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"I don't need your money," An-Tiem said to his father, the king. "If I work hard I can get everything I need."

This upset the king. He sent An-Tiem to a distant island without food or tools. The king wanted to teach An-Tiem a lesson.

An-Tiem had to make his own shelter and find his own food. He had to work hard and was often hungry and thirsty.

One day An-Tiem found a large, round fruit. The outside was hard and green. The inside was soft and red with tiny black seeds. It was juicy and delicious.

An-Tiem named the fruit watermelon. "I'll work hard and grow more watermelon!" he said. He dug up the land and planted the seeds.

Soon the island was covered with the fruit. An-Tiem carved a map to the island on a watermelon. He threw it into the sea.

Sailors found the watermelon and came to the island. An-Tiem sailed home on their ship.

An-Tiem took a watermelon to give to his father. The king was happy to see him. An-Tiem told the king all he had done.

An-Tiem showed everyone he could overcome problems by working hard. The king saw that An-Tiem was right.

An-Tiem was made the new king. Watermelon became a symbol of luck. Today people offer it as a present for New Year's.

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## The Story of Watermelon Comprehension Questions



- 1. What made An-Tiem's father mad?**
  - a. An-Tiem went to a distant island to grow watermelon.
  - b. An-Tiem was made the new king.
  - c. An-Tiem said he could work for what he needed.
  - d. An-Tiem ran away to be a sailor.
- 2. What did An-Tiem do when he first got to the island?**
  - a. built shelter and found food
  - b. planted watermelon
  - c. carved a map and threw it in the sea
  - d. made watermelon a symbol of good luck
- 3. Why is watermelon a symbol of luck?**
  - a. It is juicy and delicious.
  - b. It has a lot of seeds.
  - c. It helped An-Tiem get to the island.
  - d. It helped An-Tiem return home.
- 4. What lesson did the king learn from An-Tiem?**
  - a. Problems can be overcome by working hard.
  - b. How to carve maps on watermelon.
  - c. How to build a shelter and find food.
  - d. Planting and growing watermelon is easy.

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Cut out the cards and practice learning the words.

watermelon

overcome

everything

symbol

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juicy