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Directions: Read *The Old Man and the Wolf* and answer the following questions.

The Old Man and the Wolf

1. It was the dead of winter, and the pond was frozen solid. An old man decided to walk across the pond to get home and out of the cold weather more quickly. As he neared the middle of the pond, he met a wolf.
2. "Please hide me, my good man," the wolf begged. "The hunters are chasing me and I'm tired."
3. "How can I hide you?" the man questioned. "All I have is this little sack, and you are much too big to fit inside."
4. "I will climb in and roll myself into a small ball. You will not be sorry if you help me. One good turn deserves another."
5. The old man allowed the wolf to climb into the sack. He slung the sack over his shoulder and continued across the pond.
6. The hunters caught up with the old man and told him good morning as they hurried across the pond. They suspected nothing out of the ordinary and assumed the man was carrying a bag of laundry.
7. When the old man made it to the other side of the pond, he opened the sack and told the wolf that he was safe to go. Although the hunters were nowhere in sight, the wolf begged the old man to carry him a little further. He didn't want to get out until he was sure the hunters were gone.
8. The old man carried the wolf until he was out of breath. Finally, he put the sack down and let the wolf out. The wolf looked around to make sure no one was around and then jumped toward the old man.
9. "I'm hungry, and I'm going to eat you," the wolf said.
10. "You can't do that," the old man argued. "I just carried you across the pond and through the woods. Is this how you repay my good deed to you?"
11. The wolf laughed at the man for being so foolish. "No one told you to believe me."
12. At that moment, a fox came by and asked what was going on. She listened to the old man's story and then inquired, "How can such a big wolf fit in such a small sack? Prove it to me."
13. Before the old man could answer, the wolf climbed into the sack, eager to prove that he did indeed fit inside the sack. His tail and one paw were still showing.
14. "Just like I thought," said the fox. "He doesn't fit in the sack." The fox shook her head. When the wolf heard this, he rolled himself into an even smaller ball.

15. "Now show me how you tied the sack up," the fox said to the old man. He did just that, and the fox smiled approvingly. Then they both walked away, leaving the wolf in the sack in the middle of the woods.

1. Which sentence from the passage best shows that the wolf is not honest?

- A. "The hunters are chasing me, and I'm tired."
- B. "You will not be sorry if you help me."
- C. "One good turn deserves another."
- D. "No one told you to believe me."

2. Which trait best describes the old man?

- A. Neat
- B. Lovable
- C. Generous
- D. Cruel

3. What motivated the wolf to get back into the sack a second time?

- A. He heard the hunters coming back.
- B. He wanted to show the fox that he could fit into the sack.
- C. The fox dared the wolf to get back into the sack.
- D. The man forced the wolf to climb into the sack again.

4. What does inquired mean as it is used in paragraph 12?

- A. asked
- B. told
- C. yelled
- D. laughed

5. Read this sentence from the story.

He did just that, and the fox smiled approvingly.

What is the root word in approvingly?

- A. app
- B. approving
- C. approve
- D. provide