

The Elephant and Three Blind People

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks with the correct word.

Long ago, some students were having a _____ discussion about god, religion and _____. Nobody could agree on anything. Each person thought their idea was right and the others were _____.

Like many discussions about religion, few people were _____ in listening to others. Instead, each person wanted to be _____. Soon the discussion became a shouting _____.

Finally, one person _____ an idea. She said, "Let's talk to the old professor. He is very _____. Perhaps he can _____ this argument and tell us what god is."

Everyone _____ and they walked to the teacher's house.

The old teacher _____ the students into his home and listened to their questions. After careful _____, he made a rather strange _____. He asked the group to go outside, find a _____ elephant and three blind people and then bring them back to his home.

The group was a little _____, but they did as the old teacher asked.

The _____ day, the elephant and blind people were _____ in the front yard of his home. The old teacher asked the blind people to do one thing: find out what the elephant _____ like.

Each person _____ one part of the elephant and made a _____.

The first person touched the _____ and said, "I know what it is. It's a tree."

The second person felt the tail and said with _____, "No, you're wrong. It's a long piece of _____."

The third person put her hand on the animal's stomach and _____, "I'm certain that all of you are wrong. I know what it is. It's a _____."

The old teacher listened and then _____. "Each person believes they know the truth, yet everyone has a _____ description of the elephant. Who has the correct _____?"