

1.

How to Become Cleverer? Once a boy came to ask a fisherman how to become cleverer, because his mother always called him "foolish boy".

"That's easy," answered the fisherman. "I know one way to make you become cleverer."

"Really?"

"Of course. It is said a fish head is good for brain. If you eat one, you'll become cleverer indeed. Pay only three pounds for one fish head." The boy paid him three pounds and the fisherman cut off a fish head and handed it to him.

A raw fish head is not good—not even for a hungry boy to eat but the boy ate it up in two gulps.

"Do you feel anything?" asked the fisherman.

"Not in my head," said the boy.

The boy lay on the ground and thought. "One whole fish costs only two pounds. I had paid him three pounds for the fish head. Why couldn't I have the whole fish for soup, a head for brain and one pound left over?" He jumped up and shouted at the fisherman. "You thief! You are fooling me!" The fisherman laughed, saying, "The fish head works now, you see."

21. The boy ate up the raw fish head only in two gulps, because he _____.

- A. enjoy it B. wanted to taste it
C. took it as a good medicine D. was a foolish boy

22. The boy came to the fisherman in order to _____.

- A. buy a fish head B. ask the fisherman a question
C. buy a whole fish D. A and C

23. _____ helped the boy become cleverer.

- A. A good meal B. The raw fish head
C. Nothing D. What had happened

2.

A HALF - EMPTY BASKET

Once there was a poor farmer and his farm belonged to (属于) a rich man. One day he brought a basket of apples to the rich man's house. On the doorsteps, he met two monkeys dressed like children. They jumped onto the basket to eat the apples and threw some on the ground. The farmer politely took off his hat and asked the monkeys to get off. They obeyed (服从) and the farmer went into the house. He asked to see the rich man. A servant took him to the room where the rich man was sitting.

"I have brought you the basket of apples you asked for," he said.

"But why have you brought a half-empty basket?" the rich man asked.

"I met your children outside, and they stole (偷) some of the apples."

24. Why did the farmer bring apples to the rich man? Because

- A. he was poor B. he liked the rich man
C. his farm belonged to the rich man D. the rich man's children liked apples

25. What did the monkeys do when the farmer was on the doorsteps?

- A. They jumped and jumped. B. They played.
C. They ran away. D. They ate some of the apples.

26. The monkeys left the basket because

- A. they had thrown apples on the ground
B. the farmer had politely asked them to get off
C. they were afraid of the hat
D. the farmer was angry with them

27. How did the rich man feel when he saw the basket? He felt _____.

- A. pleased B. unhappy C. excited D. moved

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