

Not Norman: A Goldfish Story
CCSS Assessment

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Directions:Use what you know about **Not Norman: A Goldfish Story** to answer each of the following questions.**1. Which of the following is not a reason that the boy wants a different pet instead of Norman?**

- ☐ A Norman can't climb trees and chase strings.
- ☐ B Norman can't play catch or cuddle.
- ☐ C Norman can't swim fast enough.
- ☐ D Norman can't sleep on the boy's bed at night.

2. What lesson does the boy learn by the end of the story?

- ☐ A Norman needs a bigger bowl.
- ☐ B Norman is a great friend, even if he's not what the boy expected.
- ☐ C Goldfish are easier to take care of than dogs or cats.
- ☐ D All pets need lots of food and water.

3. What happens when the boy takes Norman to show-and-tell?


- ☐ A Norman hides in his bowl and the boy has nothing to share.
- ☐ B The kids and the teacher laugh at Norman.
- ☐ C The class loves Norman's bubbles and cheers for him.
- ☐ D The class doesn't listen because Emily's snake escaped.

4. Why does the author say "all Norman does is swim around and around and around..."?

- ☐ A To emphasize that Norman's actions seem boring to the boy.
- ☐ B To explain that Norman is very tired.
- ☐ C To show how much fun Norman is having.
- ☐ D To make the reader laugh.

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**5. How does the beginning of the story tell us what the boy's problem is? (RL.2.5)**

- ☐ A The boy loses Norman.
- ☒ B The boy doesn't want Norman as a pet.
- ☐ C The boy's parents make him clean Norman's bowl.
- ☐ D Norman makes the boy laugh.

6. How does the boy's point of view about Norman change by the end of the story? (RL.2.6)

- ☐ A He decides Norman is boring.
- ☐ B He doesn't change his opinion.
- ☐ C He trades Norman for another pet.
- ☒ D He realizes Norman is his best friend.

7. What do the illustrations show about how Norman listens to the boy? (RL.2.7)

- ☐ A Norman looks bored in his bowl.
- ☐ B Norman hides under a rock.
- ☒ C Norman makes funny faces and blows bubbles.
- ☐ D Norman swims away from the boy.

8. What part of the story shows that Norman is a good listener? (RL.2.10)

- ☒ A The boy talks to Norman about his troubles.
- ☐ B Norman plays dead.
- ☐ C Norman forgets to blow bubbles.
- ☐ D The boy leaves Norman alone in his room.

Answer Key

