



Read the text and mark the statements True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

King Midas

From the Ancient Greece Mythology

King Midas was a very kind man who ruled his kingdom fairly.

But he didn't always think very deeply about what he said. One day, while walking in his garden, he saw an elderly satyr asleep among the flowers. Taking pity on him, King Midas let him go without punishment. When the god Dionysus heard about it, he rewarded King Midas by granting him one wish. The king thought for only a second and then said: "I wish for everything I touch to turn to gold." And so it was.

The beautiful flowers in his garden turned toward the sun for light, but when Midas touched them, they stood hard and gold. The king grew hungry and thin, because each time he tried to eat, he found that his meal was gold. His lovely daughter, at his loving touch, turned to gold. His water, his bed, his clothes, his friends, and the whole palace was gold. King Midas saw that soon his whole kingdom would turn to gold unless he did something right away. He asked Dionysus to take back his golden touch. Because the king was ashamed and very sad, Dionysus took pity on him and fulfilled his request. Instantly, King Midas was poorer, but richer, he felt, in the things that really count.

1. Midas was a good king for his country.
2. King Midas followed the rule: First think, then do!
3. Dionysus rewarded King Midas for his kindness to the elderly person.
4. Dionysus's reward was gold.
5. It took King Midas hours to think of his wish.
6. King Midas turned all his servants to gold.
7. Midas was happy to eat from gold plates.
8. King Midas loved his daughter so much that he gave her all gold in the kingdom.
9. At first Dionysus was angry with Midas and didn't want to turn everything back by his request.
10. At the end King Midas felt happy though he had lost wealth.

