

Cloze

Complete the passage by filling in each blank with a suitable word of your own.

Once, the King of Persia lost his favourite diamond ring. He promised to give a bag of gold to anyone **1** _____ could find it.

For a long **2** _____, no one could find the ring. Then one day, a man who claimed to **3** _____ a fortune-teller came to the palace. He said **4** _____ he could locate the ring. All he asked for was to **5** _____ in the palace for three days. After that, he promised that the ring **6** _____ be found. The king was very pleased and **7** _____ him to stay in a room in the palace.

The fortune-teller was not a clever man **8** _____ he knew the trick of throwing his voice around so that it seemed as if someone else was speaking. On the first day, he **9** _____ all his time studying an old book. Meanwhile, he had secretly asked the king to send his servants to him the next day, each on a simple errand.

The following day, as each servant came into the fortune-teller's room, a deep voice seemed to come **10** _____ the ceiling, saying, "He is the one!" Each servant only looked surprised, did his errand and walked away. On the third day, however, one servant turned pale when he

11 _____ the strange voice. He knelt down **12** _____ the fortune-teller, trembling. He asked for forgiveness, saying that he would bring back the ring.

“Do not be alarmed,” said the fortune-teller. “Just do what I tell you. Take the ring and make the turkey in the yard **13** _____ it.”

That evening, as the fortune-teller sat down to dine **14** _____ the king, he requested that the turkey be brought in. As he slit open the turkey with a sharp knife, the diamond ring **15** _____ onto the floor. Everyone was surprised. The king was so delighted that he doubled the reward he had promised the fortune-teller.

Answers
1. who
2. time
3. be

4. that
5. stay
6. would

7. allowed
8. but
9. spent

10. from
11. heard
12. before

13. swallow
14. with
15. dropped