

## THE GOLDEN\* TOUCH

King Midas rules the land of Greece and he is very rich. He has a lot of gold, but he's not very happy. He always wants more.

One day, while he is walking in the garden, he can hear someone call his name.



1. What is the title of the story?

- A) King Midas      B) Greece      C) Made of Gold      D) The Golden Touch

2. Who is Midas?

- A) a young queen      B) a rich king      C) a beautiful princess      D) a poor man

3. What does the King love the most?

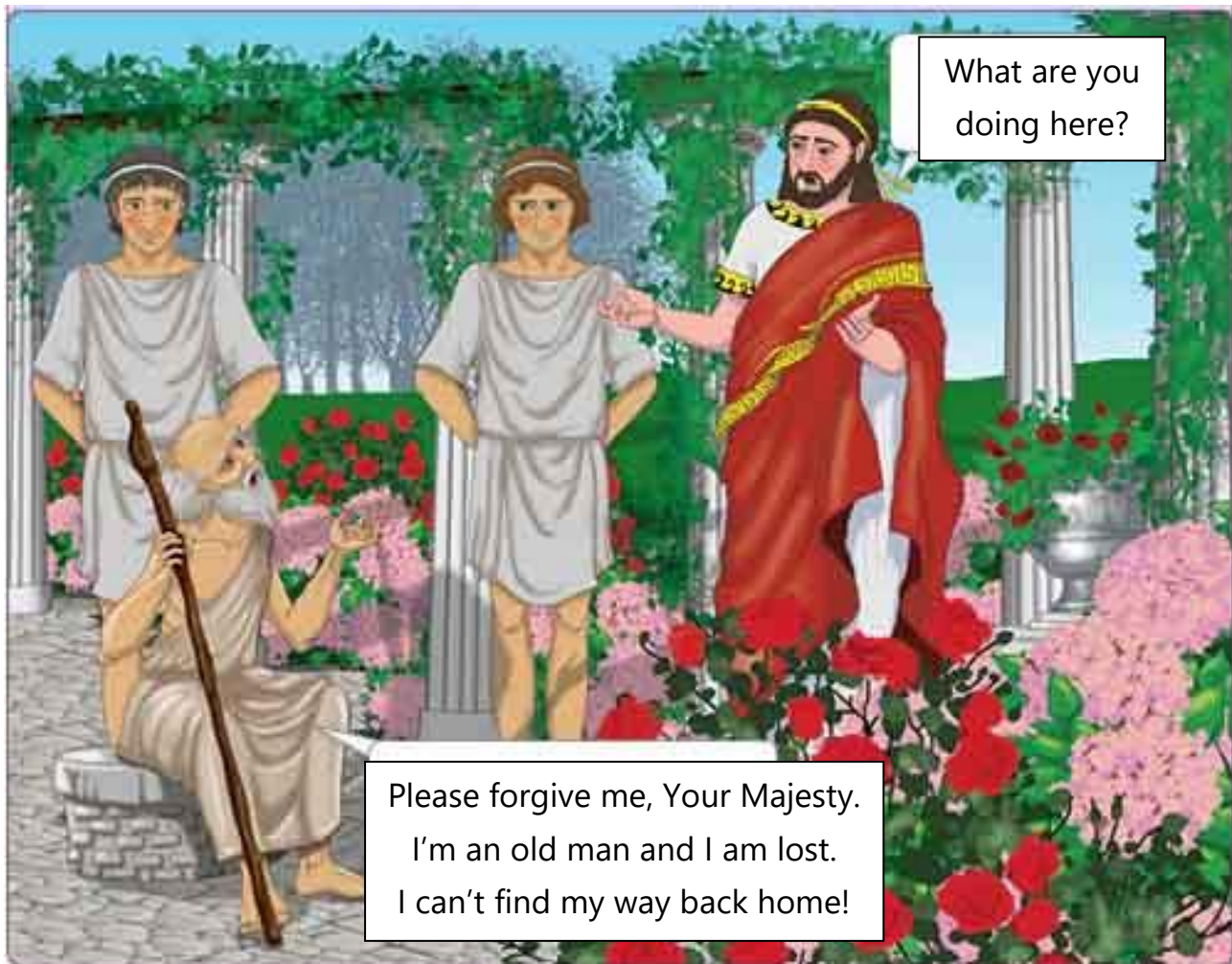
- A) silver      B) diamonds      C) gold      D) Greece

4. Look at the picture! Some ..... are flying in the sky.

- A) birds      B) planes      C) bees      D) kites

\* *golden* – made of gold

The King goes to see who it can be. He's surprised to see Silenus, his old school teacher and friend of god Dionysus.



