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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. Find two adjectives that are synonyms of each other.

Accept dutiful and obedient.



2. Summarise the main traits that the King is looking for in a wife in one sentence.

Accept any summarising answer, such as: The King is looking for a wife who is obedient, beautiful, intelligent and able to give him a son.



3. Why do you think the advert ends with the phrase: 'Women who are particularly fond of their head need not apply'?

Accept any inferential answer, such as: The advert ends with this phrase because many of the King's previous wives had their heads chopped off so the same thing may happen to this wife.



4. Write a short reply to this advert explaining why you would not apply.

Accept any predictive answer, such as: I will not apply to this advert because many wives in the past have been killed on the job. No amount of fame or money is worth the many horrible things I would have to put up with being married to King Henry VIII.