

Title: The Laziest Boy in Greece

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

bow	grains	desperately	leftover	wise
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1. People usually become _____ as they get older.
2. In many Asian countries, people _____ when they meet each other.
3. We always give our _____ food to our dog after dinner.
4. She _____ wanted to get tickets to the concert.
5. Bread is made from _____.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Tebelis's father was a miller. T / F
2. The cow started moving the stone slowly and then moved faster. T / F
3. King Alexander introduced himself right after waking up Tebelis. T / F
4. The idea for the watermill came to Tebelis in a dream. T / F
5. King Alexander was impressed with Tebelis. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Tebelis was (just like / not like) many boys his age.
2. A mill turns grains into (flour / flower).
3. The soldier gave Tebelis one (week / day) to get all the grain milled.
4. The name "Nestor" means "(wise / clever) one."
5. The lead soldier was (surprised / excited) that all the flour was ready.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. When did people start to bring grain to Agathon's mill?
 - a. Summer
 - b. Winter
 - c. Spring
 - d. Fall

2. Why did Tebelis tell King Alexander he could not mill the grain?
 - a. Because his cow was sick
 - b. Because he was lazy
 - c. Because there was too much grain
 - d. Because his father was not there

3. What did Tebelis's father do when he first returned?
 - a. He talked to the king.
 - b. He bought a younger cow.
 - c. He started turning the mill himself.
 - d. He yelled at Tebelis for being so lazy.

4. What happened to Agathon when the watermill first started to work?
 - a. He was not able to speak.
 - b. He shouted with excitement.
 - c. He smiled a very big smile.
 - d. He hugged his son.

5. What did the King do when he came back?
 - a. He thanked Tebelis.
 - b. He renamed Tebelis.
 - c. He paid Agathon.
 - d. He gave them more grain.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

watermill	flour	task	mill	laziest
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Tebelis and his father lived long ago in Greece. The father was a miller and worked very hard, but Tebelis did not. People called him the _____ boy in Greece. One day when his father was away, soldiers came to the _____. One was King Alexander. He told Tebelis he had one week to mill a lot of grain. Tebelis knew this was impossible because they only had one sick cow. The next day, Tebelis told his father. His father wanted to get the _____ done and started to turn the mill himself. Tebelis joined him, but at the end of one day, it was clear they could not get it done in time. That night Tebelis dreamed of a way to make a _____ using the river near their house. The next day he got his father to help him build it. It worked, and they were able to turn all the grain into _____. The King approved of the invention and renamed Tebelis "Nestor," which means "wise one."