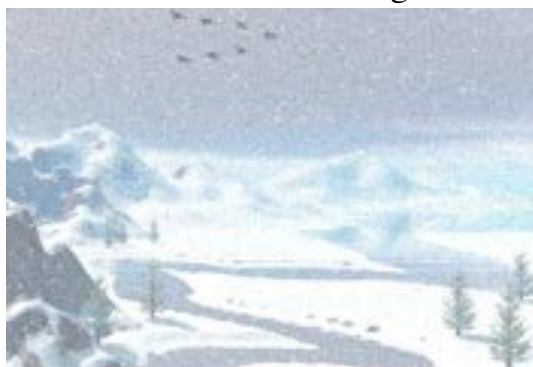


ARTISTS

Three artists were boasting about their work, each trying to be better than the other.



"Some time ago," said the first, "I painted a piece of wood in imitation of marble. I did it so well that when it was thrown into the water it sank immediately to the bottom."

"Why, that's nothing," said the second, "last winter I painted a picture of a snowy landscape, and yesterday when I hung a thermometer next to it, it at once fell from twenty degrees above to twenty degrees below zero."

"Not worth speaking of!" said the third. "That picture I painted of the famous millionaire was so lifelike that it had to be shaved regularly twice a week."

boast: se vanter
each: chacun
paint: peindre
marble: marbre
bottom: fond

why: Allons!
landscape: paysage
at once: tout de suite
above: (au-) dessus
below: (au-) dessous

be worth: valoir la peine de
lifelike: réaliste
shave: raser
twice: deux fois

A LESSON FOR THE TEACHER

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. "If I stand on my head," he told his class, "the blood runs down into my head, doesn't it?" Yes, sir," the class replied. "Then," said the teacher, "why doesn't the blood run into my feet when I stand on my feet?" "Please, sir, it's because your feet aren't empty."

circulation of the blood: circulation sanguine

reply: répondre
empty: vide



WHY SHOULD HE?

It was a very hot day, and the captain had been lecturing his men on their duties as soldiers. When he had finished, he wanted to see how much they remembered of what he had said, so he asked one of them, "Private Smith, tell me now, why should a soldier be ready to die for his country?" Private Smith, who had been more than half asleep during the lecture, scratched his head for some time, not knowing what to reply.

Then at last a happy smile crossed his face, and he answered, "You're quite right, captain, why should he?"

captain: capitaine
lecture: donner une leçon
duty: devoir
private: soldat
ready: prêt

die: mourir
scratch: se gratter
reply: répondre
quite right: tout à fait raison



Translate:

1. Le bout de bois coula au fond. ... *The piece of wood sank to the bottom*.....
2. Le thermomètre tomba à 20 degrés en-dessous de zéro.
3. Si je me tiens sur la tête, le sang coule droit vers ma tête.
4. Sa tête n'est pas vide.
5. Quels sont tes devoirs?
6. Pourquoi devriez-vous être prêts?
7. Nous ne savions pas quoi répondre.
8. Tu as tout à fait raison.

Make the sentences negative:

- The artists were boasting. ... *The artists weren't boasting*.....
- I painted a picture.
- The picture was very lifelike.
- The teacher was giving a lesson.....
- I stand on my head.
- It's my duty.
- Why should he answer?
- It was a very hot day.