A Coin from the North (B1 · English B1)

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Every autumn our town holds a cultural festival with music, food and dancing. This year my sister Nora wanted to join the parade. She spent three evenings making a costume that looked like a bird. She used old fabric, glue and a lot of patience. On Friday she asked me to cut the extra cloth with scissors, because the wings were too long.

The scissors were not very sharp, so the work took ages. I made a mistake and left a small hole in one wing. Nora was not angry. She fixed the damage with a piece of brightly colored paper, and honestly it looked better than before. Her daily routine that week was simple: school, homework, then two hours of sewing at the kitchen table.

On the morning of the parade, something strange happened. Nora found an old coin inside the pocket of the costume. It was heavy and dark, with strange letters around the edge. Nobody in the family knew where it came from. My father said it might be from the northern part of the country, where our grandmother grew up. The date on it was hard to read, and the worn letters confused us completely. We decided it was a good clue, and that we should ask our grandmother about it later.

The parade started at noon. Nora walked close to the front, just behind the drummers, and people took photos of her wings. A man in a grey suit from the town hall gave her a small prize for the best homemade outfit. She was so happy that she forgot to eat lunch. In the evening we had to close the windows because of the cold wind, but the music continued outside for hours. Nora put the old coin on her desk, and she still keeps it there today.

Woordenlijst

Word	Meaning
key	
kick	
killing	
kind	
kiss	
knock	
lack	
latest	
lay	
layer	
unlike	
statue	
stick	
suit	
close	
clue	
coin	
colored	
confuse	
costume	
cultural	
daily	
damage	

northern
sharp
cut

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