

Read the passage below carefully. Then answer the questions.

In a small village lived a miser named Benjamin. He was known for his extreme frugality and his obsession with accumulating wealth. Benjamin had amassed a considerable amount of possessions over the years, but he was always yearning for more.

One day, Benjamin made a drastic decision. He decided to sell everything he owned, including his house, his furniture, and even his clothing. With the money he received, he purchased a large lump of gold, which he cherished dearly. He buried the lump of gold in a hole by an old wall near his house and went to visit it daily.

Unbeknownst to Benjamin, one of his workmen named Thomas had noticed his frequent visits to the spot. Suspicious of Benjamin's actions, Thomas decided to keep a close eye on him. He followed Benjamin secretly and soon discovered the hidden treasure. Unable to resist the temptation, Thomas dug down and stole the lump of gold.

The next day, when Benjamin visited the hole, he found it empty. Shocked and devastated, he began tearing his hair and wailing in despair. A kind neighbour, witnessing Benjamin's distress, approached him and asked about the cause of his agony. Benjamin, between sobs, explained how his beloved treasure had been stolen.

The neighbour, rather than offering sympathy, proposed a different perspective. "Pray do not grieve so," the neighbour said, placing a comforting hand on Benjamin's shoulder. "Go and take a stone, and place it in the hole, and visualize its presence."

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1. Give the story a title.
2. Summarize the story in four sentences.
3. Relate the story through Thomas' perspective.
4. Do you think that Thomas was wrong in his actions? Give a reason.
5. If you were the neighbour, what would have been your advice to Benjamin?
6. Complete the sentences using a simile.
 - a. Benjamin was as greedy as a _____
 - b. Benjamin felt that his gold was as _____ .
7. Define the following words:
 - a. miser
 - b. amassed
 - c. drastic
 - d. distress
 - e. agony
 - f. Visualize