

L. 11 The Most Valuable Thing

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Why did the king like to hear his praise?

Ans. The king liked to hear his praise as he was very fond of himself.

2. What did the king say in his speech to people?

Ans. The king said that his people were lucky to have a great king like him and gave them an anthem to sing his praise.

3. How did Buddhi praise the king?

Ans. Buddhi praised the king by comparing him with salt in the food.

4. What did Buddhi do to prove his point?

Ans. Buddhi replaced the salt with ground sugar in the king's kitchen, so that all delicacies became sweet and lacked salt.

5. Why was the king upset when the meal was served to him?

Ans. The king got upset because all that the cook had prepared was tasting sweet instead of the regular taste, which nobody liked at all. The food lacked any salt which made it taste awful.

B. Fill in the blanks.

1. King Somdev was very **fond** of himself.

2. He **liked** only those who praised him.

3. Buddhi was very clever and **wise**.

4. Buddhi replaced the salt with ground **sugar**.

5. The king **forgave** Buddhi.

C. Omitted