5. The old man is .....

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| A) Midas' old teacher | B) Midas' old friend  |
| C) Midas' student     | D) Midas' grandfather |

6. Why is Silenus in the garden?

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| A) He wants to hide something.  | B) He can't find his way back home. |
| C) He wants to steal something. | D) He wants to talk to the king.    |

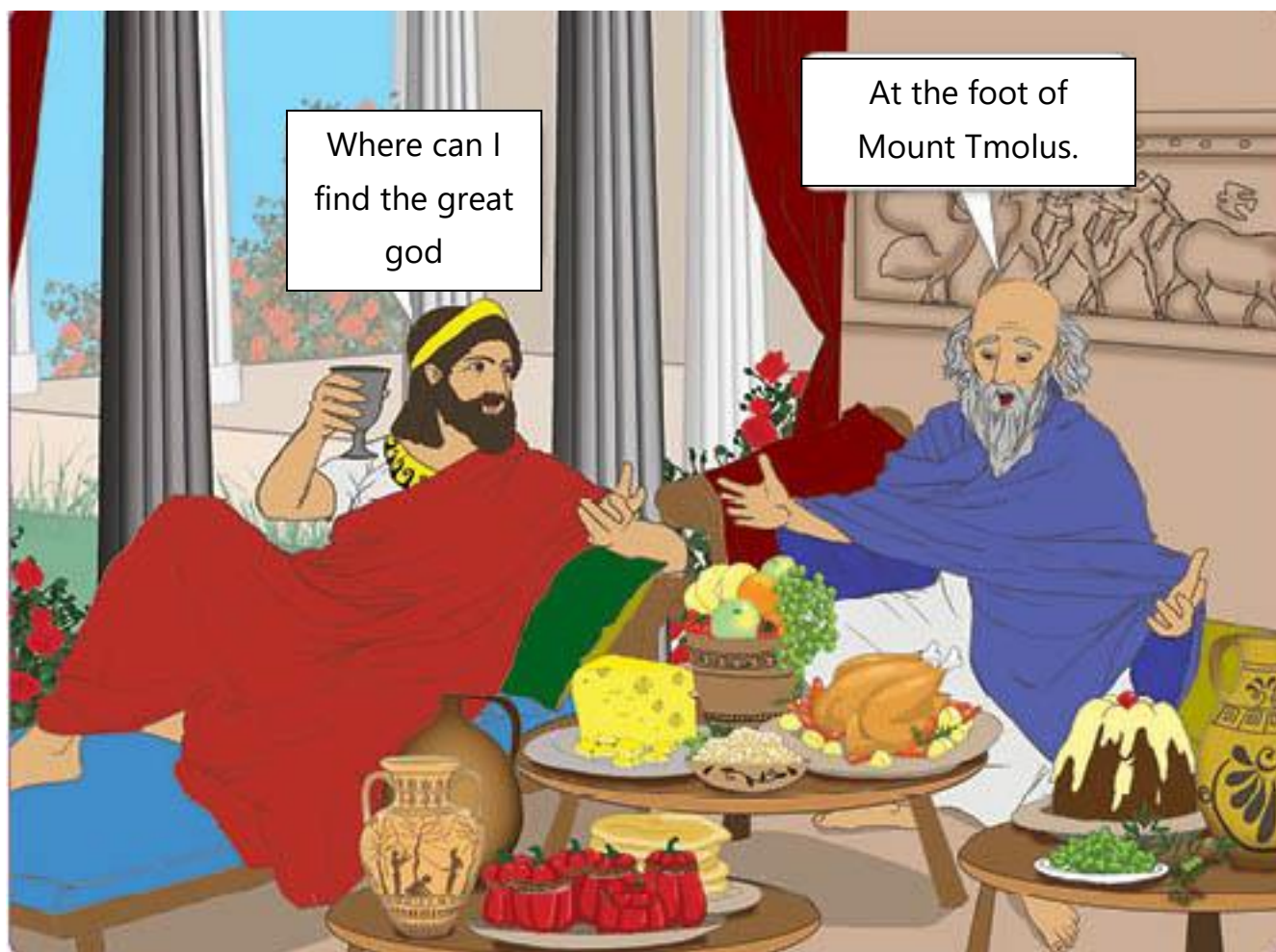
7. Look at Silenus! What is he wearing?

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| A) long trousers | B) simple clothes | C) sandals | D) red clothes |
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8. Look at the picture! There are many ..... roses in the garden.

