

Taro's Reward

Word meanings:-

- 1.chopped: cut into pieces
- 2.whistled through: passed through with a whistling sound
- 3.cracks: narrow gaps/openings
- 4.saké : a popular Japanese drink ('sa' is pronounced like 'fa' in 'father' and 'ke' rhymes with 'way')
5. expensive: costly
- 6.made his way to: went to
- 7.cupped a little in his hands: took some water in his hands (as if in a cup)
- 8.delicious: very tasty
- 9.pitcher: a pot usually made of mud
- 10.greedily: as if desiring more and more
- 11.intended: planned
- 12.tricked: deceived
- 13.muttering: speaking unclearly
- 14.sent for: called

Question and Answers-

Q.1-Why did Taro run in the direction of the stream?

Ans- Taro wanted to know what the sound was. He thought it was the sound of rushing water. He was also thirsty. So, he dropped out his axe and ran in the direction of the stream.

Q.2-How did Taro's father show his happiness after drinking saké?

Ans- Taro's father was very delighted to drink saké. After only one swallow of the liquid he stopped shivering and did a little dance in the middle of the floor.

Q.3- Why did the waterfall give Taro saké and others water?

Ans- As Taro was a thoughtful son and worried about the needs of his parents, the magic waterfall rewarded his concern with sake and to the greedy villagers it gave only cold water.

Q.4-Why did the villagers want to drown Taro?

Ans- When one of the greedy villagers knelt and hold his mouth under the waterfall to drink, he found it only plain water. There was no saké. That made all the villagers very tricked by Taro. So they wanted to drown Taro.

Q.5-Why was there a long procession that evening?

Ans- There was a long procession that evening because the greedy woman spread the news to the villagers. The villagers also became greedy and came to taste saké.

Note: Write these word meanings and Questions-Answers in English Literature copy.