

### Title: The Magnificent Minu: An African Folktale

#### Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

harvest	magnificent	<i>chichinga</i>	complains	explore
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1. Chichinga is a type of food people eat in West Africa.
2. The decorations for the fancy party look magnificent.
3. My sister complains every time my mom makes spaghetti for dinner.
4. I like to explore new cities when I go on vacation.
5. The harvest was not good this year because of the weather.

## Reading Comprehension

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

1. Atu's father said all men must become rich. T / **F**
2. *Chichinga* is a kind of roasted meat. **T** / F
3. Atu asked who owned all the boats. T / **F**
4. Atu got his mother a hat while in Accra. **T** / F
5. Minu was the king of Accra. T / **F**

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

1. Atu went to visit a (nearby / **distant**) city.
2. Atu thought, "What a (**great** / selfish) man Minu must be."
3. Atu asked the lady at the (**stall** / vendor) who owned the fish.
4. When Atu saw the funeral, a (smile / **tear**) went down his face.
5. Atu's father told him (**what** / who) "minu" meant.

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. Atu's father was described as being \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. old
- b. rich
- c. smart
- d. wise

2. Which direction did Atu walk in to get to Accra?

- a. North
- b. South
- c. East
- d. West

3. What does blue *kente* cloth mean?

- a. Harvest
- b. Peace
- c. Wealth
- d. Beautiful

4. What happened at noon in Accra?

- a. There was a funeral.
- b. The fresh fish came in.
- c. Atu became hungry.
- d. Minu gave out gifts.

5. What did Atu think was rare?

- a. For people to be sad at a funeral
- b. For fish to have a silver color
- c. For a person to own blue and green *kente* cloth
- d. For a man to work hard and act kind

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

<i>kente</i>	market	understand	herd	funeral
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A poor man named Atu lived in a small hut, but he wished he were rich. One day, Atu decided to travel to the big market in Accra. While there, he saw a herd of big goats. He asked a vendor who owned them. She said, "Minu." He saw kente cloth and many fish. He was told they belonged to Minu, too. Atu thought Minu must be very rich. Atu also saw a beautiful hat. He asked the woman who gave it to her. She said, "Minu." Atu thought Minu was both rich and nice. When he was leaving, there was a funeral. Atu thought it was for Minu and was sad. When Atu got home, he told his father about Minu. His father explained that "minu" meant "I don't understand." Atu was embarrassed. But he worked hard, became rich, and helped people like he thought Minu had.