

# The Golden Touch (Part 1 & 2)

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## Part A: True or False (10 points)

Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if it is false.

1. King Midas loved gold more than anything else in the world. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Midas' daughter was named Margaret. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Midas had a small and simple treasure room. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The stranger who visited Midas was friendly and mysterious. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Midas was perfectly satisfied with his wealth. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Midas wished that everything he touched would turn to gold. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The stranger told Midas the wish would come true the next morning. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Marigold was sad because her father ignored her. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The roses in the garden turned into gold. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The food and drink also turned to gold when Midas touched them. \_\_\_\_\_

## Part B: Vocabulary Matching (10 points)

Match the words in **Column A** with their meanings in **Column B**. Write the correct letter (A–J).

### Column A

1. Adored
2. Chamber
3. Whispered
4. Concluded
5. Astonished
6. Summon
7. Fragrant
8. Bitterly
9. Brilliantly

### Column B

- A. Wonderful; shining brightly
- B. Sad; filled with pain
- C. A room or enclosed space
- D. To speak softly
- E. Surprised greatly
- F. To love deeply
- G. Having a pleasant smell
- H. To call or ask someone to come
- I. Decided after thinking carefully

10. Treasure

J. A collection of valuable items or wealth

Write your answers here.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**Part C: Multiple Choice Questions (10 points)**

Circle the correct answer.

1. What did King Midas love the most?
  - a) His kingdom
  - b) Gold
  - c) Flowers
  - d) His servants
2. Who did Midas love almost as much as gold?
  - a) His wife
  - b) His daughter Marigold
  - c) The stranger
  - d) His people
3. Where did Midas keep his gold?
  - a) In a cave
  - b) In his treasure room
  - c) In the garden
  - d) In a secret box
4. What did Midas wish for?
  - a) To be the richest man
  - b) To live forever
  - c) That everything he touched would turn to gold
  - d) That his daughter would be happy
5. Who granted Midas's wish?
  - a) A fairy
  - b) A stranger
  - c) A soldier
  - d) A wizard
6. What happened when Midas touched the roses?
  - a) They turned into diamonds
  - b) They died
  - c) They turned into gold
  - d) They stayed the same
7. Why was Marigold crying?
  - a) Her toys were gone
  - b) Her rose had turned to gold
  - c) She lost her pet
  - d) Her father was angry
8. What happened to the food when Midas tried to eat?
  - a) It disappeared
  - b) It turned to gold

- c) It melted
- d) It stayed the same
- 9. What was the main lesson of the story?
  - a) Gold brings true happiness
  - b) We should never make wishes
  - c) Too much desire can lead to unhappiness
  - d) Kings should not have treasure rooms
- 10. Who was the author of *The Golden Touch*?
  - a) William Shakespeare
  - b) Hans Christian Andersen
  - c) Nathaniel Hawthorne
  - d) Aesop

Write your answers here.

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## The Golden Touch (Part 2)

### 1 Vocabulary Matching (10 items)

Match the words in **Column A** with their meanings in **Column B**.

#### Column A

1. summon
2. bitterly
3. fragrant
4. astonished
5. inform
6. despair
7. responded
8. aware
9. handkerchief
10. miserable

#### Column B

- a. shocked and amazed
- b. sadness and hopelessness
- c. to call or send for someone
- d. to say something in reply
- e. having a pleasant smell
- f. to become aware of something
- g. a cloth used to wipe the face
- h. extremely unhappy; with strong sadness
- i. tell; give information
- j. hopeless; full of suffering

Write your answers here.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

## 2 True / False (10 items)

Write **T** for True and **F** for False.

1. Marigold was crying because her beautiful rose had turned to gold. \_\_\_\_\_
2. King Midas was happy that everything he touched turned to gold. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The king's breakfast turned to gold when he touched it. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Marigold comforted her father, then turned into gold. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The stranger who gave Midas the power returned to help him. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The king loved gold more than his daughter at the end. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The stranger told Midas to wash away the Golden Touch in the river. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The rose bushes remained gold forever. \_\_\_\_\_
9. When Midas sprinkled water on Marigold, she became alive again. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Midas learned a lesson about what is truly important. \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Multiple Choice (10 items)

Choose the best answer (A, B, or C).

1. Why was Marigold crying?  
A. She lost her doll  
B. Her rose turned into gold  
C. She was hungry
2. What happened to the food when the king touched it?  
A. It disappeared  
B. It stayed the same  
C. It turned into gold
3. How did Midas feel after Marigold turned to gold?  
A. Excited  
B. Filled with despair  
C. Bored
4. Who appeared when Midas was filled with despair?  
A. A knight  
B. A wizard  
C. The stranger
5. What did Midas tell the stranger?  
A. "I want more gold."  
B. "I am very miserable."  
C. "Everything is perfect."
6. What did Midas have to bring back to the palace?  
A. A pitcher of gold  
B. A pitcher of food  
C. A pitcher of water

7. What happened when Midas sprinkled water on Marigold?
  - A. She melted
  - B. She returned to life
  - C. She stayed gold
8. After fixing everything, Midas learned:
  - A. Gold is the most important thing
  - B. Love is more important than gold
  - C. Roses are useless
9. Where did Midas go to remove the Golden Touch?
  - A. The mountain
  - B. The river
  - C. The castle tower
10. What still sparkles like gold near rivers today, according to the story?
  - A. Sand
  - B. Leaves
  - C. Stones

Write your answers here.

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#### 4 Summary Completion (10 items)

Fill in the blanks using the correct words:

(gold, rose, despair, stranger, breakfast, water, river, daughter, fortune, aware)

1. Marigold cried because her \_\_\_\_\_ had turned to gold.
2. All of the king's \_\_\_\_\_ turned to gold when he touched it.
3. The king felt great \_\_\_\_\_ when his daughter turned into gold.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ appeared to Midas again.
5. Midas said his new \_\_\_\_\_ had cost him his daughter.
6. The stranger told Midas to go to the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Midas had to bring back a pitcher of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. He sprinkled the water on his \_\_\_\_\_ to save her.
9. Marigold was not even \_\_\_\_\_ she had turned into gold.
10. The sand near the river sparkled like \_\_\_\_\_.