

**There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed
Some Books!**
CCSS Assessment

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Directions:

Use what you know about *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Books!* to answer each of the following questions.

1. Who is the main character, and what does she do in the story?

- ☐ A A student who brings books to school
- ☐ B An old lady who teaches the alphabet
- ☐ C An old lady who swallows school supplies
- ☐ D A teacher who finds a backpack

2. What is the central message of this story?

- ☐ A It's fun to eat strange things.
- ☐ B Going back to school can be fun and exciting.
- ☐ C Always listen to your teacher.
- ☐ D Books are better than snacks.

3. How does the Old Lady feel after swallowing different items?

- ☐ A She gets tired and goes to sleep.
- ☐ B She starts to cry and feels sad.
- ☐ C She is happy and excited.
- ☐ D She feels nervous and worried.

4. Which of the following lines is repeated throughout the story to help create rhythm?

- ☐ A There was an old lady who...
- ☐ B There is a big teacher who...
- ☐ C She swallowed and laughed...
- ☐ D I don't know where my...

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One question for each Reading
Informational OR Reading Literature
standard (1-9)

5. How does the story start and end? (RL.2.5)

- ☐ A It starts at recess and ends at bedtime.
- ☐ B It starts with lunch and ends with a nap.
- ☐ C It starts at home and ends on the school bus.
- ☒ D It starts with the Old Lady swallowing books and ends with her burping out a brand-new backpack.

6. This story is told from the point of view of... (RL.2.6)

- ☒ A The author
- ☐ B The old lady
- ☐ C The principal
- ☐ D The bus

7. What do the pictures help you understand better? (RI.2.7)

- ☐ A How a classroom works
- ☐ B The rules for starting school
- ☒ C What each item looks like as she swallows it
- ☐ D The Old Lady's favorite subject

8. How is this version of the Old Lady different from *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*? (RL.2.9)

- ☒ A This one is about an old lady swallowing school supplies instead of animals.
- ☐ B This one has a few chapters.
- ☐ C This one is sad and scary.
- ☐ D This one is about an old lady who swallows a bigger fly than in the other story.

9. How do you know this is a good story to read on the first day of school? (RI.2.10)

- ☐ A It teaches you how to get on the bus.
- ☐ B It shows what happens in every subject.
- ☐ C It tells a true story about a real teacher.
- ☒ D It uses silly school items to make you laugh and get excited.

Answer Key