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Once Upon a Time in Sushan

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19. Adjective _____
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29. Verb - Past Tense _____
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37. Event _____
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46. Clothing _____
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Place

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In the third year of his reign, the _____Proper Noun_____ of Persia, Ahashverosh (also known as Ahasuerus and Ahashuerus) decided to have a _____Noun_____. It was on the seventh day of these festivities that the King summoned

his queen, Vashti, to appear before him and demonstrate her beauty for the King's officials. Vashti

_____Verb - Past Tense_____

to appear. Incensed, the King asked his officers for a suitable punishment. One advisor, Memuchan, argued that Vashti should be _____Verb - Past Tense_____ for her disobedience. The King took his advice and Vashti was

_____Verb - Past Tense_____.

As time passed the King desired a new _____Noun_____. To find a suitable _____Noun_____, a contest was initiated among all

the eligible _____Noun - Plural_____ in the kingdom. One of those was Esther, a Jewish _____Noun_____. Esther, who was an _____Noun_____,

had been raised by Mordechai, her _____Proper Noun_____, after her parents' death. Mordechai instructed Esther not to

divulge her Jewishness when she went to meet the _____Proper Noun_____. Each day, Mordechai walked by the court and

asked after his _____Proper Noun_____. Esther impressed all who met her, including the King, and she was elevated to _____Noun_____.

Meanwhile

Mordecai, while sitting near the _____Noun_____ gate overheard a plot to assassinate the king. He immediately _____Verb - Past Tense_____ Esther who _____Verb - Past Tense_____ it to the King in the name of Mordecai.

Years later the King elevated Haman, a descendant of Amelak, the traditional enemy of the Jews, to the position of chief _____Noun_____. Haman was a _____Adjective_____ and _____Adjective_____ _____Proper Noun_____ who expected everyone to _____Verb - Base Form_____ down to him.

Mordechai refused to _____Verb - Base Form_____ because Jews are to _____Verb - Base Form_____ only before G-D. Not content to just punish

Mordechai, Haman wanted to _____Verb - Base Form_____ the entire Jewish people in Persia. He cast lots or PURIM to

determine the day of annihilation.

Haman went to the King, slandered the Jews, and convinced the King to go along with his plans. Upon _____Verb - Present ends in ING_____ of the _____Adjective - Ends in EST_____, Mordechai tore his clothes, wore sackcloth and ashes, and walked through the city

crying loudly. When Esther heard of Mordechai's display, she dispatched a _____Noun_____ to discover what was troubling her relative. Mordechai _____Verb - Past Tense_____ the details of the evil decree and _____Verb - Past Tense_____ Esther to

intercede on the Jews behalf. Esther _____Verb - Past Tense_____ to appear before the King unannounced even though anyone

who came to the King uninvited risked losing their life. She, therefore, instructed Mordechai to organize a three-day

_____Event_____ for all the Jews on her behalf .

After completing the three-day _____Event_____, Esther entered the king's inner court dressed in her most royal

_____clothing_____.

The King granted her an audience promising her that virtually anything she would ask would be granted.

Esther replied that she wished to invite the King and Haman to a _____Event_____ on that day. After the

_____Event_____

Esther asked the King and Haman to return for another _____Event_____ the following night. Haman left the

banquet consumed with self- importance and pride, but these feelings were turned to anger when he saw

Mordechai sitting at the gate of the Kings palace and paying Haman no mind. Haman went home fretting

over the impudent Mordecai. His wife, Zeresh, advised him to construct a _____Noun - Plural_____ and ask the King

that

Mordecai be hanged. Haman _____Adjective_____ acted upon the suggestion.

That night, the King discovered that Mordechai had never been _____Verb - Past Tense_____ for _____Verb - Present

ends in ING_____ him from the

assassination _____Event_____ of two servants. When Haman appeared in the court, the King decided that his

trusted

servant should determine Mordechai's compensation. Haman, intending to obtain the King's permission to

hang Mordechai, unwittingly answered the King's questions. The King asked Haman"What should be

done for the man the King wishes to reward?" Haman, believing that Ahashverosh intended to reward him,

replied

that the honoree should be dressed in royal _____clothing_____, ride upon a royal _____animal_____. And be led through

the _____place_____ by an official proclaiming "This is what is done to the man the King wishes to honor". Ahashverosh agreed and instructed Haman to do what he had declared for Mordecai. Crestfallen, Haman followed the King's orders and dressed Mordecai in royal _____clothing_____ and Haman led Mordecai around the city on a fine _____animal_____.

At Esther's second _____Event_____ Haman's downfall continued. Esther revealed Haman's villainous plot and the fact that she was Jewish. She asked the King to "grant me my soul my people." Ahashverosh consumed with anger ordered that Haman be hanged on the _____place_____ intended for Mordechai. The King elevated Mordechai to a position of great influence and allowed him to issue edicts permitting the Jews to fight their enemies. On the thirteenth and fourteenth of Adar the Jews won tremendous victories and were saved from the threat of total annihilation.

Ever since, Jews have observed Purim. The day before Purim is a day of fasting, in memory of Esther's fast. The fast is then followed by two days of dancing, merrymaking, feasting and gladness where Jews celebrate by telling this story, drinking, giving gifts to the poor, and food to each other

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