

**The Story of Ferdinand**  
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**Directions:**

Use what you know about *The Story of Ferdinand* to answer each of the following questions.

**1. How was Ferdinand different from the other bulls?**

- A He liked to run and jump.
- B He liked to butt heads with them.
- C He was sad and lonesome.
- D He liked to sit quietly and smell the flowers.

**2. What was the central message of the story?**

- A You don't have to act like everyone else to be happy.
- B If you want to be a bullfighter, you have to be fierce.
- C Spain is a beautiful place.
- D You should work hard and be confident.

**3. What did Ferdinand do when he was placed in the bull ring?**

- A He used what he learned from the other bulls.
- B He looked for his mother.
- C He wouldn't fight no matter what.
- D He made the bullfighters proud.

**4. The other bulls like to "butt their heads together". What do their actions tell you about them?**

- A They are lonesome.
- B They are fierce.
- C They are sad.
- D They are peaceful.

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**5. Which of these events happened last? (RL.2.5)**

- A Ferdinand got stung by a bee.
- B Ferdinand went back home and sat under his favorite tree.
- C The other bulls wanted to be picked to fight at the bull fight.
- D The 5 men chose Ferdinand to go to the bullfight in Madrid.

**6. Who is telling the story? (RL.2.6)**

- A A narrator
- B Ferdinand
- C Ferdinand's mother
- D A bullfighter

**7. Looking at the illustrations, how does Ferdinand feel when he is stung by the bee? (RL.2.7)**

- A Excited
- B Prepared for the bullfight
- C Startled
- D Lonesome

**8. How is Ferdinand different from most characters in his situation? (RL.2.9)**

- A He is lonely and just wants a friend.
- B He doesn't even try to fit in.
- C He does whatever it takes to get attention.
- D He changes to make people like him.

**9. Based on the story, what might Ferdinand's mother say to him when he gets home from the bullfight? (RL.2.10)**

- A I'm so proud that you won.
- B You're more fierce than all the other bulls.
- C I'm happy that you are happy.
- D You never win by just being yourself.

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Answer Key

