

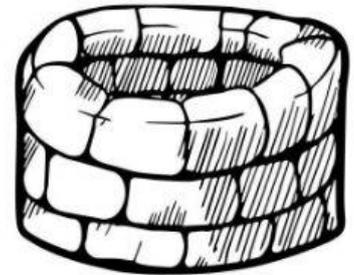
The Strange Well in the Forest

There was a deep well in the middle of a forest. None of the people in the village nearby remembered when the well was built. All they know was that the well had always been there.

Many rumours about the strange well arose. One of the rumours was that if one wished hard enough, he could see his future in the well. One day, an evil man, Vilmer, wanted to visit it. ¹He wanted to see his future and to find out if he would ever become king.

Vilmer brought two soldiers along with him in search of the well. Since only the villagers knew where the well was, Vilmer captured a shepherd who lived in the village to lead him to the well. The shepherd led ²them through the dangerous forest. Halfway through ³their journey, they were attacked by a bear. Both the soldiers lost their lives.

The shepherd was left alone with Vilmer. When ⁴they reached the well, ⁵it was overgrown with weeds. Vilmer did not believe that it was the well. He made the shepherd look into it. The shepherd did so and saw his own future. He realized that Vilmer would kill him soon. The shepherd lied and said excitedly, "The well tells me that I'm going to own few farms!" Vilmer pushed the shepherd away and stared into the well. At that moment, the shepherd pushed Vilmer into the well. That was the last of the evil Vilmer.



Look at the words which are numbered and underlined in the passage. Who or what do they refer to? Write your answer in the spaces provided.

1. He _____
2. Them _____
3. Their _____
4. They _____
5. It _____

Underline the correct meaning for each word as it is used in the passage.

6. **Rumours** means _____

- a. Speculations
- b. News
- c. Story
- d. Hard fact

7. **Strange** means _____

- a. Odd
- b. Normal
- c. Ordinary
- d. Usual

8. **Capture** means _____

- a. Release
- b. Arrest
- c. Freedom
- d. Free will

9. **Shepherd** means _____

- a. A person who catches fish
- b. A person who owns or manage a farm
- c. A person who tends and rears sheep
- d. A person in charge of or assisting in a library

10. **Overgrown** means _____

- a. Dense
- b. Thin
- c. Light
- d. Sparse

Answer in FULL SENTENCE

11. Where was the location of the deep well?

12. Who wanted to visit the well?

13. Why did Vilmer want to visit the well?

14. Who did Vilmer capture to lead him to the well?

15. How did Vilmer loss his life?
