

Read the following passage and answer the following questions.

Many years ago, a very poor peasant bought a plot of land. One day while he was ploughing it, he came upon an iron box that was buried in the soil. When he opened it, he was astonished to discover that it was filled with valuable gemstones and coins made of silver and gold.

Since, he owned the land where it was found, he could have kept the treasure for himself. But, the peasant was truly an honest man. He at once went to the person from whom he had bought the land and showed him the treasure. "What is this?" asked the previous owner of the plot. The peasant told him the story of how the treasure was found. The previous owner refused to accept it, saying, The treasure would have been mine if I had found it. I think it must have been hidden in the plot by my ancestors. As you have found it, it belongs to you." Finally, the two men decided to divide the treasure into two equal parts. The peasant and the previous owner of the plot each took half of the treasure. Those were the days when people were not greedy.

Q1. What was the hidden treasure that the peasant found?

Q2. What did the peasant do right after he found the treasure?

Q3. Why didn't the previous owner of the land want to take the treasure from the peasant?

Q4. What lesson does this story teach?

Q5. "Those were the days when people were not greedy." Do you agree with this statement?

Q6. Look up for the words from the passage which means the same as -

- a) below the ground- _____ (1st paragraph)
- b) filled with surprise and shock- _____ (1st paragraph)
- c) relatives and family from whom you have descended _____
(2nd paragraph)
- d) before - _____ (2nd paragraph)
- e) made up their mind- _____ (2nd paragraph)
- f) wanting more and more - _____ (2nd paragraph)