

## Lesson 11 The Ruler and the gardener

### 1 Read

Put the paragraphs in the correct order to finish the story. The first one is done for you.

#### Part 3

— A 'Good friend,' said the Ruler, 'did you find something that is not yours?' The gardener put his hand under his coat and pulled out the moneybag. 'Tell us,' said the Ruler to the gardener, 'how did you find that bag?'

— B So, the Ruler gave ten gold pieces to the merchant in place of those that were missing. Then he rewarded the gardener with ten more pieces for his honesty. 'Think no more about your **debt**,' the Ruler said.

— C The merchant was very sad to hear the gardener's story. 'I know how it feels to be poor. I will give you the ten pieces of gold as a reward.' 'No,' said the Ruler, 'it is for me to **reward** the man.'

— D 'Well, then,' said the Ruler, 'why didn't you return it?' The gardener answered, 'I thought of my poor wife and children. So I said to myself, "My Ruler is famous for his kindness to the poor. He will understand." I only **borrowed** ten gold pieces. I am working hard to return this money.'

— E The gardener answered, 'I was in my garden when I saw the eagle in the sky, then something fell near a tree. It was a bag full of bright gold pieces. I thought, "This money must be our Ruler's. Some large bird has taken it from him."'