

NEW CONCEPT ENGLISH

Lesson 16 Mary had a little lamb

Answer the question

- 1. Mary and Dimitri lived in the tiny village of Perachora.**
- 2. Dimitri had given a little white lamb to Mary.**
- 3. Mary kept it tied to a tree in a field during the day and went to fetch it every evening .**
- 4. What happened on the little white lamb?**
The lamb was missing.

New words and expressions

prize adj. 珍贵的, 宝贵的

tie v. 拴, 系

theft n. 偷盗行为,

偷盗案

accuse v. 指控

deny v. 否认

ashamed adj. 感到羞耻, 惭愧

apologize v. 道歉

dye v. 染

New words and expressions



prize n. / adj.

n. 奖品，奖金，奖励

win a prize 赢得大奖

eg. The first prize goes to Peter.

New words and expressions



prize n. / adj.

adj. prize money 奖金

a prize idiot: a complete fool

the best, the most important or the most useful
最珍贵的, 宝贵的

prize possessions

New words and expressions



tie v. 用绳子系上

eg. He tied the horse to a locust.


eg. A housewife tied to the kitchen all day.

tie the knot: get married

n. 蝴蝶结领带, 领结

bow tie: bow

New words and expressions

 **theft n.** 偷盗行为, 偷窃案
eg. There are a number of thefts in the area.

steal sth.: take sth away illegally

eg. Someone stole my passport while I was asleep.

New words and expressions



accuse v. 指控

accuse sb. of (doing) sth.

指控某人犯有 ... 罪

eg. He was accused of theft.

New words and expressions

 **deny v. 否认**
to say that what has been said or done is not true

<-> admit 承认
admit doing

eg. He denied any involvement in the affair.

eg. He denies her nothing.

eg. He denied nothing to her.

他对她有求必应

New words and expressions



apologize v. 道歉

apologize for sth. 就某事道歉

eg. I apologized for the delay to your letter.

apologize to sb. for sth. 向某人就某事道歉

eg. He apologized to me for stepping on my foot.

New words and expressions



dye v. 染色

to give sth. a different color

dyeing (Compare: dying)

dyed, dyed (Compare: died)

dye sth. black

dye sth. blue

dye her hair blonde

Answer the question

Was Dimitri right to apologize to his neighbour ? Why not?

Mary has a little lamb

Mary and her husband Dimitri lived in the tiny village of Perachora in southern Greece.



Mary has a little lamb

One of Mary's prize possessions was a little white lamb which her husband had given her. She kept it tied to a tree in a field during the day and went to fetch it every evening.



Mary has a little lamb

One evening, however, the lamb was missing. The rope had been cut, so it was obvious that the lamb had been stolen.



Mary has a little lamb

When Dimitri came in from the fields, his wife told him what had happened. Dimitri at once set out to find the thief. He knew it would not prove difficult in such a small village. After telling several of his friends about the theft, Dimitri found out that his neighbour, Aleko, had suddenly acquired a new lamb.



Mary has a little lamb

Dimitri immediately went to Aleko's house and angrily accused him of stealing the lamb. He told him he had better return it or he would call the police. Aleko denied taking it and led Dimitri into his backyard.



Mary has a little lamb

It was true that he had just bought a lamb, he explained, but his lamb was black.



**Ashamed of having
acted so rashly,
Dimitri apologized
to Aleko for having
accused him.**



Mary has a little lamb

While they were talking it began to rain and Dimitri stayed in Aleko's house until the rain stopped.



Mary has a little lamb

When he went outside half an hour later, he was astonished to find the little black lamb was almost white. Its wool, which had been dyed black, had been washed clean by the rain!



Answer the question

Was Dimitri right to apologize to his neighbour ? Why not?

No, he wasn't right. Because his neighbour really stolen his lamb and dyed it black.

Language points

After telling several of his friends about the theft, Dimitri found out that his neighbour, Aleko, had suddenly acquired a new lamb.



theft

Dimitri at once set out to find the thief.

Language points



acquire

The gallery acquired an original painting by Van Gogh.

I seem to have acquired three copies of the book.

She acquired a little Chinese while she was in Beijing.

He has acquired some very bad habits recently.

Language points

Dimitri immediately went to Aleko's house and angrily accused him of stealing the lamb.



accuse sb. of doing sth.

Are you accusing me of lying?

Language points

He told me he had better return it or he would call the police.



had better + v.

You'd better see a doctor.

You'd better keep your mouth shut about this.

Language points

He told me he had better return it or he would call the police.

 **or**
You'd better be there, or you will never see me again.

Language points

Aleko denied taking it and led Dimitri into his backyard.



deny

deny + n.

He denied all the charges against him.

deny + doing

He denied ever seeing her.

Language points

Ashamed of having so rashly, Dimitri apologized to Aleko for having accused him.



be ashamed of

be ashamed of + n.

You ought to be ashamed of yourself.

be ashamed of + doing


I am ashamed of having lost my temper.

be ashamed + that

I am ashamed that I had lost my temper.

Language points

Ashamed of having so rashly, Dimitri apologized to Aleko for having accused him.

 **apologize to sb. for (doing) sth.**
I must apologize to you for not replying to your letter in time.

Language points

Its wool, which had been dyed black, had been washed clean by the rain!



She painted her room yellow.

The door was pushed open.

Review

- **Dimitri immediately went to Aleko's house and angrily accused him of stealing the lamb.**
- **Ashamed of having so rashly, Dimitri apologized to Aleko for having accused him.**
- **Aleko denied taking it and led Dimitri into his backyard.**


Review



v. + -ing

avoid, enjoy, forgive, mind

Review

 **be + adj. + prep. + -ing**

be afraid of, be fond of, be interested in
I am interested in acting.

Review



v. + prep. + -ing

thank sb. for, insist on, prevent from, look forward to, be used to

I look forward to meeting you.

Exercises

6. On her husband's return,_____ what had happened.

- A. his wife told him**
- B. she told dimitri**
- C. Mary told him**
- D. Dimitri was told**

分析：本题有关形容词性物主代词在相关句子结构中的使用问题。

C. 有明确的指代意义。

Exercises

7. -- it would not prove difficult in a village of _____ size.

A. a such small

B. so small

C. the smallest

D. so small a

分析: such 用来修饰前面附有形容词修饰的可数名词时, 要用这样的结构 “such + a + adj. + n.”。 “so + adj. + a + n.”

D.

Homework

- 1. Go over the new words & phrases we've learned today.**
- 2. Reckon the theme of the text.**