

Grade 4 Theme 4 Story 5
“One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale”

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1. Read this sentence from the story.

“I will store the rice safely,” the raja promised the people, “so that in time of famine, everyone will have rice to eat, and no one will go hungry.”

What does the word *famine* mean?

- A. lack of help
(incorrect meaning)
- B. lack of food
(correct answer)
- C. lack of rice
(incorrect meaning)
- D. lack of money
(incorrect meaning)

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2. In what way does the raja’s life in the palace compare with the lives of the rice farmers?
- A. The raja’s palace has many elephants, but the farmers have no animals of their own.
(incorrect identification of compared elements)
 - B. The raja has many servants to work for him, but the farmers have to work for themselves.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - C. The raja has so much food he can have a feast, but the farmers have little or no food.
(correct answer)
 - D. The raja has no rice during the famine, but the farmers have a large crop of rice.
(incorrect contrast)

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3. How does the raja change from the beginning of the story to the end?
- A. At first he is selfish, but then he is wise and fair.
(correct answer)
 - B. At first he is clever, but then he is confused and sad.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - C. At first he is rich, but then he is poor.
(facts or inferences based on the text, but not related)
 - D. At first he is thoughtful, but then he is considerate.
(incorrect contrast)

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4. What is the first event in the story that helps to solve the famine problem?
- A. The ministers convince the raja to return the rice to the farmers as he promised.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - B. The farmers ask the raja to open the royal storehouses and give them the rice.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - C. The raja tells the people to save rice so they will have food during a famine.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - D. Rani thinks of a plan so that the raja would give her more and more rice each day.
(correct answer)

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5. What words best describe the reaction of the raja when he had to deliver 64 baskets of rice?
- A. troubled, but determined
(correct answer)
 - B. rich, but unhappy
(incorrect contrast)
 - C. surprised, but calm
(incorrect contrast)
 - D. thoughtful, but pleased
(incorrect contrast)