

## Title: The Crafty Potter

### Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

beat	cheats	greedy	mess	runaway
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1. We went from street to street, searching for our runaway cat.
2. She did not share her candy because she is greedy.
3. No one wants to play games with someone who cheats.
4. The man beat the donkey, and now the donkey won't work.
5. Justin is in trouble because he made a mess in the kitchen.

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Babu wanted to buy an elephant for his son's wedding. T / F
2. Babu gave all of his money to Purnu. T / F
3. Babu used his feet to turn his Pottery wheel. T / F
4. Purna breaking the pottery was part of the plan. T / F
5. Babu was the real winner. T / F

### B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Babu's neighbor was a rich man, but was never (nice / mean) to Babu.
2. Babu put medicine on the elephant's leg to heal the (cut / limp).
3. The elephant ran away because Purna (beat / trained) him.
4. The heat from the kiln made the jars (hard / pretty).
5. Purna and Babu (became good friends / made a deal).

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. How much money did Babu first offer Purna for the elephant?

- a. All the money in his bag
- b. All the money in his bad and his money at home
- c. Half the money in the bag
- d. Half the money in the bag and his money at home

2. What did people at the wedding think?

- a. They thought the couple was perfect.
- b. They thought Babu was a caring father.
- c. They thought the elephant was sick.
- d. They thought the wedding was cheap.

3. What would happen to Babu if he did not find the elephant?

- a. He would have to work for Purna.
- b. He would go to jail.
- c. He would move to another village.
- d. He would sell his store.

4. How did Babu make his new pottery look old?

- a. By putting cracks in it
- b. By heating it up
- c. By using old paint
- d. By using old designs

5. What did Babu say he was going to do after Purna broke his pottery?

- a. Call the police to come and arrest him
- b. Make him pay for all the pottery he had broken
- c. Take his elephant and keep it
- d. Have him fix his door and all the pottery

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

crafty	kiln	potter	limping	jail
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Babu was an Indian potter who was also very crafty. His son needed an elephant for his wedding, so Babu rented one from his neighbor, Purna. Purna was greedy and unkind. He demanded all the money in Babu's bag. At the wedding, the elephant was limping because Purna had beat him. When the couple was riding the elephant, it fell. Then it got up and ran away. When Babu told Purna what happened. Purna was angry. He said Babu would go to jail if he did not find the elephant. Babu did not want to return the elephant to Purna. He thought of a plan. He made jars and bowls, put them in the kiln, and made them look old. He invited Purna to come get his elephant. However, when Purna arrived, Babu was not there. Purna kicked in the door and broke a lot of the pottery. Babu said he would forget the pottery if Purna forgot the elephant. Purna agreed, so both Babu and the elephant were safe.