

### 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. \_\_\_\_\_ is a type of food people eat in West Africa.
2. The decorations for the fancy party look \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ every time my mom makes spaghetti for dinner.
4. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ new cities when I go on vacation.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ in Accra. While there, he saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of big goats. He asked a vendor who owned them. She said, "Minu." He saw \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_. 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 \_\_\_\_\_." Atu was embarrassed. But he worked hard, became rich, and helped people like he thought Minu had.