

The Empty Pot

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

Long ago, there was an old _____. He didn't have a son or daughter. There was nobody to take his _____ after he died.

So, he made a plan to find a _____ person to be the _____ king or queen.

One day in April, he _____ children from the village to his garden. He gave each child one seed. He told them to _____ a flower. The person with the best flower would be the _____ leader.

One boy was happy. Ping loved to grow things. He _____ he could grow the best flower.

He went home and _____ the seed. Every week, he gave it the right amount of _____ and sunshine.

For weeks, _____ happened.

He showed his _____ the empty pot. Ping said he didn't want to meet the king. His father said, "No my son, go to the king and tell him you _____ hard."

The next day, the king's _____ was filled with kids. Ping looked around. Everyone had a _____ flower, except him.

The king _____ the plants, but didn't smile. Then he saw Ping. He walked over and asked him, "Why is there nothing _____ your pot?"

Ping said, "The seed _____ grow."

The king _____. He raised his arm and spoke with a kind _____, "Thank you all, but I do not know how you were _____ to grow these things. I gave you a bad seed. It wasn't _____ to grow _____. This boy has an empty pot. He is honest. He will be the _____ king."