The Golden Goose
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Once upon a time there was a Goose who had beautiful golden feathers. Not far away from this Goose lived a very, very poor woman who had two daughters. The Goose saw that they had a hard time getting along and said to himself:

"If I give them one after another of my golden feathers, the mother can sell them, and with the money they bring she and her daughters can then live in comfort."

So away the Goose flew to the poor woman's house. Seeing the Goose, the woman said:

"Why do you come here? We have nothing to give you."

"But I have something to give you," said the Goose. "I will give you my feathers, one by one, and you can sell them for enough money so that you and your daughters can live in comfort."

So saying this the Goose gave her one of his feathers, and then flew away. From time to time he came back, each time leaving another feather. The mother and her daughters sold the beautiful feathers for enough money to keep them in comfort. But one day the mother said to her daughters:

"Let us not trust this Goose. Some day he may fly away and never come back. Then we should be poor again. Let us get all of his feathers the very next time he comes."

The daughters said: "This will hurt the Goose. We will not do such a thing."

But the mother was greedy. The next time the Golden Goose came she took hold of him with both hands, and pulled out every one of his feathers.

Now the Golden Goose has strange feathers. If his feathers are plucked out against his wish, they no longer remain golden but turn white and are of no more value than chicken-feathers. The new

ones that come in are not golden, but plain white.

As time went on his feathers grew again, and then he flew away to his home and never came back again.

Questions

1.Because readers know about the other events in stories, they often have different points of view than the narrators or characters they are reading about. What is most likely the difference between the reader's and mother's points of view in this story?

A) The reader may think the mother is cruel , but the goose does not think so.
B) The reader may be worried about the goose , but the daughters are not worried at all.
C) The reader may think the daughters are silly , but the goose takes them very seriously .
D) The reader may think the mother should be grateful , but the mother believes she deserves more.

2. Readers' points of view about stories can be the same or different than the narrators' or characters' based on the information that has been provided to the reader. What is something both the reader and the mother find out at the same time, though the Goose knew all along?

A) The Goose would eventually end up living with the poor family.
B) The daughters would be against the mother's plan to harm the Goose.
C) The daughters would end up not trusting the Goose , and try to harm him.
D) The Goose's feathers turn plain white if they are plucked out against his will.

3. Readers' points of view about stories can be the same or different than the narrators' or characters' based on the information that has been provided to the reader. What is a similar view most likely held by both the reader and one or more characters?

A) The reader and the mother both believe the Goose deserves to be harmed.
B) The reader and the mother believe the family should take care of the Goose.

C) The reader and the Goose both believe the poor family will pay him back later.

D) The reader and the daughters believe the Goose has done nothing to deserve harm.