Lesson #14

The Golden Fish
Part 2

After much wheedling, the woman agreed to look for the fish once again. The sea was rougher than it had been before and even darker, but the fish did appear. "I thought you'd be back. What does he want now?"

"My husband thinks he'd rather have a castle than a house, if it's not too much trouble," the woman said.

"Go home; it's there now," the fish replied. She thanked the fish and returned home, but where the house had been, there was now a castle with servants, just as her husband had requested.

"Look at all the fish has given us! We'll never need anything else the rest of our lives," exclaimed the woman.

"That's an awfully long time," replied the husband. "We'll see what happens." The next morning, the woman and her husband sat down to a delicious breakfast prepared by the servants and served on golden plates.

"You know," he said, "this castle is acceptable, I suppose, but the sun woke me so early this morning, and that's simply unacceptable. What I'd really like is to be the god of the sun."

"God of the sun," the wife whispered. "I can't ask the fish for that! Can't you let well enough alone?" But the husband kept insisting he could not possibly be happy until he was god of the sun.

"Alright," she said finally, "I'll go ask the fish, but I have a bad feeling about this." This time, the sea was angrier than ever. Waves crashed, lightning flashed, and the woman was frightened, yet the fish did appear.

"Aha! What does he want now?"

"I'm sorry," said the woman, "but I don't know what to do! My husband insists he won't be happy until he's god of the sun."

"Go home," said the fish, and before the woman could reply, he disappeared into the depths of the rolling sea. She trembled wondering what awaited her at home.

When the woman arrived at home, she couldn't believe her eyes! Gone were the servants, gone was the vineyard, and she sighed with relief, seeing the little cottage just as it had been before. And as far as anyone knows, the woman and her husband live there to this day.

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1. After much wheedling, the woman agreed to look for the fish once again.
What is the meaning of the underlined phrase?

A) The woman's husband spent a long time talking her into something.

B) The woman spent time making cloth on a spinning wheel.

C) The woman tried to talk her husband into doing something.

D) The woman spent many days looking for the golden fish.

2. Which character traits describe the husband in this story?

greedy satisfied thankful forceful happy

3. This time the sea was angrier than ever.
What is the meaning of the underlined phrase?

A) The sea began yelling at the woman.

B) All the fish in the sea were mad at the people.

C) The wind and the water were fighting with each other.

D) The weather was stormy and windy; the waves were high.

4. The woman agrees to visit the sea once more. However, she has a bad feeling about it. What is she afraid of?

A) The fish threatens to hurt her.

B) She knows she is asking for too much.

C) Her husband is becoming god of the sun.

D) She cannot swim and is afraid of the water.

5. At the end of the story, the woman feels _____.

frightened angry relieved unhappy

6. In the story, highlight or underline the part that explains why the woman feels as she does.

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