

**Dasher**  
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**Directions:**

Use what you know about **Dasher** to answer each of the following questions.

**1. What does Dasher dream about at the beginning of the story?**

- A Helping her family escape so they can live in a big city
- B Running through soft, cold snow under the North Star
- C Performing in the circus forever
- D Finding Santa

**2. Which of the following is not a lesson we can learn from Dasher?**

- A Be brave enough to follow your dreams.
- B Be kind to others and help one another.
- C Family is special and important.
- D When life gives you a challenge, it's better to not face it.

**3. Why does Dasher decide to leave the circus?**

- A She wants to join Santa right away.
- B She wants to find the North Star and live a better life.
- C She gets lost while exploring the forest.
- D She is trying to escape Mr. Finnegan's punishment.

**4. The phrase "the ground was always covered with a cool blanket of white snow" most likely means:**

- A The ground was very cold and icy.
- B The snow felt warm and cozy, like a blanket.
- C Snow covered the ground, making it look soft and white, like a blanket.
- D The ground was muddy.

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**5. How does Dasher meeting Santa change the story? (RL.3.5)**

- A It helps her continue to chase her dreams.
- B It reminds her that she cannot fly.
- C It shows that she can never leave the circus.
- D It explains why she doesn't like snow.

**6. How does Dasher feel about leaving her family at first? (RL.3.6)**

- A Excited and happy to be free
- B Nervous but determined to follow her dream
- C Angry that no one else wants to leave
- D Annoyed that nobody else believes in the magic of Christmas

**7. How do the illustrations of the North Star help you understand Dasher's feelings? (RL.3.7)**

- A They show that the North Star is impossible to reach.
- B They make the North Star seem like a comforting and hopeful place.
- C They show how much Dasher loves performing in the circus.
- D They make the North Star look dull and lonely.

**8. How is Dasher similar to other Christmas stories about Santa? (RL.3.9)**

- A It shows how Santa loves animals.
- B It is mostly about delivering presents.
- C It focuses only on Santa's workshop.
- D It explains why Santa needs reindeer to pull his sleigh.

**9. By the end of the story, what has Dasher learned about herself? (RL.3.10)**

- A She is strong enough to follow her dreams and help her family.
- B She should stay in the circus to help her family.
- C She doesn't need Santa's help to find happiness.
- D She prefers travelling over staying in one place.

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Answer Key

