

**Characters** A miser, a thief and some neighbours

**Setting** In the village

The next morning, when the miser went to the garden, his heart was in his mouth! "Oh! Where have my gold coins gone?" he cried out. He screamed so loudly that his neighbours rushed to his garden.

"What has happened?" asked one of the neighbours. "Someone has stolen my gold coins!" replied the miser. "Where did you put them?" asked the neighbour. "In the ground," replied the miser. "Did you spend any of your gold coins?" asked the neighbour. "Of course not! I just looked at them every day. It made me very happy!" replied the miser.

"You just put the gold coins in the ground and do not spend them so they are of no use to you," said the neighbour. "Just look at the box and imagine that the gold coins are still there. Then you will be very happy!"

The neighbours laughed at the miser and went away. A reporter heard about the miser's story and wrote a news report about it.

**sneak into:**

to go to a place secretly

**creep away:**

to go away from a place slowly and quietly



**Village News**

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**Lost Gold**

Amanda Cheung

There was a theft in Orchard Street yesterday. A man buried his gold coins in his garden and a thief stole them at night.



4. When did the thief steal the gold coins?  
A.on 22nd June      B.on 23rd June  
C.on 24th June      D.on 25th June
5. Who reported the incident for the newspaper?  
A.the miser  
B.one of the neighbours  
C.Amanda Cheung  
D.the thief
6. Which of the following is TRUE?  
A.The miser lived in Orchard Street.  
B.The miser counted his gold coins once a week.  
C.The miser sometimes gave money to the poor.  
D.The thief put the gold coins in his pockets.

7. Why were the gold coins useless to the miser?  
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8. What did the neighbour tell the miser to do?  
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**Values and Attitudes**

9. What does the story tell you?  
We should make good use of our \_\_\_\_\_.

10. How do you spend your pocket money? Do you think you make good use of it?  
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**Answer Key**

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. A
5. C
6. A
7. The gold coins were useless to the miser because he did not spend them.
8. The neighbour told the miser to look at the box and imagine that the gold coins were still there.
9. We should make good use of our money. (Suggested answer) vary)
10. I spend some money on books and snacks. I save the rest in the bank. I think I make good use of my pocket money. (Answer may vary)

