

## **The Monkey's Paw – Worksheet Questions and Answers**

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The worksheet below contains a few questions and answers which will test your understanding of the short story.

1. What was the first wish made by Mr White with the monkey's paw?
2. What was the second wish made by Mr White with the monkey's paw?
3. What was the third wish made by Mr White with the monkey's paw?
4. What is the warning given by to Mr White by Sergeant-Major Morris?
5. What is the moral of the story the monkey's paw?
6. Does Monkey's Paw have a happy ending?
7. What was Mr White's final wish?
8. How does the monkey's paw end?
9. What does the monkey paw symbolize?
10. What is the irony of the story The monkey's paw?
11. What killed Herbert in The Monkey's Paw?
12. Who forced Mr White to make the second wish?
13. How did Mr White get 200 pounds?
14. Who was at the door at the end of Monkey's Paw?
15. Why did Mr White not want Herbert to come back?

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1. The first wish of the monkey's paw was for 200 pounds.
2. The second wish was to resurrect his son.
3. Interestingly the third wish is not specified but is implied that Mr White cancelled out his second wish.
4. He warns that the monkey's paw was a terrible artifact and had an ancient curse on it.

5. Don't tempt fate. Alternatively, be careful what you wish for.
6. No the story does not have a happy ending as the happy family is destroyed when their son is killed in a horrifying accident.
7. The third and final wish is not specified or worded out in the book specifically and is kept away from the user for suspense. Rather its effect is shown that the knocking on the door stops. It is implied that Mr White cancelled out his second wish using his third wish.
8. When their son dies horrifically, Mrs White forces her husband to use the second wish to resurrect their son. Out of fear that the son would return back as a monster, Mr white uses his third wish to cancel out the second wish.
9. The monkey's paw in the story symbolizes desire and greed. The owner of the paw can wish for anything and it would happen. This power makes the paw alluring, even to unselfish people who desire nothing and have everything they need.
10. This type of irony is called as Situational Irony. To explain more clearly, the White's wish for money, but it comes at the loss of their only son,. This is ironic because it is the opposite of what we expect to happen.
11. Herbert dies after he gets entangled in the machinery while working in the factory. His body is so mangled that Mr. White was able to identify his son only by examining his clothes.
12. Mrs White forces Mr white to make the second wish, to bring her son back.
13. Mr. White's first wish of the monkey's paw was for 200 pounds to pay off his debts. In the next day his son dies and the factory as a sign of goodwill gives their family 200 pounds.
14. It is not mentioned but it is assumed to be something terrible as the monkey's paw does not grant wishes without terrible consequences. Mr white probably assumes that it would be his son is a dead or semi dead form.
15. Mr White knows that Herbert would not be the same if they use the monkey's paw to bring him back to life. Herbert was mangled beyond recognition and his body has been rotting for those ten days.