

Las mentiras más gordas

Vocabulario ilustrado · Story words



Words and expressions to help you read and listen to the story. Spanish comes first, with an English meaning underneath.

Explore the vocabulary, then return to the story.
Try the activities in the separate practice booklet.

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Words from the story

Palabras del cuento



el rey

king

la choza

hut

las mentiras

lies

la aldea

village

el premio

prize / reward

la merienda

snack / light meal, often
in the afternoon

conceder

to grant

el castigo

punishment

Merienda is a snack or light meal, often eaten in the afternoon. The fanega is a historical measure: it is not a fixed modern quantity or an exact equivalent of an English bushel.

Words from the story

Palabras del cuento



pescar

to fish

crecer

to grow

el yerno

son-in-law

nunca más

never again

la fanega

traditional grain measure;
its size varied

afanarse

to work hard / strive

enterarse de algo

to find out about something

trepar

to climb

The words describe a deliberately impossible tale. Pescar and trepar are infinitives: “to fish” and “to climb”. Nunca más means “never again”.

Expressions worth keeping

Expresiones para recordar

decir una mentira

to tell a lie

El muchacho cuenta mentiras enormes.

estar harto de algo

to be fed up with something

El rey está harto de las mentirijillas.

ser la comidilla

to be the talk of the place

El concurso fue la comidilla del reino.

ponerse en camino

to set off

El muchacho se puso en camino.

cumplir con su palabra

to keep one's word

El muchacho cumplió con su palabra.

