

Now, let's read a story about two brothers.

A long, long time ago, there lived two brothers in a village. They had been very close to each other since they were little boys. Everyone in the village knew about their love for each other. The older brother would always look out for his younger brother if he was ever in



trouble. As a result, none of the village boys dared to trouble him.

As time passed, they both grew up to be sincere and hard-working men. Their parents died within a few years of each other, so the two brothers promised that they would look after each other as long as they lived.

Both of them married in time and their families grew bigger. But although they worked hard and sincerely, they were both not very well off. The older brother was a little better off than the younger one who had a larger family to **support** than his elder brother.

One autumn, they **harvested** their grain, which was not much. They had just enough to feed their families but not much left over to sell. The older brother was very worried about his younger brother as he had a larger family to feed. He wondered how he could help him, and so he made a secret plan. That night, he took some grain from his own **store** and quietly went over to his brother's place and put it in his store.

Feeling pleased with himself, he went to his store the next day to check. But he was surprised to see that his own grain supply had not reduced! He thought



support: help **harvested**: cut and gathered a crop **store**: a place where we put something to use later

that probably, he had made a mistake. The next two nights he did the same thing. Still, his grain supply was not **diminished**. It stayed the same. He thought it very **strange** indeed that even though he kept taking away grain every night, the amount remained the same! He decided to find out what the mystery



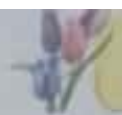
was, and so he hid himself in the field that night to see what was happening. A few hours later, he saw the shadow of a person **approaching**. He **peeped** out from behind the crops to see who it was. To his great surprise, the **stranger** was none other than his own brother! His younger brother then told him, 'Brother, I've been very worried about you. The crop this time has not been very good. I could not sleep at night thinking about you. I knew you would not accept any grain from me. So, every night, I've been bringing some grain from my store for you.'

Hearing this, the older brother started crying and said, 'Oh, how lucky I am to have such a loving brother like you! Each night, I too have been taking my grain to your store! I have been worried about you too.'

They both hugged joyfully, happy that they had proved their true love for each other. They lived the rest of their lives happily, helping one another in times of need.

—A Korean folk tale

diminished: became smaller in number or size **strange**: surprising, especially in a way that is difficult to understand
approaching: coming nearer **peeped**: looked quickly and secretly **stranger**: a person not known to us



Let's learn new words

Sometimes, we can use one word instead of a group of words. Some of them are given below.

audience: a number of people listening to something

ancient: very old

diminish: becoming less or smaller

autobiography: a book or account of one's own life

edible: something that can be eaten

illegal: against the law

invisible: something that cannot be seen

Now, fill in the blanks correctly using the words given above.



1. The thick fog made the road almost invisible.
2. I would like to read Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography.
3. The statues kept in the museum are quite ancient.
4. The audience sat quietly and listened to his speech.

Let's answer

A. Complete the following by choosing the correct option.

1. Both the brothers in the story were
 - a) businessmen.
 - ☒ b) farmers.
 - c) shopkeepers.
2. Between the two brothers, the older one had
 - a) less money.
 - ☒ b) more money.
 - c) no money.
3. The younger brother was
 - a) very helpful.
 - b) more helpful than the older one.
 - ☒ c) as helpful as the older one.
4. The elder brother carried some grain every night to add to
 - a) his own stock.
 - b) the granary's stock.
 - ☒ c) his younger brother's stock.
5. Both the brothers were good humans because
 - a) they worked greedily.
 - ☒ b) they supported each other.
 - c) they fought with each other.

B. Answer the following questions. (See worksheet for answers)

1. Why did the elder brother carry grains to add to the younger brother's stock?
2. What did the elder brother discover when he went to check his grain?
3. Where did the elder brother hide and why did he do so?
4. Why did the younger brother try to help his elder brother?
5. How do we know that the brothers loved each other dearly?
6. The brothers in this story were poor. Yet they lived quite happily. What was the main reason for this? (Hint: love for each other, helping each other in tough times)  
7. 'Still, his grain supply was not diminished.'
 - a) Whose grain supply was not diminished?
 - b) What was the reason behind it?

Answer Key
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Exercise B)

1. The elder brother carried grains from his stock to his brother's stock so that he could help him.
2. The elder brother found out that his stock of grain is not reduced.
3. The elder brother hid in the field to find out how is the grain not being reduced.
4. The younger brother tried to help his elder brother because there was not much grain that year.
5. Both of the brothers were worried about each other and so, they loved each other dearly.
6. They lived happily because they loved each other dearly, helped each other in difficult times and respected each other.
7. (a) The elder brother's.
(b) The reason was his younger brother coming back and refilling the stock of grain.
(c) reduced.