

VOCABULARY BOX

Write the words in your language in the spaces:

Seed:

Wayside:

Mustard:

Thorn:

Root:

COMPREHENSION

1 Put the following statements in their correct time order, based on Mark 4:1-10:

- A The sun became strong.
 - B A man threw [i.e. sowed] seed on the ground.
 - C The plant died.
 - D The seed started to grow quickly.
 - E Some seed landed on stony ground.
- Then tell your partner the story

GRAMMAR

The past perfect simple is formed by: had + past participle.

It is used to describe an event in the past, which happened before another event in the past- e.g. I decided to write this book, after I had lived in Europe for 15 years.

I lived in Europe for 15 years.
Then, I decided to write this book.

The 'living in Europe' was the first event; it came before my deciding to write this book. But both events are in the past. We use the past perfect simple to describe past events, which happened before other past events.

DOCTRINAL POINTS

The message of the Bible is the word of God

We must respond to the word of God

The word of God is like a seed. It has power to make us grow spiritually.

Many things distract us from responding to God's word.

From small beginnings, like simply reading the Bible, the great destiny of being part of God's Kingdom will develop.

- 2 In the story, what do these things represent:
- a) The man who sows the seed.
The man who sows the seed represents Jesus.
 - b) The seed
 - c) The different types of ground
 - d) The sun
 - e) The thorns
 - f) The seed that bears fruit.
- 3 Now ask your partner what each element of the story means. E.g. What does the man who sows the seed represent?

