

## The Real King

Once upon a time, there lived a king in China. He was very old. He wanted to choose an honest and a good person to become the king after him. He thought to himself, "How will I find such a person?" He then had an idea.

He called all the children in his kingdom to his palace. He gave each of them a *special* flower seed and said, "Plant these seeds. Bring the plants to my palace next year. Whoever can grow seeds into the best flower will become king."



All the children went back home with the special seeds. Bittu, a small boy, also went back home with the seed.

He filled a flowerpot with rich soil and planted the special seed. Everyday he



watered the seed. Nothing happened. The plant did not *sprout*. He put the seed into a bigger pot with more soil. Still nothing happened. He became very sad. At the end of the year, his pot was empty.

Spring came. All the children took their pots with beautiful flowers to the king. Only Bittu had an empty pot. He was *ashamed*.

But Bittu's father said, "You did your best. Your best effort is enough for the king. Go to him with the empty pot."

Bittu went to the palace. The king was looking at all the flowers slowly. He came to Bittu's pot and asked, "Why is your pot empty?"

Bittu cried and said, "I planted the seed you gave me. I watered it everyday. I took good care but the seed just did not sprout. This is the best I could do!"

The king smiled and said, "I have found the next king!" He said to the other children, "The seeds I gave you were all cooked.





They cannot grow into a plant. All of you have cheated. But Bittu is an honest boy. He will be the next king.”

## Word Treasure

*special* : not ordinary

*ashamed* : feeling bad about something

*sprout* : to begin to grow

*kingdom* : area under a king



## EXERCISE TIME

### Comprehension Skills

#### A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

1. There lived a king in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Nepal  b. America  c. China
2. All the \_\_\_\_\_ went back home.  
a. birds  b. animals  c. children
3. He filled a \_\_\_\_\_ with rich soil.  
a. flower pot  b. bucket  c. pit

#### B. Fill in the blanks with the correct option :

beautiful, old, empty, honest, new king, special

1. The king had become \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He gave the children \_\_\_\_\_ seeds to plant.
3. The next spring, only Bittu had an \_\_\_\_\_ pot.
4. The other children had \_\_\_\_\_ flowers.
5. The king realised that Bittu was an \_\_\_\_\_ boy.
6. The king said, Bittu will be the next \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. Answer the following questions :

1. What did the king want to do when he became old ?
2. What did Bittu do with the seed he got ?
3. What happened to Bittu's seed ?
4. What was wrong with the seeds the king had given to the children ?
5. Why was the king happy with Bittu ?

## Fun with Words

### D. Form the opposites of these words using "un" and "dis" :

1. fold            +    =    \_\_\_\_\_
2. kind            +    =    \_\_\_\_\_
3. honest          +    =    \_\_\_\_\_
4. important      +    =    \_\_\_\_\_
5. clean            +    =    \_\_\_\_\_
6. believe          +    =    \_\_\_\_\_

## Essential Grammar

### E. Write the sentences correctly :

1. does not / an apple / She / eats / everyday

\_\_\_\_\_

2. basketball. / Lata / does not play

\_\_\_\_\_

3. a lot of books. / does not read / My friend

\_\_\_\_\_

4. do not sing / they / together.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. on the bench. / do not sit / The children

\_\_\_\_\_

**F. Answer these questions with Yes/No or words given below :**

I can, I am, It can't, I don't

1. Can you read ?
2. Are you in class 2 ?
3. Do you have school on Sunday ?
4. Can an elephant fly ?



**Essential Speaking**

**G. Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer these questions :**

1. Who sits near you in class ?
2. What is your name ?
3. Where do you live ?
4. Which is your favourite flower ?
5. When do you go to sleep at night ?
6. How do you go to school ?

**Fun to Do**

**H. Look at the clue on each step and write the word :**

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