

Chapter 3 The Quarrel

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Taro run in the direction of the stream?
- A. Taro ran in the direction of the stream because he had heard the sound of falling water. Earlier, he had neither heard nor seen any stream nearby.
2. How did Taro's father show his happiness after drinking sake?
- A. Taro's father stopped shivering and did a little dance in the middle of the floor. Thus he showed his happiness.
3. Why did the waterfall give Taro sake and others water?
- A. The waterfall gave sake to Taro because he was a thoughtful son. It was his reward for caring of his old parents. Since no one else had that quality, they got only cold water.
4. Why did the villagers want to drown Taro?
- A. The villagers wanted to drown Taro because they thought that they had been tricked by Taro and the waterfall.
5. Why did the emperor reward Taro?
- A. The Emperor rewarded Taro for being very good and kind towards his parents. This was the Emperor's way to encourage all children to honour and obey their parents.