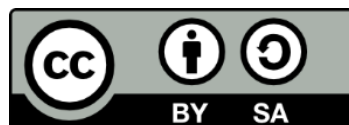


# ΑΓΓΛΙΚΑ III

## Ενότητα 12b: The Little Prince

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# Discuss

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1. What is the essence of Economics?
2. Could there be any criticism of it?
3. As you read the excerpt from Antoine de Saint-Exupery's 'The Little Prince', try to identify what the businessman's purpose of living is.

# Answer in your own words (1)

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- What does the little prince symbolize, in your opinion?
- What is the main comment made of businessmen in the eyes of the little prince?
- What is the main 'raison d'être' of the businessman? Find different ways of denoting this.
- What is paradoxical about the businessman's declaration that he is 'concerned with matters of consequence'?

# Answer in your own words (2)

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- What is the difference drawn between ‘kings’ and ‘businessmen’?
- What is the Little Prince’s observation the businessman has no answer to?
- What concept of economics is hinted at by the businessman’s observation that when you get an idea before someone else, it is yours?

# Guess the meaning of the words in bold

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1. I am concerned with matters of consequence. I don't amuse myself with **balderdash**.
2. He made the most frightful noise that **resounded** all over the place
3. I don't get enough exercise. I have no time for **loafing**.

# Paraphrasing activity: match the two columns

## Original text

- who never in his life had let go of a question
- two and five make seven ...
- I am concerned with matters of consequence
- well, this is it!
- You mean the stars?
- This man reasons like my poor tippler
- they belong to me, because I was the first person to think of it
- It is of some use to my volcanoes, ... that I own them.
- he found nothing to say in answer.

## Paraphrased

- his ownership is useful
- the prince eventually identifies as stars
- the businessman is left speechless
- the businessman's logic is as absurd
- as the drunkard's
- numerical calculations
- Exasperated
- protests that he is a serious person
- never lets a question go unanswered
- the first person to think of claiming
- ownership of them



# Antoine de Saint-Exupery, The Little Prince[1]

"I am looking for friends. What does that mean -- tame?"

"It is an act too often neglected," said the fox. "It means to establish ties."

"To establish ties?"

"Just that," said the fox. "To me, you are still nothing more than a little boy who is just like a hundred thousand other little boys. And I have no need of you. And you, on your part, have no need of me. To you I am nothing more than a fox like a hundred thousand other foxes. But if you tame me, then we shall need each other. To me, you will be unique in all the world. To you, I shall be unique in all the world...."

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# Be real, be authentic

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“To forget a friend is sad. Not everyone has had a friend. And if I forget him, I may become like grown-ups who are no longer interested in anything but figures.”

# Antoine de Saint-Exupery, The Little Prince[2]

...Grown-ups love figures. When you tell them about a new friend, they never ask questions about what really matters. They never ask: “What does his voice sound like?” “What games does he like to play?” “Does he collect butterflies?”. They ask: “How old is he?” “How many brothers does he have?” “How much does he weigh?” “How much money does his father make?” Only then do they think they know him.

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“And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.”

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