what we needed.
- Next, we _____ (drive) to Sun Moon Lake.

Part B: Sun Moon Lake

- When we _____ (arrive), I saw the beautiful sunset.
- Grandpa _____ (give) us traditional clothes and _____ (tell) us the story of the white deer.

Part C: Time to go

- Panu _____ (think) he saw a white deer, but it was a dog.
- We _____ (say) goodbye to Grandpa and our friends.
- We _____ (learn) so much about where we come from!

Once in a Lifetime!

You will need:



a tablet for research



scissors



an A4 piece of paper
folded in thirds



a color printer



glue



colored pencils



Present your pamphlet to
the class.
Whose holiday looks best?