THE TWO JUGGLERS

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Read the story below.

One beautiful spring day two men strolled into the public square of a Chinese city. At last, a bystander asked them who they were. "We are jugglers from a distant province," said the elder. Soon it was spread about among the crowd that two famous jugglers had just arrived. The mayor was wondering what he should do to amuse his friends, when a servant told him of the jugglers. "Now we may have a little fun," mayor said to his guests. The two strangers entertained the people with spinning plates in the air and tossing bowls up. At last, the mayor cried out: "These tricks are very good of their kind, but...." "Sir, anything that you demand I can do for you."Our feast was short of fruit, since this is the off season. Produce us a peach." Mayor said. "What, master, a peach?" exclaimed the elder juggler. "Very well, masters, if it's a peach you want, a peach you shall have." "Wonderful!" shouted the people. "The peach will soon be here." There in the magician's fingers was a peach. The official took the peach and cut it open. It was large enough for all his guests to have a taste, and such a taste it was!

Answer each question.

1. What news was spread out among the crowd?

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2. What did the servant tell to the mayor?

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3. How did the two jugglers entertain the people?

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4. What was the demand of the mayor?

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5. Did the jugglers produce the peach?

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