READING CHECK

1 Correct seven more mistakes in the diary of the old man in *The alchemist*.

Today I showed my son-in-law how ~~poor~~ rich he has become. For seventeen years he has planted bananas. He has looked after them very carefully, and he has kept all the silver powder from the flowers. This morning he ran to my house shouting, 'I've got one kilogram of the magic powder!' He was very sad. When my daughter arrived, I said I would show them how to turn dirt into gold. While my son-in-law was getting all the 'magic powder' all these years, my daughter bought all the bananas in the market. She showed us all the money they had made – two big bags! Each bag was full of gold stones! I put the 'magic powder' next to the gold on the table. All that gold really surprised my son-in-law! I said to him, 'So you're an alchemist in a way, after all.' I hope now that he understands: there's only one way to become rich. That's by working hard.

2 Are these sentences true or false? Tick the boxes.

	True	False
a An alchemist tries to change gold into dirt.	☐	☐
b The older man wants to help his daughter and son-in-law.	☐	☐
c The young man is not really an alchemist.	☐	☐
d He spends little time trying to make his dream come true.	☐	☐
e The young man's wife wants him to find a job.	☐	☐
f They plant many banana trees.	☐	☐
g Each banana plant has a lot of powder on it.	☐	☐
h The young man's wife sells the bananas in the market.	☐	☐
i The silver powder from the banana plants makes them rich.	☐	☐



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WORD WORK

Join the letters in the squares to make words that complete the young man's sentences from *The alchemist*.

a 'I said ....magic.... words as I put each ..... in the ground.'

b 'After a time the plants began to .....'

c 'I looked after each ..... carefully.'

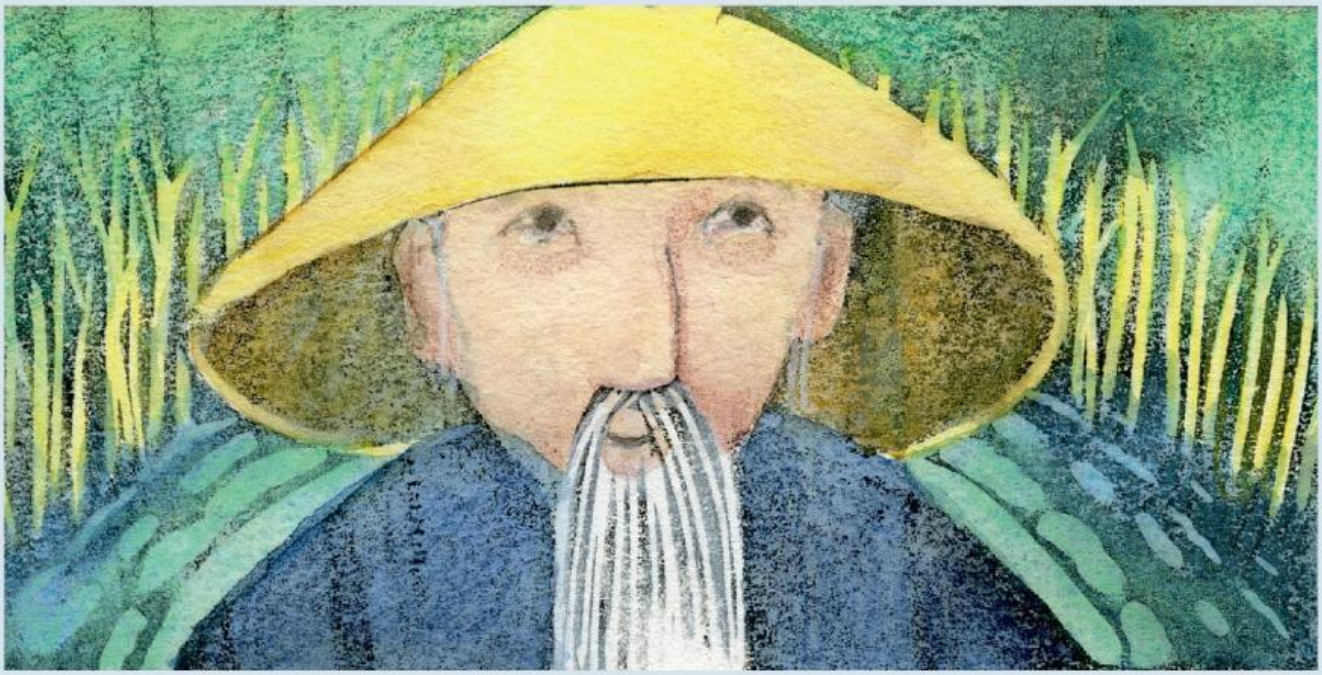
d 'I put the ..... from the leaves in a bag.'

e 'I thought I could change ..... into gold.'

f 'How hard it is to be an .....!'

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GUESS WHAT



The next story is from China. In it, different things happen to an old farmer. Are they good or bad?

	Good	Bad
a His son comes home to help on the farm.	☐	☐
b Their horse escapes.	☐	☐
c The son finds a new horse to work on the farm.	☐	☐
d The son breaks his leg.	☐	☐

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