

**Elementary 3**  
**Unit 2 Reading**  
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## The Golden Touch

King Midas was too greedy. One day an old man said to him, "Wish for anything you like, and I'll give it to you." The king replied at once, "I want everything I touch to be changed into gold." "Very well," said the old man. Then he disappeared.

greed (n.) = حرص، آز

greedy (adj.) = حریص، آزمند

reply = answer

at once = quickly, fast, immediately

appear = ظاهر شدن

disappear = ناپدید شدن = vanish

appear # disappear

King Midas was very pleased. He touched a beautiful red rose and it turned into shining gold. A bee flew on to his hand and was changed at once into a golden bee. King Midas was very excited. He touched many flowers and plants and statues in the garden. He rushed into the palace and touched chairs and tables and vases. Everything he touched turned into gold! "I am the luckiest man alive," cried Midas.

pleased = happy

turn into = become

shining = brilliant = درخشان

bee = an insect which makes honey for us

fly → flew, flown

statue = مجسمه

➤ *The Statue of Liberty is the most famous statue in New York City.*

palace = کاخ، قصر

rush = go quickly

vase = flower pot

alive # dead

cry = shout, yell = فریاد زدن

But then he tried to bite an apple, and it turned into gold. "Oh dear," said the king, "I can't eat or drink anything at all! I will die!"

Just then his little daughter ran into the room and put her arms around him. At once she became a golden statue. King Midas became too anxious, for he loved his little daughter more than gold. He began to cry.

Suddenly the old man appeared. "Are you happy now?" he asked. "Oh no!" said the king. "Give me back my daughter. I promise that I won't be a greedy man anymore." "Very well," said the

old man. "You have learned your lesson. Go and bathe in the river. Everything that you touch with water from the river will not be gold any longer."

King Midas ran quickly to bathe in the river. Then he touched the golden statue with water from the river, and there was his daughter alive and well! Together, he and his daughter let drops of water fall on the tables and chairs and vases and plants and flowers, and they were no longer made of gold. King Midas was able to eat and drink again. He was very happy. The king remembered the lesson he had learned. He was never greedy for gold again.

bite = گاز زدن، گاز گرفتن  
bite → bit, bitten

just then = exactly at that time = درست در همان زمان  
put one's arms around sb = hug sb, embrace sb = کسی را در آغوش گرفتن  
anxious = worried, stressed out = مضطرب، نگران  
for = because  
begin → began, begun  
begin = start  
cry = weep = گریه کردن، گریستن

suddenly = ناگهان  
bathe (v.) = آبتنی کردن، حمام کردن = take a bath  
bath (n.) = حمام

then = after that = سپس  
alive # dead  
drop = قطره  
be able to = قادر بودن  
he had learned = یاد گرفته بود

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