

Thunder and Lightning

Thunder and Lightning were two grumpy old sheep.

Lightning would lose his temper and knock down trees and burn the crops. Thunder, his mother, who had an extremely loud voice, would shout at him.



The villagers became really fed up with them. The villagers kept complaining about the damage – and the noise!

In the end, the village chief said he couldn't stand it any longer. He said they would have to go far away. He sent them to live in the sky!



But things didn't work out as the chief intended. To this day, Lightning still enjoys getting his own back on the villagers, and Thunder still shouts at the top of her voice and keeps the villagers awake at night.



Nigerian folk story

Complete these sentences.

- 1 Thunder and Lightning are two _____ sheep.
- 2 Thunder would shout at _____.
- 3 The villagers complained about the _____ and _____.
- 4 The village chief sent Thunder and Lightning to the _____.
- 5 _____ still keeps the villagers awake at night.
- 6 'Thunder and Lightning' is a _____ folk story.

- 7 Write words to describe how you think the villagers first felt when the sheep were sent to the sky and then after they had been there for a while. Use a thesaurus to help you.

Villagers' feelings at first	Villagers' feelings after a while

Answer each of the questions with a sentence.

- 8 Why do you think the village chief decided to banish Thunder and Lightning to the sky?

- 9 How do you think Thunder and Lightning felt when they were sent to the sky?

make scary shadows on the tent.

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- 1 grumpy old
- 2 Lightning
- 3 damage and noise
- 4 sky
- 5 Thunder
- 6 Nigerian
- 7 E.g.

Villagers' feelings at first	Villagers' feelings after a while
delighted relieved happy relaxed	frustrated tired unhappy grumpy

- 8 The village chief decided to banish Thunder and Lightning as they were disturbing the village with all their noise and damage.
- 9 Child's own answer, for example, Thunder and Lightning felt angry that they had been sent away from the village.

Motorway madness