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Folktale from India

The Hidden Treasure

Many years ago a very poor peasant bought a plot of land. One day while he was plowing it, he came upon an iron box that was buried in the soil. When he opened it, he was astonished to discover that it was filled with valuable gemstones and coins made of silver and gold.

Since he owned the land where it was found, he could have kept the treasure for

treasure was found.

But the previous owner refused to accept it, saying, "The treasure would have been mine if I had found it. I think it must have been hidden in the plot by my ancestors. As you have found it, it belongs to you."

Finally, the two men decided to divide the treasure into two



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ANSWER KEY



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Being honest is a virtue. Good people are not greedy.

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Answers will vary.