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| A) pink | B) green | C) white | D) red |
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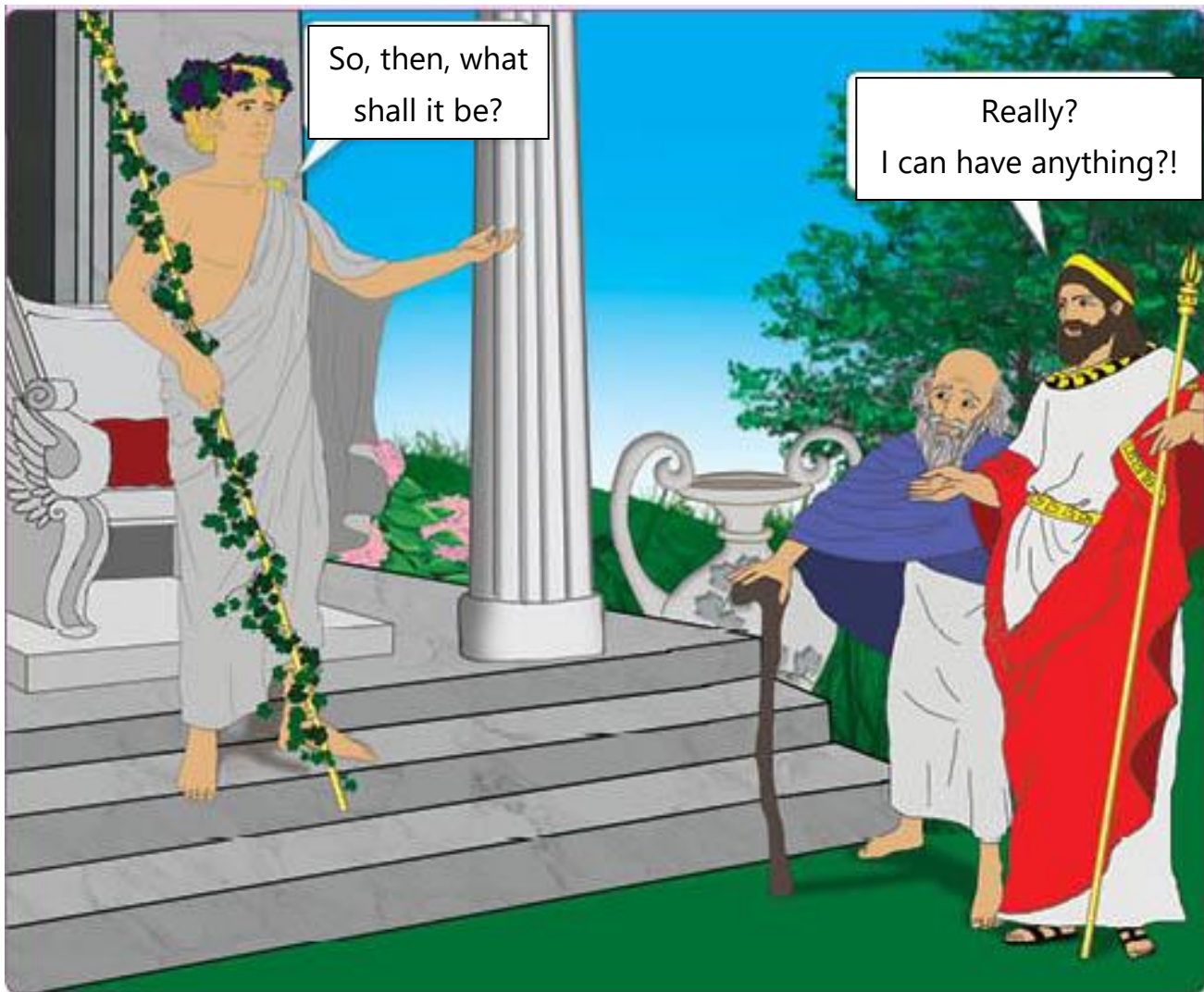
Instead of sending Silenus away, King Midas invites him to stay at his palace. He gives him food and water and lets him stay at his palace for the next ten days. One day, after breakfast, King Midas decides to take Silenus back to Dionysus.



9. What does the King do with Silenus?
  - A) He sends him away.
  - B) He invites him to his palace.
  - C) He makes him his servant.
  - D) He plays with him in the garden.
10. Look at the picture! The King has a cup in ..... hand.
  - A) his
  - B) her
  - C) its
  - D) he's
11. How long does Silenus stay at the palace?
  - A) a week and ten days
  - B) ten weeks
  - C) a week and three days
  - D) a week and five days
12. Look at the food on the table! Find the odd one out!
  - A) cheese
  - B) fruit
  - C) meat
  - D) fish



The god is very pleased to see his friend alive! As a reward for his kindness, the god decides to grant Midas a wish.



