

Prince Vessantara, Exercises

Part 1 *The Same Meaning*

Draw a line from the word in Column A to the word in Column B which has the same meaning.

A	B
abdicate	agreement
adequately	cheater
destitute	enough
dotard	give up the throne
fraud	impoverished
goad	knowing all
hapless	miserable
massage	obstruction
obstacle	old imbecile
omniscience	one who asks humbly
pact	prod
supplicant	pulsate
taunt	rub
throb	tease
wretched	unfortunate

Part 2 *Opposites*

Draw a line from the word in Column Y to the word in Column Z which has the opposite meaning.

Y	Z
adversity	beautiful
decency	carefully thought out
distracted	composed
flustered	good fortune
fortitude	indecency
harsh	lavish
hideous	mild
ill-considered	mindful
peculiar	ordinary
stinting	weakness

Part 3 *True or False*

Mark each sentence T if it is true, F if it is false, and ? if unknown.

1. ___ The Sakyan princes were proud that the Buddha was also a Sakyan.
2. ___ It was in Tavatimsa that Phusati had received ten boons.
3. ___ As one her boons, Phusatti asked that her son be the Bodhisatta.
4. ___ The Bodhisatta was born after ten lunar months.
5. ___ Paccaya and Prince Vessantara were the same age.
6. ___ King Sanjaya unwillingly sent Prince Vessantara into exile.
7. ___ As soon as Vessantara saw the path leading to the hermitage, he knew that Sakka had provided the hermitage for him and Maddi.
8. ___ Vessantara immediately understood the meaning of Maddi's nightmare.
9. ___ Jali greeted Jujaka and carried his bag to the hermitage.
10. ___ Jujaka did not want to wait for Maddi because he was afraid to meet her.
11. ___ Sakka granted Vessantara ten boons.
12. ___ The miraculous rain in Jettutara fell because Queen Phusati and Maddi were so happy that they wanted to enjoy the refreshing shower.

Part 4 *First, Next, Then*

Arrange the following sentences in the correct chronological order.

- ___ A miraculous rain fell on Mount Vamka, wetting only those who wished to be wetted.
- ___ An angry mob demanded that the king banish Prince Vessantara.
- ___ Dissatisfied, Vessantara resolved to give away something of his very own.
- ___ Jali defended his father and corrected his grandfather.
- ___ Jujaka told the forester that he was a messenger from Vessantara's father.
- ___ Jujaka and the children arrived in Jetuttara.
- ___ King Sanjaya, Queen Phusati, Vessantara, Maddi, the children, and the entire party experienced intense emotion and fainted.
- ___ Maddi vowed to accompany her husband into exile.
- ___ Sakka disguised himself as an elderly brahmin.
- ___ The king redeemed his grandchildren, paying to Jujaka the price Vessantara had set.
- ___ The earth trembled as Vessantara gave Maddi to Sakka.
- ___ The king and his retinue journeyed to Mount Vamka.
- ___ The king of Kalinga was unable to bring rain to his drought-stricken kingdom.
- ___ Vessantara freely gave Paccaya to the brahmins from Kalinga.
- ___ Vessantara gave away the golden necklaces he had received from his father.
- ___ Vessantara was consecrated king and continued giving unstintingly for the rest of his life.
- ___ Vissakamma constructed two hermitages for Vessantara and Maddi.
- ___ When Jujaka asked for the children, Vessantara gave them without hesitation.
- ___ When Maddi learned of Vessantara's gift of their children, she readily approved.

