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The Bell of Atri

Read carefully the passage given below and answer the questions given on the next page.

Once upon a time, in the city of Atri, ruled a good and wise king. To make sure that all his people were treated fairly, he ordered a great bell to be hung in a tower. Tied to the bell was a long and strong rope.

"I have placed the bell in the center of the city so that it will be near all the people," declared the king. The rope is long, so that even a child can reach it. If anyone feels that he has not been justly treated, let him ring this bell. Then, whether he is old or young, rich or poor, his story shall be heard.

The bell of justice hung in its place for many years. At last, the rope became worn with use and age. When it was taken down, the king sent his men to find another rope which was long enough and strong enough.

"What if someone needs help while the rope is down?" said the people. "We must put something in its place."

So, one of the men cut a long grapevine and tied it to the great bell. It was springtime, and green shoots and leaves hung from the grapevine.

Near Atri lived a rich old soldier. He had a horse that had fought with him in many battles, but had grown old and lame, and was no longer able to work. The cruel soldier, instead of looking after the old horse, turned him out into the streets.

The old horse went limping along. He grew thinner and thinner. Finally, he limped up to the tower where the bell of justice hung. His dim eyes saw the green shoots and the fresh leaves of the grapevine. Thinking they must be good to eat, he pulled at the vine.

Ding-dong! Ding-dong! Rang the great bell. People came running from all sides.

"Who is calling for justice?" they cried.

There stood the old horse, chewing on the grapevine.
Ding-dong! Ding-dong!

"Whose horse is this?" asked the judges, as they hurried to the spot.

Then everyone heard the story of the old horse. The judges sent for the cruel master. They ordered that he should build a warm barn, where the faithful horse should have the best of hay and grains as long as he lived.

The people shouted with joy at this act of justice, but the old soldier hung his head in shame and led the horse away.

I. Answer the following:

1. Why did the king hang a bell in the tower?

Ans: _____

2. What was the reason for placing the bell in the center of the city?

Ans: _____

3. Why did everyone hear the horse's story?

Ans: _____

II. Complete these sentences from the passage.

1. The rope is long, _____

2. The men cut a long grapevine _____

II. State whether the following sentences are True or False:

1. The king of Atri was kind and fair. _____

2. The old soldier was kind and fair. _____

3. The horse pulled the bell to get justice. _____

4. As the horse pulled the bell, he got justice. _____

5. The bell of justice turned out to be really helpful. _____

III. Complete the table of the causes and effects in this story:

CAUSE	EFFECT
1. The people of Atri used the bell for a long time.	
2. A soldier turned out his old and faithful horse.	

