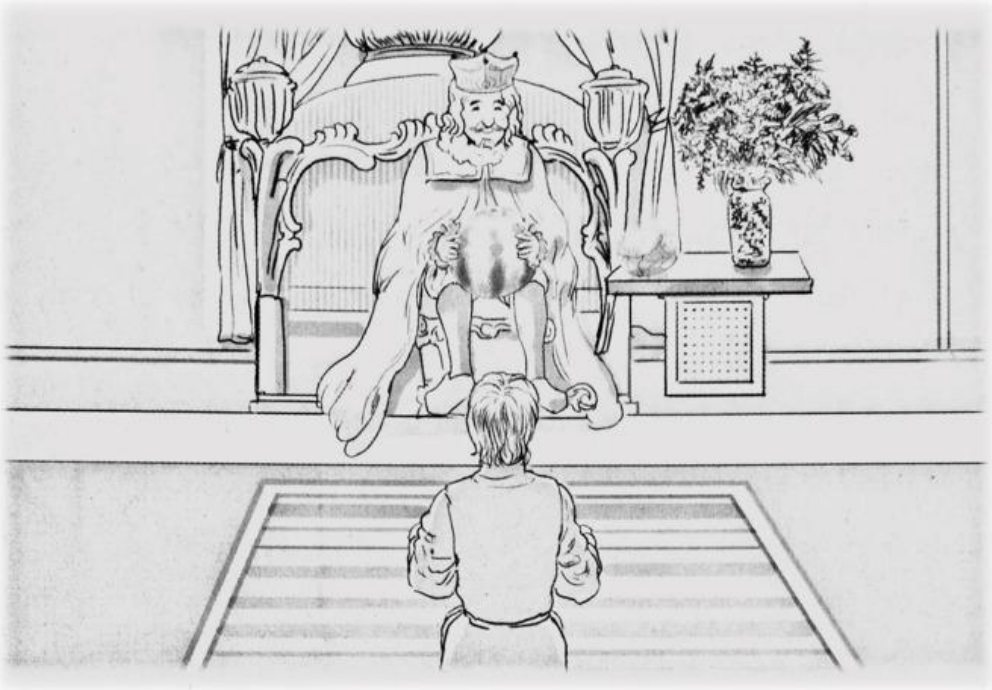
A JEALOUS MAN



A peasant found an enormous water melon in his garden. He thought that the king would receive it with pleasure, so he carried it to the palace. The king received it very gladly and noticed that the peasant had acted out of kindness of heart. He gave him a gold coin.

When the peasant returned home, he told the story to his neighbour. This man was jealous of him and his wife advised him to bring a fine cabbage to the king. The king knew that the man acted out of jealousy, and he said to him, “You are very kind to bring me this cabbage. I receive it with pleasure and I give you a recompense.”

And the king gave him the water melon which he had received from his first visitor.

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Comprehension

1. What did the peasant find in his garden?

   a) A garden b) A gold coin

   c) A water melon d) A cabbage

2. How did the king receive the water melon

   a) Very gladly b) With kindness of heart

   c) With jealousy d) Very kindly

3. Who had acted out of kindness of heart?

   a) The king

   b) The peasant

   c) The peasant's neighbour

   d) The peasant and his neighbour

4. What did the king give to the peasant?

   a) A water melon b) A cabbage

   c) A garden d) A gold coin

5. What did the peasant do when he returned home?

   a) He told the story to his neighbour.

   b) He gave him the gold coin.

   c) He bought a fine cabbage.

   d) He was jealous of his neighbour.

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6. Who was jealous of the peasant?

a) The king b) The peasant's neighbour

c) The peasant's wife d) The neighbour's wife

7. Who advised the peasant's neighbor to bring a fine cabbage to the king?

a) The peasant.

b) The peasant's wife.

c) The wife of the peasant's neighbour.

d) Nobody.