**13.** When Dionysus sees his friend safe, what does he do?

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| <b>A)</b> He punishes the King.         | <b>B)</b> He sends the King away.       |
| <b>C)</b> He offers to reward the King. | <b>D)</b> He wishes the King good luck. |

**14.** The god will grant Midas .....

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| <b>A)</b> one wish | <b>B)</b> two wishes | <b>C)</b> three wishes | <b>D)</b> four wishes |
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**15.** Match the synonyms.

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| 1. pleased | a. nice  |
| 2. kind    | b. prize |
| 3. reward  | c. happy |
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| <b>A)</b> 1c/ 2b/ 3a | <b>B)</b> 1c/ 2a/ 3b | <b>C)</b> 1b/ 2a/ 3c | <b>D)</b> 1a/ 2c/ 3b |
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But Midas knows there's only one thing he wants.



Dionysus doesn't seem very happy about it. Maybe Midas isn't very wise. Still, he keeps his promise.

**16.** What's the King's wish?

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| <b>A)</b> To be very wise.        | <b>B)</b> To have a lot of gold.   |
| <b>C)</b> To have a lot of power. | <b>D)</b> To remain young forever. |

**17.** How does Dionysus feel about the King's wish?

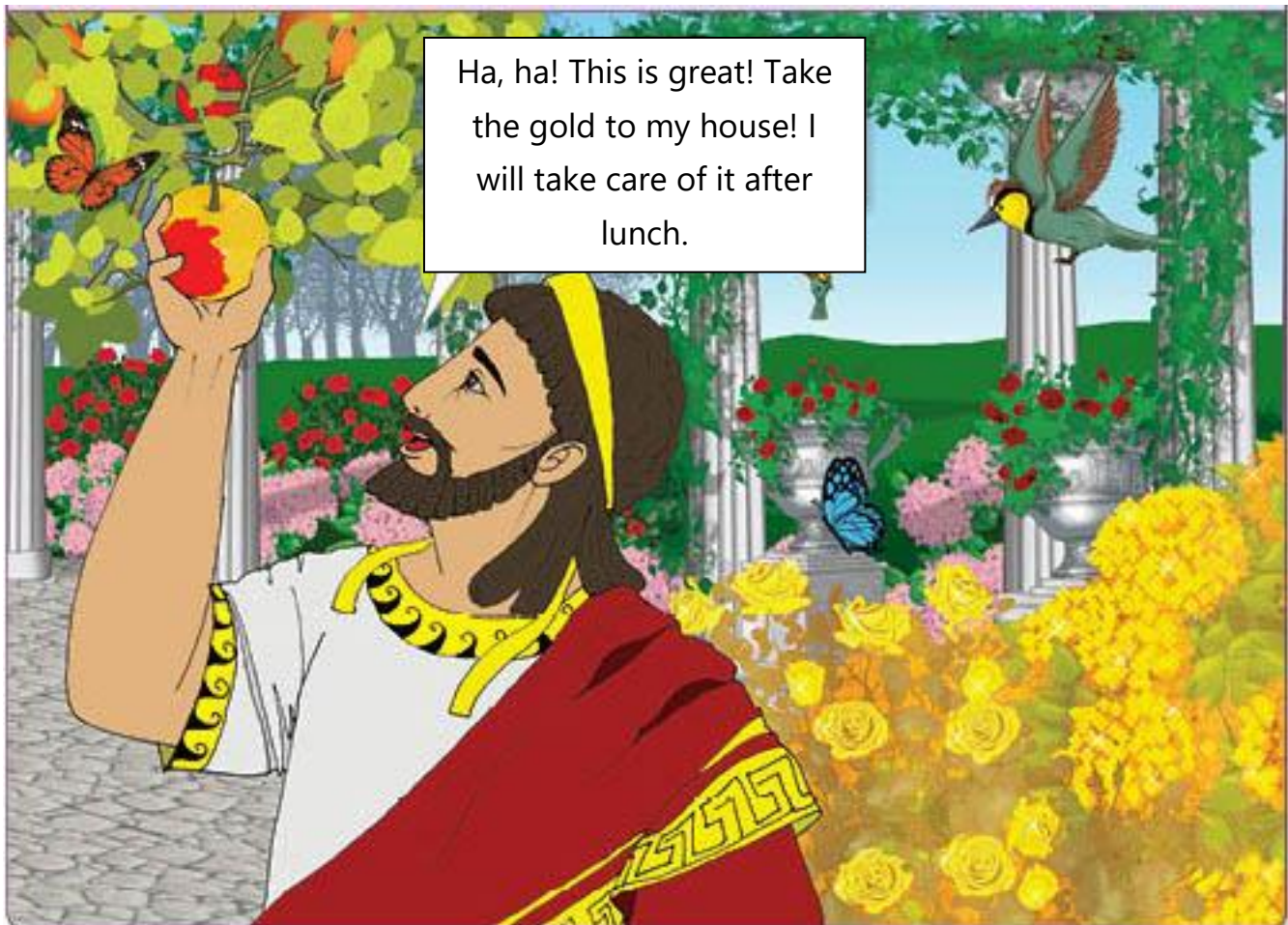
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| <b>A)</b> He's very happy. | <b>B)</b> He's excited. |
| <b>C)</b> He's surprised.  | <b>D)</b> He's amused.  |

