

It's all in the words

1. Why did the old man smile to himself when he saw the thief?

2. Why did the old couple wear their clothes to bed?
(Circle the correct answer.)

- a) They were worried that a thief might steal them.
- b) To keep warm.
- c) Because they didn't have pyjamas.

3. Why didn't the old man try to stop the thief from stealing their rice?
(Circle the correct answer.)

- a) He was too scared.
- b) He was worried that his wife would wake up.
- c) He knew the jar of rice was too heavy for the thief to carry on his own.

4. How do you think the thief felt at the end of the story?
(Circle the correct answer.)

- a) Happy that he'd found the rice.
- b) Worried that the police might catch him.
- c) As if he had been robbed.

5. Explain what the term *empty-handed* means.

6. Why do you think the old man didn't want to disturb his wife.

7. What does the phrase 'The old man was cunning too' mean? Circle the correct answer.

- a) He was going to fight someone.
- b) He knew how to trick someone too.
- c) He wasn't able to see in the dark.

8. Explain why the old man was so calm, while his wife was bawling.
