

## THE STORY OF THE NEW VILLAGE

There was once a man who had just moved to a new 1\_\_\_\_\_. Upon visiting the Zen master, he asked, "Do you think I will like this town? How are the 2\_\_\_\_\_ here?"

The Zen master questioned, "How were the people in your 3\_\_\_\_\_ town?"

"Horrible and spiteful and greedy. They lied and cheated others," replied the 4\_\_\_\_\_.

The Zen master answered, "The people in this town are exactly the 5\_\_\_\_\_."

The next week, another new person 6\_\_\_\_\_ in the town and had the same question for the Zen master. "Do you think I will like this town? How are the people here?"

Again, the Zen master asked "How were the people in your previous town?"

"Kind and 7\_\_\_\_\_. They were so compassionate towards others!" replied the newcomer.

The Zen master answered, "The people in this town are 8\_\_\_\_\_ the same."

A. What did the newcomer ask the Zen master about the new town?

1. Will I like this town?
2. Is this town safe?
3. What is the history of this town?
4. How big is this town?

B. How did the first newcomer describe the people in his previous town?

1. Kind and respectful
2. Horrible and spiteful
3. Generous and helpful
4. Friendly and welcoming

C. What was the Zen master's response to the first newcomer's question?

1. The people in this town are friendly.
2. The people in this town are exactly the same.
3. You will love this town.
4. This town is very different.

D. How did the second newcomer describe the people in their previous town?

1. Greedy and dishonest
2. Kind and respectful
3. Rude and untrustworthy
4. Indifferent and cold

E. What did the Zen master say about the people in the new town to the second newcomer?

1. They are very different from your last town.
2. They are exactly the same as in your last town.
3. They are not welcoming.
4. They are very friendly.