

**Squirrel's New Year's Resolution**  
CCSS Assessment

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**Directions:**Use what you know about *Squirrel's New Year's Resolution* to answer each of the following questions.**1. Why does Squirrel go to the Lonewood Library?**

- ☐ A To check out a book about resolutions
- ☐ B To see her friend Skunk
- ☐ C To ask Bear how to make a resolution
- ☐ D To help Dr. Owl with her work

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

- ☐ A Making a resolution means helping your friends reach their goals
- ☐ B Resolutions only matter if they are written down
- ☐ C A resolution has to be about exercising or eating better
- ☐ D You can only make a resolution at the library

**3. How do Squirrel's actions help the story move forward?**


- ☐ A She spends the day visiting friends without helping anyone.
- ☐ B She helps her friends solve problems, which leads her to find her own resolution.
- ☐ C She makes a long journey to go to the diner.
- ☐ D She decides not to make a resolution after all.

**4. What does the word "resolution" mean in this story?**

- ☐ A A type of food Squirrel likes to eat
- ☐ B A party that happens at the start of the year
- ☐ C A promise to do something or make a change
- ☐ D A list of chores to finish

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**5. How does the part where Squirrel visits each friend build on the story's beginning? (RL.3.5)**

- ☒ A It shows how Squirrel helps others while learning what a resolution really means.
- ☐ B It explains why Squirrel doesn't like to visit her friends.
- ☐ C It shows that Squirrel wants to stay home instead of going out.
- ☐ D It tells a new story that doesn't connect to the beginning.

**6. How is Squirrel's point of view different from Bear's at the start of the story? (RL.3.6)**

- ☐ A Squirrel wants to teach Bear about resolutions, and Bear wants to teach others how to read.
- ☐ B Squirrel thinks resolutions are boring, but Bear loves them.
- ☒ C Squirrel doesn't know what a resolution is, but Bear does.
- ☐ D Squirrel and Bear both already have resolutions.

**7. How do the illustrations help show how Squirrel feels as she helps her friends? (RL.3.7)**

- ☐ A They show her reading quietly in the library.
- ☐ B They show her frowning and looking tired.
- ☐ C They show her sitting alone in the snow.
- ☒ D They show her smiling and looking proud when her friends are happy.

**8. Which part of the story best shows the theme of helping others? (RL.3.10)**

- ☐ A When Squirrel visits Bear at the library
- ☐ B When Squirrel worries that she doesn't have a resolution
- ☐ C When Squirrel eats lunch at the diner
- ☒ D When Squirrel helps Skunk feel better by making her laugh

Answer Key

