# Reading exam

reading comprehension

## The Golden Fish Keeps a Promise

Upon a certain island in the middle of the sea lived a fisherman and his wife. They were so poor they often went without bread when the fishing did not go well.

One day when the man had been fishing for many hours without any luck, he hooked a small golden fish with eyes as bright as diamonds. "Let me go, kind fisherman," the little creature cried. "I would not even make a single mouthful for your dinner." The man was so moved by the beauty of the golden fish that he let him go. Before he swam away, the fish promised that he would come back if the fisherman ever needed help.

The fisherman laughed, for he could not think how a little fish could help him, other than providing a bit of food. He went home and told his wife about his adventure. "What!" she cried. "You let him go? We have not a scrap of food in the house, and I suppose that now we must starve." The fisherman's wife continued to fuss at him until, finally, he decided to go and put the little fish to the test.

He hurried down to the seashore, and stood at the edge of the waves. "Golden Fish, Golden Fish! Come and help me, please," he called. The last word was not out of his mouth when the little fish popped its head up out of the water. "You see I have kept my promise," said the fish. "How can I help you, my friend?" And

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when the fisherman made his request, the fish simply said, "Don't worry about that. There will be plenty of food when you get home." And strangely enough, when the fisherman arrived home, there was a basket of bread on the table, and cheese and fruit as well.

## A. Select the right answer

1. Who is this story mostly about?

A. a little golden fish

B. a fisherman, his wife, and a little golden fish

C. a fisherman's wife and a little golden fish

2. Where does this story take place?

A. in a small cabin

B. on a beach

C. on an island

3. What problem does one or more of the story characters have?

A. The fisherman and his wife do not have much food to eat.

B. The fisherman does not want to let the golden fish go free.

C. The golden fish does not keep his promise to help the fisherman.

4. Which event happens in this story?

A. The fisherman's wife fusses at him for letting the fish go free.

B. The fisherman calls for the golden fish to come and help him.

C. They were so poor they often went without bread when the fishing did not go well.

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5. How is one of the characters' problem solved?

A. The fisherman catches the golden fish again.

B. The fisherman asks the golden fish for help, and food appears on the table.

C. The fisherman's wife asks the golden fish for help.

6. What did the golden fish cried to the fisherman?

A. "Let me go, kind fisherman,"

B. "You let him go? We have not a scrap of food in the house, and I suppose that now we must starve."

C. "Golden Fish, Golden Fish! Come and help me, please,"

B. **Select True or false.**

1. fisherman and his wife were rich.

True false

2. golden fish promised that he would come back if the fisherman ever needed help.

True false

3. Fisherman did not let the gold fish go.

True false

4. when the fisherman arrived home, there was a basket of bread on the table, and cheese and fruit as well.

True false

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5. The gold fish didn't keep his promise

True false

6. Fisherman's wife was happy because he let the golden fish go

True false

7. Fisherman and his wife live on a certain island in the middle of the sea

True false

8. when the fisherman arrived home there was no food at all.

True false

9. The fisherman's wife happy because he let the golden fish go

True false

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