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“Midas” retold by Bernard Evslin

1. King Midas loved \_\_\_\_\_ more than anything in the world and believed only kings should have it.
2. It angered Midas that the god \_\_\_\_\_ (the god he liked the least) would waste the golden light on rich and poor alike.
3. When hearing Midas’ words of complaint, it angered the god and though he was said to be \_\_\_\_\_ tempered, he decided to show Midas how gracious he was and grant him a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. While sleeping, Midas cried out “Let everything I \_\_\_\_\_ turn to \_\_\_\_\_.”
5. The first thing that Midas touched that changed was a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. His \_\_\_\_\_ on the other hand, was angry that all of the flowers had changed and were no longer pretty, she cried, “They’re ugly! They’re \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and I can’t \_\_\_\_\_ them anymore.”
7. In an effort to get his daughter to stop \_\_\_\_\_, Midas \_\_\_\_\_ her, and she became a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Midas delighted in his magical touch until he wanted something to \_\_\_\_\_. “What good is all of my \_\_\_\_\_?” he cried, “if I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?”
9. \_\_\_\_\_ forgave Midas and released his curse once the king had fallen to his knees and \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Satisfied that Midas had learned a lesson, Apollo still punished him by giving him \_\_\_\_\_ ears as a sign of his foolishness.

11. The king had a barber “who was a coward was also a \_\_\_\_\_” and couldn’t resist telling others about the king’s ears. He went to the river bank and dug a hole to yell, “\_\_\_\_\_” in it.
12. Despite what the barber had done, Midas \_\_\_\_\_ him and let the treacherous man keep his head.
13. Upon hearing what Midas did to show \_\_\_\_\_ to his barber, Apollo changed Midas’ \_\_\_\_\_ back to normal.

**Extended Responses**

14. What does the word **metamorphosis** mean? *A metamorphosis means* \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. Describe a metamorphosis which takes place in this tale. \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. What lesson does this story teach? \_\_\_\_\_  
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