**18.** Does Dionysus keep his promise?

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| <b>A)</b> No, he doesn't. | <b>B)</b> Yes, he is.   |
| <b>C)</b> No, he isn't.   | <b>D)</b> Yes, he does. |



Midas thanks Dionysus and goes back to his royal palace. He is so excited! His first stop is his garden. He touches a rose and it turns into gold. After that, he touches an apple. It also turns into gold. He picks up some stones and they all change into gold. He can't stop smiling!



**19.** What things does King Midas turn into gold in the garden?

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| A) a statue, a bird, some stones | B) a servant, a snowdrop, some bees  |
| C) a rose, an apple, some stones | D) some trees, two birds, some roses |

**20.** How does King Midas feel about his magic gift?

- A) He's sad.      B) He's very happy.      C) He's angry.      D) He's bored.

**21.** Match the words to complete the sentence. *You can ..... with your .....*

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| 1. touch | a. eyes  |
| 2. smell | b. mouth |
| 3. see   | c. nose  |
| 4. taste | d. hand  |

- A) 1d/ 2b/ 3c/ 4a      B) 1b/ 2c/ 3d/ 4a      C) 1c/ 2b/ 3a/ 4d      D) 1d/ 2c/ 3a/ 4b

In the dining room, the King pulls up a chair and sits down at the table. The food arrives. It smells so delicious! He grabs a slice of bread and takes a huge bite. Bam! The bread turns into gold. Angry, Midas throws the bread away and grabs some chicken instead. Bam! Gold.



22. The King cannot eat his food because .....

- A) it tastes bad      B) it is cold      C) it changes into gold      D) it smells bad

23. Match the opposites.

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| 1. sit down | a. leave    |
| 2. push     | b. throw    |
| 3. arrive   | c. stand up |
| 4. catch    | d. pull     |

- A) 1c/ 2d/ 3a/ 4b      B) 1c/ 2b/ 3a/ 4d      C) 1d/ 2c/ 3b/ 4a      D) 1a/ 2b/ 3d/ 4c



Everything turns into gold – the bread, the cheese, the fruits. Even the wine flows into his mouth like melted gold. He is starting to panic.



24. Look at the picture! There is a cat ..... the table.

- A) on                      B) in                      C) under                      D) between

25. The food and the drinks ..... into gold.

- A) turn                      B) turns                      C) is turning                      D) to turn

26. Midas asks Dionysus .....

- A) to give him food.                      B) to take back his gift.  
C) to come to his castle.                      D) to give him more gold.



Midas goes back to Dionysus. He begs him to undo his magic. Dionysus feels sorry for him and agrees to help.



27. Midas promises .....

- A) never to be greedy again
- B) to share his gold with other people
- C) to release Dionysus from such a blessing
- D) to throw all his gold away

28. Look at the picture! What's Dionysus doing?

- A) He's crying.
- B) He's sleeping.
- C) He's dancing.
- D) He's laughing.

Dionysus sends Midas to have a bath in the Pactolus River and wash the spell away. The King follows Dionysus' instructions. The magic disappears...



People say that even now the river shines gold in the sun.

**29.** To wash the spell away, the King has to .....

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| <b>A)</b> throw his gold into the river | <b>B)</b> bath in the river        |
| <b>C)</b> never touch an object again   | <b>D)</b> help poor people in need |

**30.** What lesson does Midas learn in this story?

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| <b>A)</b> Hard work is always rewarded! | <b>B)</b> Be careful what you wish for! |
| <b>C)</b> Always help people in need!   | <b>D)</b> Don't waste your time!        |