

English

# LO: To make predictions

Lesson 5 of 10

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In the beginning, when the world was created, there was sun, there was earth and there was sea but there was no rain.



Humans and animals were starving because the crops couldn't grow so they had nothing to eat. They spent all day, every day, digging deep wells into the ground to find drinking water. This was backbreaking work. The humans were tired and many of them became ill.



The humans called an urgent meeting to which they invited all the animals and birds of the forest to ask for help. “We must find a way to release the rain from the sky,” exclaimed the human chief. Daring Eagle stepped forward and volunteered to help, as he always did when anyone was in need. “I have heard that all the rain is guarded by the cloud giant at the top of the cloud mountain. He is trying to build the world’s most beautiful garden up there so is keeping all the rain for himself.”



Eagle soared up into the sky and flew as fast as he could to the cloud mountain. At the very top, he found the home of the cloud giant. The giant was sitting on his doorstep with his head in his hands, crying. Eagle was surprised. He hadn't known what to expect but it certainly wasn't this. "Cloud giant," he said. "I need to talk to you."

"Hello," replied the giant. "How lovely to meet you!"

"How polite!" thought Eagle. "You have all of the rain and the humans and animals on earth are dying. Please let us have some rain or else we shall not survive."



The cloud giant looked up in surprise.

“Oh. I hadn’t even thought about the humans down on earth. I feel terrible. I didn’t know. Do you think they will ever forgive me?” Eagle bowed at giant’s feet.

“Thank you,” he said gratefully. “We are forever in your debt. How can we repay you? I can see that you’re upset - maybe I can help you somehow. What’s wrong?”



**“My garden won’t grow up here,” sobbed giant. The ground is too rocky and dry. No matter how much rain I pour on it, it’s no use. Nothing grows.”**

**Eagle suddenly had a thought. “I can help,” he cried happily. “We will build you a beautiful garden in the forest. It will be especially for you and you can visit whenever you like without anyone seeing you. Would you like that?”**

