

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

Scarecrow
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Directions:

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

1. What was Cynthia Rylan's purpose in writing this story about a scarecrow?

- A To describe what a scarecrow experiences and how they feel.
- B To explain how and why a scarecrow is made.
- C To persuade you to build your own scarecrow.
- D To give you the history of scarecrows.

2. Which of these details best supports the theme of happiness and contentment found in this story?

- A He is made of borrowed things.
- B He could be turned back into regular straw at any time.
- C He has been able to see all the wonder and beauty of the earth and of life.
- D The birds don't seem to be afraid of him.

3. Which of these best describes the setting where the scarecrow lives?

- A Outside on a farm
- B Standing high above a field on a farm, surrounded by rows of flowers and vegetables
- C Attached to a pole in the ground
- D In the field to scare the crows away

4. The author describes the pumpkins as "mammoth." What could you do to find out what mammoth means in that phrase?

- A Think about what you know about pumpkins
- B Look in a glossary or dictionary
- C Search for the word of
- D All of the above

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One question for each Reading
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5. Scarecrow can best be described as _____. (RL.4.5)

- A a poem
- B a drama/play
- C informational text
- D prose

6. Based on the text, what is the narrator's point of view on scarecrows? (RL.4.6)

- A Scarecrows are scary and keep the animals away.
- B Scarecrows are gentle, lovely, and happy to be in the field.
- C Scarecrows are bored and unhappy.
- D Scarecrows don't have any thoughts or feelings.

7. What part of the story do the illustrations represent best? (RL.4.7)

- A The difficult jobs that workers on the farm need to do
- B How the scarecrow scares away birds and other animals
- C The beautiful, peaceful setting the scarecrow experiences on the farm
- D How to make and install a scarecrow in a field

8. How is this story different than other fiction stories? (RL.4.9)

- A It is mostly a description. It doesn't have a problem or solution.
- B It doesn't have any characters.
- C It doesn't have a setting.
- D It doesn't have a theme.

9. What is the genre of Scarecrow, and how do you know? (RL.4.10)

- A Fiction; the scarecrow has thoughts and feelings.
- B Non-fiction; there are facts about scarecrows.
- C Folktale; it is a well-known retold story from long ago.
- D Realistic fiction; it seems real even though it never really happened.

Answer Key

