

PART 1



LISTENING COMPREHENSION

(GAP-FILL)



Instructions:

Listen carefully to the audio read by your teacher or played from the recording. Fill in the missing words in the blanks below to complete the fairytale titled "The Clockwork Nightingale."



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The Clockwork Nightingale

In the kingdom of Eldoria, there lived a young apprentice named Jonathan who crafted intricate mechanical toys. Unlike other inventors who sought fame, Jonathan created a tiny clockwork nightingale capable of imitating the (1) melodies of real birds. The nightingale possessed a heart forged from (2) silver, allowing it to sing only when exposed to true kindness.

Word of this creation reached the (3) king, who ordered Jonathan to bring the bird to the palace. Intrigued by its beauty, the king demanded that the mechanical bird sing on command to (4) his endless boredom. However, when the king struck his servants in anger, the nightingale remained completely (5) , refusing to make a sound.

Furious, the king banished Jonathan and threw the bird into the (6) castle dungeon. Years passed, and a severe famine struck the kingdom, leaving the monarch desolate and (7) .

Remembering the golden bird, the repentant king descended into the dark cell, wept for his past cruelty, and (8) asked for forgiveness.

Touched by the king's genuine sorrow, the clockwork nightingale suddenly (9) to life, filling the gloomy corridors with a soothing song that restored hope to the land. From that day onward, the king ruled with humility, realizing that true magic springs only from (10) empathy.

PART 2

READING COMPREHENSION

(ESSAY)



Instructions:

Read the completed text of “The Clockwork Nightingale” and answer the following questions clearly and thoroughly using your own words.

1

What distinguished Jonathan’s clockwork nightingale from ordinary mechanical inventions?

2

Why did the clockwork nightingale refuse to sing when the king demanded it to perform at the palace?

3

How did the king’s attitude towards Jonathan and the nightingale change after the kingdom was struck by famine?

4

Analyze the symbolic meaning of the nightingale’s heart being forged from “luminous silver that responds only to kindness.”

5

What central moral message does the story convey regarding power, authority, and empathy?