

# Empy Pot

## Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

Long ago, there was an old king. He didn't have a son or \_\_\_\_\_. There was nobody to take his place after he died. So, he made a plan to find a young 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 future leader.

One boy was happy. Ping loved \_\_\_\_\_ things. He thought he could grow the best flower. He went home and \_\_\_\_\_ the seed. Every week, he gave it the right amount of water and \_\_\_\_\_.

For weeks, nothing \_\_\_\_\_. He showed his father the empty pot. Ping said he didn't want \_\_\_\_\_ the king. His father said, "No my son, go to the king and tell him \_\_\_\_\_ you."

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

The king studied the plants but didn't \_\_\_\_\_. Then he saw Ping. He walked over and asked him, "Why is there \_\_\_\_\_ inside your pot?"

Ping said, "The seed \_\_\_\_\_ grow."

The king smiled. He raised his arm and spoke with a kind \_\_\_\_\_, "Thank you all, but I do not know how you were able to grow these things. I gave you a \_\_\_\_\_ seed. It wasn't possible to grow anything. This boy has an empty pot.

He is \_\_\_\_\_. He will be the next king."

## Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. make a plan      | a. small town  |
| 2. village          | b. truthful    |
| 3. the right amount | c. a long time |
| 4. honest           | d. prepare     |
| 5. for weeks        | e. sufficient  |

## True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. The king had a daughter. T or F
2. The king gave all the children a flower. T or F
3. Ping took good care of his seed. T or F
4. All the children except Ping grew flowers. T or F
5. Ping told the truth about his flower. T or F

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## Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

DNOOBY

\_\_\_\_\_

EIDDSUT

\_\_\_\_\_

VITNIED

\_\_\_\_\_

OCEVI

\_\_\_\_\_

ANOUMT

\_\_\_\_\_

ESED

\_\_\_\_\_

## ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. What was the king's plan?
  2. What advice did Ping's father give?
  3. Do you think the father gave good advice?
  4. Why did the king not smile when he saw children with so many flowers?
  5. Did the king choose the best person?
  6. Does this story have a good message for kids?
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## Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. was / place / died / there / take / to / after / nobody / his / he

\_\_\_\_\_

2. thought / best / grow / flower / he / he / could / the

\_\_\_\_\_

3. amount / the / sunshine / gave / of / he / it / every / week / and / right / water

\_\_\_\_\_

4. showed / pot / father / the / empty / his / he

\_\_\_\_\_

5. with / future / be / the / the / leader / the / best / flower / person / would

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