The Wise Woman's Stone

A wise woman who was travelling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveller who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveller saw the precious stone in the wise woman's bag, admired it, and asked the wise woman to give it to him. The wise woman did so without hesitation.

The traveller left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the jewel was worth enough to give him security for the rest of his life.

But a few days later he came back, searching for the wise woman. When he found her, he returned the stone and said, "I have been thinking. I know how valuable this stone is, but I give it back to you in the hope that you can give me something much more precious. If you can, give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."

The Best of Bits & Pieces

QUESTIONS

1. Answer the following questions using your own words. (2 points)

a. Why did the traveller give the stone back to the woman?

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b. Why did the woman share the food with the man?

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2. Are the following statements true or false? (1 point)

a. The stone did not have much value. ☐

b. The woman was mean. ☐

3. Find a word or phrase in the text which, in context, is similar in meaning to: (1 point)

a. River: _____

b. Celebrate, feel happiness: _____

4. Choose a, b or c in each question below. Only one choice is correct. (2 points)

1. The man saw the precious stone in

a. the woman's hand.

b. one of the woman's pocket.

c. the woman's bag.

2. The woman

a. gave the man the stone.

b. lent the man the stone.

c. borrowed the stone from the man.

3. The man

a. gave the stone back to the woman because it was worthless.

b. gave the stone back to the woman because he wanted to have the same good feelings.

c. did not give the stone back to the woman.

4. The woman found the stone

a. inside a cave.

b. in the mountains.

c. in a stream running down the mountains.

5. Composition. (100-150 words) Give your opinion about the woman and the man's behaviours. (4 points)