

CHAPTER 3

HARD WORK NEVER FAILS

Fill in the blanks

1. Patol was the son of a rich _____ who inherited a large tract of land but neglected it because he believed in a _____ that could turn things to gold.
2. The sage Siddh Maharaj asked Patol to collect five litres of _____ from banana trees, which would take _____ years to accomplish.
3. While Patol focused on collecting dew, his wife _____ helped the family by selling _____ in the market.
4. The sage's true intention was to teach Patol that wealth comes from _____ rather than _____.
5. Patol's initial reaction to the failed potion was _____, but later he realized the _____ behind the sage's plan.
6. The story contrasts _____ (like Patol's belief in magic) with practical _____ through farming.
7. Kalawati proved to be _____ by managing the _____ aspect of their banana plantation.
8. The sage used _____ as a metaphor to show how small, consistent efforts (like daily dew collection) lead to big _____.
9. When the box of _____ coins was revealed, Patol understood that his _____ had created real wealth.
10. The chapter's title "_____" summarizes its moral that success comes from persistent _____.

Multiple choice questions

1. Why did Patol neglect his inherited land initially?
 - a) He was physically unable to farm due to an injury
 - b) He believed farming was beneath his status as a landlord's son
 - c) He was obsessed with finding a magic potion to create gold instantly
 - d) The land was barren and unsuitable for cultivation
2. How did Kalawati react to Patol's obsession with the magic potion?
 - a) She enthusiastically supported his search and funded his experiments
 - b) She was worried about their finances and tired of his futile searches
 - c) She was frustrated but secretly believed in the potion's existence
 - d) She left him to live with her parents until he came to his senses
3. What was the sage's true purpose in giving Patol the dew-collecting task?
 - a) To trick him into productive work that would ultimately benefit him
 - b) To genuinely help him create a magic gold-making potion
 - c) To test his devotion and commitment as a follower
 - d) To keep him occupied while the sage stole from other villagers
4. What does the six-year duration of Patol's dew collection symbolize?
 - a) The lunar cycles needed for magical transformations
 - b) The typical maturation period for banana plantations

- c) The sage's prediction about when Patol would become wise
 - d) The time required to develop patience and work ethic
5. How did the banana plantation accidentally become profitable?
- a) The sage secretly infused the trees with gold-producing sap
 - b) Kalawati's business skills in marketing the fruit effectively
 - c) A natural mutation caused the bananas to contain gold flakes
 - d) The dew-collection process fertilized the trees exceptionally well
6. What was the turning point in Patol's understanding?
- a) When the sage demonstrated the potion on a copper vessel
 - b) When he calculated how much dew could be collected daily
 - c) When Kalawati revealed the box of gold coins from banana sales
 - d) When other villagers praised his beautiful plantation
7. Why didn't the sage simply tell Patol to start farming initially?
- a) He knew Patol wouldn't believe in straightforward advice
 - b) The sage didn't actually know anything about agriculture
 - c) Religious rules prohibited sages from giving direct instructions
 - d) He wanted to test how long Patol would persist in the task
8. What does Kalawati's role in the story demonstrate?
- a) That women are naturally better at business than men
 - b) The importance of partnership in achieving success
 - c) That wives should secretly manage their husbands' affairs
 - d) How superstition affects women less than men
9. What is the chapter's primary message about wealth creation?

- a) Magical solutions are available only to those who truly believe
- b) Large inheritances should be invested rather than farmed
- c) Sustainable wealth comes from consistent, honest labour
- d) Religious figures hold the keys to financial success

10. How does the story's conclusion show Patol's transformation?

- a) He abandons farming to search for more powerful sages
- b) He continues to work even harder while expanding his plantation
- c) He becomes a sage himself to teach others his discovery
- d) He sells his land to invest in the magic potion market