

Chapter 9: The Gifts of Wali Dad

Fill in the blanks

1. Wali Dad earned _____ paise every day by cutting and selling grass.
2. Wali Dad saved his money in a _____ pot under his bed.
3. Wali Dad exchanged all his coins for a beautiful gold _____.
4. The merchant said the noblest lady was the queen of _____.
5. In return for the bracelet, the queen sent back _____ loaded with fine silks.
6. Wali Dad sent the silks to the king of _____.
7. The king sent _____ magnificent horses as a return gift.
8. The _____ transformed Wali Dad's hut into a splendid palace.
9. The queen and king fell in love and got married in Wali Dad's _____.
10. In the end, Wali Dad chose to return to his simple life as a _____.

Multiple choice questions

1. Why did Wali Dad exchange his saved coins for a gold bracelet?
 - a) He wanted to wear it himself to look wealthy in the marketplace.
 - b) He needed to bribe the merchant to take him on trading journeys.
 - c) He desired nothing for himself and wished to gift it to someone noble.
 - d) He planned to sell it later at a higher price to buy more grass-cutting tools.

2. How did the merchant react when Wali Dad first asked him to deliver the bracelet?

- a) He laughed mockingly and refused to help a poor grass-cutter.
- b) He was astonished but agreed to fulfill the unusual request.
- c) He demanded half the bracelet as payment for his services.
- d) He reported Wali Dad to the king for suspicious behavior.

3. Why did the queen send silks in return for the bracelet?

- a) She believed it was customary to reciprocate gifts of equal value.
- b) She wanted to test if Wali Dad was truly generous or seeking favors.
- c) She mistook Wali Dad for a wealthy nobleman trying to impress her.
- d) Her prime minister advised her to discourage further contact.

4. What was Wali Dad's motivation for sending gifts to the king and queen alternately?

- a) He wanted to provoke a rivalry between the two monarchs.
- b) He felt overwhelmed by their lavish gifts and kept passing them on.
- c) He hoped to eventually receive a gift valuable enough to retire.
- d) He was secretly in love with both the king and queen.

5. How did the king and queen interpret Wali Dad's escalating gifts?

- a) As a clever scheme to borrow money from their treasuries.
- b) As peace offerings from a neighboring kingdom.
- c) As attempts to seek employment in their courts.
- d) As a challenge to prove their own wealth and generosity.

6. Why did Wali Dad flee when he learned the king and queen were visiting?

- a) He feared they would punish him for deceiving them about his wealth.
- b) He didn't want them to see his humble hut after sending grand gifts.
- c) He had stolen the original bracelet and worried about being caught.
- d) He was angry at the merchant for revealing his location.

7. What transformation did the fairies bring about for Wali Dad?

- a) They turned his grass-cutting sickle into a golden scepter.
- b) They granted him eternal youth to enjoy his wealth.
- c) They made his hut a palace and gave him royal attire.
- d) They transported him to the queen's palace as a nobleman.

8. What was the fairies' reason for helping Wali Dad?

- a) They admired his selflessness and contentment.
- b) They pitied him for being mocked by the merchant.
- c) The king had secretly hired them to test Wali Dad's honesty.
- d) They wanted to expose the greed of the king and queen.

9. What unexpected result came from Wali Dad's gifts?

- a) The king and queen met, fell in love, and married in his palace.
- b) The merchant became wealthy by keeping some gifts for himself.
- c) The fairies cursed the king and queen for their arrogance.
- d) Wali Dad was forced to become the new king of Nekabad.

10. Why did Wali Dad ultimately return to his simple life?

- a) The fairies warned him the palace would vanish after a month.
- b) He missed cutting grass and found royal duties boring.
- c) He valued humility and genuine happiness over wealth.
- d) The king and queen demanded their gifts back after marriage.