

READING TEST 103

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Class: No. Name:

Two mules (1) _____ going (2) _____ a lonely road. One had a load (3) _____ corn; (4) _____ (5) _____ a load of gold. The one that carried the gold (6) _____ so proud of his burden (7) _____ he would not have any of it taken off, though it (8) _____ a heavy load (9) _____ carry. He walked along (10) _____ his head held high, jingling the bells on his bridle (11) _____ every step.

Soon some robbers came along (12) _____ stopped the mules. The one that was carrying the corn (13) _____ allowed to go, (14) _____ the one (15) _____ the load of gold was held. He kicked and bit (16) _____ drive away the robbers, but they wanted the gold; so they killed him. (17) _____ he lay dying, he said, “ (18) _____ is not always well to have great duties. If I, (19) _____ my brother, had (20) _____ doing a simple task, my life would (21) _____ (22) _____ longer..