

Comprehension Assignment 1

1. Read the passage carefully.

A beggar found a leather purse that someone had dropped in the market place. Opening it, he discovered that it contained 100 pieces of gold. Then he heard a merchant shout, "A reward! A reward to the one who finds my leather purse!"

Being an honest man, the beggar came forward and handed the purse to the merchant saying, "Here is your purse. May I have the reward now?"

"Reward?" laughed the merchant, greedily counted his gold. "The purse I dropped had 200 pieces of gold in it. You've already stolen more than the reward! Go away or I'll tell the police."

"I'm an honest man," said the beggar boldly, "let us take this matter to the court."

In the court, the judge patiently listened to both sides of the story and said, "I believe you both. Justice is possible! Merchant, you stated that the purse you lost contained 200 pieces of gold. Well, that's a considerable amount. But, the purse this beggar found had only 100 pieces of gold. Therefore, it couldn't be the one you lost."

And, with that, the judge gave the purse and all the gold to the beggar.

1. Tick the correct option.

- a. The beggar found the purse _____.
 - I. In a house
 - II. on the shop
 - III. In the marketplace
- b. He returned the purse to the owner as _____.
 - i. He wanted a reward
 - ii. He did not want the money.
 - iii. He was an honest man
- b. The purse contained _____.
 - I. 50 gold coins
 - II. 100 gold coins
 - III. 200 gold coins
- c. The merchant did not give the beggar any reward as _____.
 - i. He was mean and did not want to part with his money
 - ii. The beggar had already stolen a hundred gold coins
 - iii. It was not his purse
- d. The judge gave the purse to the beggar because _____.
 - i. The beggar had found the purse
 - ii. It did not belong to the merchant
 - iii. He wanted to teach the merchant a lesson

2. Write True or False.

- a) A beggar stole a merchant's purse. _____
- b) The merchant offered the person, who found his purse, a reward. _____
- c) The beggar stole a hundred gold coins. _____
- d) The judge put the beggar in prison. _____
- e) The merchant was telling a lie about the contents of the purse. _____