8. What made the peasant's neighbour bring a cabbage to the king?

a) Kindness of heart. b) pleasure.

c) Gladness. d) Jealousy.

9. What recompense did the king give to the second visitor?

a) A gold coin. b) A water melon.

b) A cabbage d) A gold coin and a water melon.

10. Who were the two visitors?

a) The peasant and his wife.

b) The peasant and his neighbour

c) The peasant and his neighbour's wife.

d) The peasant's neighbour and his wife.

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Choose a, b, c or d which best explains the meaning of the underlined word or words.

1. A peasant found an **enormous** water melon.

a) big b) very big

c) beautiful d) good

2. He thought that the king would receive it **with pleasure**.

a) quickly b) at once

c) kindly d) willingly

3. The king received **it** very gladly.

a) the water melon b) the gold coin

c) the cabbage d) the recompense

4. The peasant had acted **out of kindness of heart**.

a) in the hope of reward b) not in the hope of reward

c) very gladly d) with love

5. **This man** was jealous of him.

a) the peasant

b) the peasant's friend

c) the peasant's neighbour

d) the king

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word from the list.

Palace	heart	cabbage	recompense
Jealousy	garden	peasant	gladly
Jealous	enormous	coin	neighbour

A peasant got a water melon from his _____It was_____. He carried it to the _____. The king received the water melon very_____. The peasant has acted out of kindness of _____. His neighbour was _____of him.

The peasant's neighbour brought a _____to the king. The king knew that this man acted out of _____. He gave him a _____. It was the water melon which he had received from the _____.

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Vocabulary Exercise

_____ 1. peasant
_____ 2. enormous
_____ 3. pleasure
_____ 4. palace
_____ 5. act
_____ 6. notice
_____ 7. neighbour
_____ 8. jealous
_____ 9. advise
_____ 10. recompense

a) see
b) joy
c) reward
d) good
e) person who lives nearby
f) huge
g) give advice to
h) a king's house
i) friend
j) envious
k) countryman
l) do

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Language Practice

Choose the correct answer.

1. He thought that the king _____ it.

a) receives b) received

c) will receive d) would receive

2. The king received the water melon_____pleasure.

a) with b) in

c) by d) on

3. The peasant had acted _____kindness of heart.

a) of b) for

c) out of d) in

4. The peasant's neighbour was jealous_____him.

a) to bring b) of

c) for d) off

5. His wife advised him_____ a fine cabbage to the king.

a) to bring b) bring

c) bringing d) brought

6. The king knew that this man acted out of _____.

a) jealous b) jealously

c) jealousy d) jealousies

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7. He did not receive the cabbage with_____.

a) please b) pleasing

c) pleased d) pleasure

8. The king received it_____.

a) glad b) gladly

c) gladness d) very glad

9. He gave him_____recompense.

a) an b) a

c) the d) (no word is needed)

10. The king gave him the water melon which he_____from his first visitor.

a) receives b) received

c) would d) had received

11. They did it _____jealousy.

a) of b) out of

c) off d) in

12. Are you jealous_____her success?

a) for b) with

c) in d) of

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13. The woman received the parcel with _____.

a) pleasure b) please

c) pleased d) pleasing

14. He is very clever _____ a prize

a) win b) to win

c) winning d) won

15. They saw what their

a) do b) did

c) doing d) had done

16. The old man gave it_____kindness

a) of b) with

c) out of d) for

17. I thought that my uncle _____the following day.

a) come b) comes

c) came d) would come

18. Everybody knows that he acted out of _____.

a) lazy b) lazily

b) laziness d) very lazy

19. The teacher advised us _____it again.

a) to do b) do

c) did d) doing

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20. Did her sister accept the invitation_____pleasure?

a) with b) of

c) in d) at

Fun Time

Complete the following food pairs with words in the brackets.

1. Curry and

2. Pork and

3. Liver and

4. Bread and

5. Eggs and

6. Ham and

7. Salt and

8. Cake and

9. Fish and

10. Cream and

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