

## Chapter 8

# Aladdin and the Magic Lamp

Once upon a time, there was a widow. She had only one son whose name was Aladdin. They were very poor.

Aladdin tried to earn some money by collecting wild figs and picking bananas. One day Aladdin met a well dressed stranger who asked him a question.

Do you like to earn a silver coin ?”

A silver coin,” exclaimed Aladdin. “Sir, I'd do anything for a silver coin !”

So, just go down that manhole,” said the man. “I'm too big to get through his hole. If you do as I ask you to do, your reward.”

Since Aladdin was slim, he went down the manhole easily. Soon he found himself in a large cave. The flickering light of an old lamp shone on a wonderful sight, pots of gold, jewels and gems were glittering. It was a real treasure ! Aladdin was surprised to see all this. His eyes were unable to believe it. He was standing dazed when he heard a shout behind him.



**Teacher's Note:** Ask the children to narrate other stories of magic which they have read.

“Put out the flame of the lamp and bring me the lamp !”

“That's very strange,” thought Aladdin. “Why should he want only an old lamp and not all this gold ?”

“Hand over the lamp !” shouted the man. “I'll leave you down there forever if you don't obey !”

“Let me out first...” said Aladdin.



“O.K. you won't listen to me. So stay here itself,” said the strange angrily, slamming down the manhole cover. But as he did so, a ring slice off his finger. Aladdin saw it and picked it up. Suddenly the cave was totally dark. Aladdin was terrified.

As he was terrified, he twisted the ring round and round in his finger Suddenly the room was flooded with a flash of light and a great genie appeared.

“Yes, my master. I am at your command,” said the genie.

Aladdin was so surprised, that he could only stammer. “I want to go home !” And immediately, he was back in his own house.

“Where have you been, Aladdin ?” asked his mother.

Aladdin told her all about his exciting adventure and also showed her the old lamp.

“Well, I hope it works, it's so old and dirty,” and saying so she began to rub the lamp.

In a flash of time, another genie appeared.

“Yes, my master. I am at your service. Tell me your wishes and they will be fulfilled,” said the genie, bowing respectfully.

The boy and his mother stared at him without uttering a word.

“I am your obedient servant. Tell me what you want,” repeated the genie. Aladdin said softly, “Bring us a lovely meal.”

And from that day, their poor days were over. Aladdin and his mother had everything they could wish for : food, clothes and a fine home. The time passed happily. Aladdin grew into a tall, handsome, young man and his mother felt that it was time to get him a wife.

One day Aladdin saw the Sultan's daughter, Halima. She was so beautiful, that he fell in love with her.

“I'll go and ask the Sultan for his daughter's hand,” said his mother when he told her about it.

She arrived at the palace with pots full of diamonds for the Sultan.

But the Sultan said, “If Aladdin wants to marry Halima, he must send me fifty slaves each carrying a box of precious stones. Also he must build a splendid palace for her. She is not used to living in a small house !”

When Aladdin heard the demand he told the genie of the lamp about the Sultan's demands. The genie clapped his hands. And in no instance, the fifty slaves, the boxes of jewels and the palace all appeared.

The wedding took place with lots of celebrations.

With all this, Aladdin became very famous. Every one heard of his wealth and fortune. The stranger also heard about it !!

He dressed as a merchant came to Aladdin's house. He called to the princess, “Old lamps for new.”

Aladdin had never told Halima the secret of the lamp. And so, unknowingly, the princess fetched the old lamp and gave it to the merchant in exchange for a new one. She actually wanted to surprise Aladdin.

The merchant quickly began to rub the lamp... and the genie was now at the service of the wicked man who had the magic lamp back.

In no time, he whisked away all of Aladdin's possessions and sent the palace and the princess to an unknown land. Nobody knew what had happened. Aladdin and Sultan were very worried and were at their wits end.

Then Aladdin remembered the genie of the ring. So he rubbed the ring and immediately the genie appeared before him.

"Take me to the place where the wicked man has hidden my wife," he ordered the genie.

In a second, he found himself inside his own palace. He added a powder quietly into the wicked man's tea. And as soon as he sipped the tea, he fell into a deep sleep.

Aladdin found the lamp and rubbed it quickly !

"Yes, master. I am at your command. What can I do for you ?" asked the genie with a smile.

"Put this wicked man in chains and send him far away where he'll never be found again." The genie did as he was ordered to do.

And so the wicked man vanished.

Now Aladdin said, "Take my wife and me, and the palace back home."

"As you order, sir," replied the genie. And so in a flash, the palace rose into the air and sped over the Sultan's kingdom. It gently came down to earth and landed on its old site. And thereafter, Aladdin and Halima lived happily.

## Words to Learn

manhole	reward	glitter	wonderful
flickering	dazed	slamming	terrified
twisted	flash	command	adventure
obedient	respectfully	splendid	instance
fortune	unknowingly	possessions	wicked

## ● Skill Test ●

### WORK OUT

Answer the following questions :

1. How did Aladdin earn money ?  
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2. What did the stranger want ?  
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3. How was Aladdin caught in the manhole ?  
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4. What all was present in the cave ?  
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5. Who helped Aladdin to get out of the cave ?  
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6. What was the first command that Aladdin gave to the genie of the lamp ?  
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### GRAMMAR

A. Write out the questions for which the following will be the answers. The first one is done for you :

1. *Were you angry with me ?*  
No, I wasn't angry at all.
2. .... ?  
I will have some tea please, not coffee.
3. .... ?  
No, he did not tell me where he was going ?
4. .... ?  
Yes, I would like a glass of water.
5. .... ?  
Yes, tell them to keep dinner for me.



**B. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :**

- Put out ..... flame of ..... lamp and bring me ..... lamp.
- Do you like to earn ..... silver coin ?
- ..... stranger also heard about it.
- Suddenly ..... room was flooded with ..... flash of light.
- ..... merchant quickly began to rub ..... lamp.
- ..... palace rose into ..... air and sped over ..... Sultan's kingdom.
- Once upon ..... time, there was ..... widow.

**VOCABULARY**

**A. Find out and write the quality that the following people will show :**

**Remember :** Abstract nouns usually refer to these qualities.

a happy boy

a poor lady

a brave soldier

an honest girl

a kind doctor

a selfish merchant

a just judge

generous person

happiness



**B. Here are some words given in a puzzle. Add another words from the box to make a compound word :**

1.	M	O	O	N								side
2.				P	O.	R	T					news
3.	S	E	A									light
4.					P	A	P	E	R			drawing
5.	P	O	S	T								light
6.						H	O	U	S	E		hole
7.	M	A	N									office
8.								R	O	O	M	air

1. terrified .....

3. splendid .....

2. wicked .....

4. command .....

**Suppose you find a magic lamp or a magic ring, what would you do with it?**

Imagine what all you will with and write it here.

