

Read the Chinese story and answer the following questions.

Yu Gong Moved away Two Mountains

1. A long time ago, there was a ninety-year-old man called Yu Gong, who lived in the north of two mountains. These two mountains, one called Taihang Mountain and the other Wangwu Mountain, stood in front of Yu Gong's house. Whenever Yu Gong or his family had something to do on the other side of the mountains, they had to walk a long way round the two mountains and this caused much inconvenience. Yu Gong decided to move the two mountains away.

2. Yu Gong asked all his family members to sit together and they discussed how to remove the two mountains. His wife was worried and said, "You are ninety now. How can an old man like you move the two huge mountains away? Even if you can, where can you throw the earth and rocks?"

3. "If we work hard together, we can move the mountains away. For the earth and the rocks, we can throw them to the edge of the Sea of Bohai," said Yu Gong. Led by Yu Gong, his children started to dig the mountains. They broke the rocks up, removed the earth and transported the rocks to the Sea of Bohai. An eight-year-old son of the neighbouring widow was glad to help Yu Gong and his sons and grandsons remove the earth and the rocks. They spent almost a year travelling back and forth to dump the rubble to the Sea of Bohai, and they still continued to dig the mountains.

4. One day, a wise old man called Zhi Sou was sitting near the bank of the Sea of Bohai when he saw Yu Gong and his children. He teased Yu Gong and said, "How silly you are! You are so old and weak. You can't even take away the grass and trees. How can you remove the two high mountains?"

5. "You are wrong," sighed Yu Gong. "Even if I die, my sons, my grandchildren, my great-grandchildren will continue my work. Generations after generations and there is no end. Look! These mountains will not grow taller. We shall be able to move them away one day!" Zhi Sou was tongue-tied as Yu Gong was so determined and confident.

6. Yu Gong and his children kept on with their work. The Emperor of Heaven was afraid that they would dig endlessly, and was also moved by Yu Gong's determination, so he sent two gods down to help them remove the two mountains. Finally, Yu Gong's dream came true.

