

Ch: 15 The Two Questions:

* Hardwords:

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| 1) throne | 6) trembling |
| 2) professor | 7) majesty |
| 3) palace | 8) witty |
| 4) England | 9) pardon |
| 5) confusion | 10) interrupting |

* Word Meanings:

- 1) abbot :- head priest in a church.
- 2) jester :- clown
- 3) wait on him :- work for someone, especially by serving them food.
- 4) sire :- an old-fashioned way of saying sir
- 5) staff :- (here) a long stick used as a symbol of authority
- 6) without :- old-fashioned way of saying outside.

* Make sentence :-

- 1) professor :- The professor searched many books to find the answers.
- 2) prison :- The King warned that the abbot would go to prison if he failed.
- 3) knight :- The knight stood bravely before King John.
- 4) jester :- The jester made everyone laugh in the King's court.
- 5) Abbot :- The abbot was known for his rich lifestyle.

* fill in the blanks :-

- 1) King John says that everything in the land belongs to the king.
- 2) The knight says that one hundred men dine with the abbot everyday.
- 3) King John sits on his throne in the palace.
- 4) The two professors could not find the answers in any book.
- 5) The King gave the abbot two weeks to answer the questions.

* Answer the following questions:-

1) Who has lots of knights to serve him?

Ans The abbot has lots of knights to serve him.

2) What were the questions that the King asked the abbot?

Ans The King had asked the following questions:-

* How long will I live?

* What am I thinking?

3) Whom did the abbot go to for help?

Ans The abbot approached his friends and two professors for help.

4) Do you think the abbot is a good man? Why?

Ans Yes, the abbot is a good man. We get to know this as the shepherd was ready to put his life down for the abbot, but the abbot would not have it.

5) Why did the King forgive the shepherd disguised as the abbot?

Ans The King forgave the shepherd because the shepherd was able to give witty answers to his questions.

6) What clues in the story help you understand that the shepherd was clever?

Ans We can say that the shepherd was clever because he showed wisdom by being polite and respectful while still giving intelligent answers.

Why did the shepherd offer to help the abbot answer the king's questions?

Ans The shepherd offered to help the abbot because he resembled the abbot a lot. The abbot had met the shepherd and the other villagers in the past. The villagers had pointed out that the shepherd and the abbot looked very much alike. The shepherd was confident that he would be able to save the abbot's life by pretending to be him and by answering all of the king's questions.