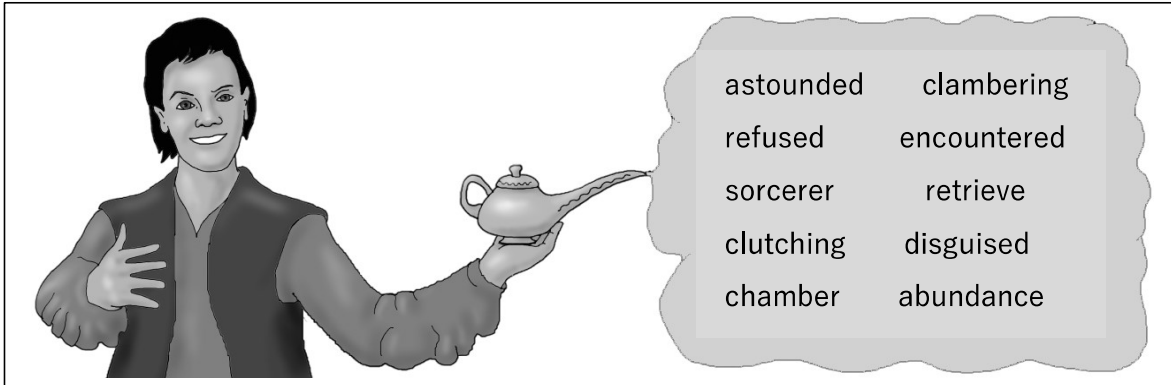


ALADDIN IS INGENIOUS

There are many versions of Aladdin – a Middle Eastern folktale which is part of The Book of One Thousand and One Nights. Here is one. Use the list of words to fill in the gaps and make sense of the story.



Once, in a distant land, there lived a poor widow who had an only son called Aladdin. Picking figs to earn some money, he encountered a sorcerer who was disguised as a weary traveller.

“I will give you this silver piece if you help me roll the boulder aside, climb down into that cave and retrieve something for me.” When he was offered a magic ring for protection, the boy agreed.

Clambering down into the darkness, Aladdin found himself in a large chamber filled with an abundance of glittering jewels. Aladdin was about to fill his pockets with the wonderful, sparkling gems when a voice from above called: “Leave those and bring me the old oil lamp!”

When Aladdin reached the mouth of the cave, the old man wouldn't let him out until he handed over the lamp. When Aladdin refused, the old man pushed back the boulder. Aladdin was trapped. But when he rubbed the ring accidentally, a genie appeared. Aladdin was astounded.

The genie granted Aladdin's wish to be taken home still clutching the old lamp so desired by the old, weary traveller.