

The Basket of Flowers

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Based on the reading of the book *The Basket of Flowers*, circle the letter that you feel best represents the answer to the question.

1. What did John do for a living?
 - a. He was a hunter.
 - b. He was a gardener.
 - c. He was a count.
 - d. He was a farmer.

2. Why was Mary accused of stealing the diamond ring?
 - a. She had been the only person in the room where the ring had been left.
 - b. She had a bad reputation for stealing things every time she came to the palace.
 - c. She was seen wearing it around the village.
 - d. They were so poor that everyone just assumed she had taken it to pay their debts.

3. Who gave a false accusation of Mary at her trial?
 - a. her father, James
 - b. the Countess, Amelia
 - c. the huntsman, Anthony
 - d. the servant girl, Juliette

4. How did Mary feel about the person who had accused her falsely?
 - a. anger and hatred
 - b. forgiveness and pity
 - c. She wanted revenge.
 - d. She wanted to find out who had lied about her.

5. For her punishment, Mary was ---
 - a. executed.
 - b. forced to work in the palace until the ring had been paid for.
 - c. banished from the country along with her father, never to return.
 - d. to be kept in prison until she died.

6. Mary found help for her father from a kind farmer and his wife. What did they think of Mary?
 - a. They were enchanted by her taste for work and modest demeanor.
 - b. They were angry at her laziness.
 - c. They were tired of her demanding nature.
 - d. They were weary at how she just sat by her father's side and did nothing to help around the house.

7. The farmer's son bought the farm soon after James died. How might an observer describe the son's wife?
 - a. kind and generous
 - b. old and sorrowful
 - c. quiet and patient
 - d. beautiful and wicked

8. Why was Mary thrown out of the farmer's house?
- The wife of the farmer's son accused her of stealing a piece of linen.
 - The farmer found out that she had been accused of stealing the ring.
 - There was no more food in the house, and they could not keep Mary there.
 - She had been mean and abusive to the farmer's wife.
9. The Count and Countess got their ring back after ---
- Mary had been arrested. It was found in her house.
 - a pear tree was cut down. A magpie had stolen it.
 - Mary's father died. It had been in his pillow.
 - Juliette was put in prison. She had stolen it, not Mary.
10. Who did Mary get married to at the end of the story?
- the huntsman, Anthony
 - Frederick, the son of the old judge
 - the old farmer's son
 - the pastor of Erlenbrunn