

Those Darn Squirrels!
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Directions:Use what you know about *Those Darn Squirrels!* to answer each of the following questions.**1. Why did Old Man Fookwire hang up bird feeders in his yard?**

- ☐ (A) He wanted to feed the squirrels
- ☐ (B) He was trying to catch the birds in cages to keep them as pets
- ☐ (C) He wanted to feed the birds so they wouldn't fly south for winter
- ☐ (D) He wanted to decorate his yard

2. What is the central message or lesson of the story?

- ☐ (A) Always feed the squirrels
- ☐ (B) Never grow old and grumpy
- ☐ (C) Squirrels are smarter than people
- ☐ (D) Friendship can happen in surprising ways

3. Which word best describes Old Man Fookwire at the beginning of the story?

- ☐ (A) Joyful
- ☐ (B) Grumpy
- ☐ (C) Silly
- ☐ (D) Sick

4. What does the phrase "Those darn squirrels!" tell us about Old Man Fookwire's feelings?

- ☐ (A) He is angry or annoyed
- ☐ (B) He thinks the squirrels are cute
- ☐ (C) He wants to be friends
- ☐ (D) He is scared of them

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5. How does each part of the story build on what came before? (RL.3.5)

- ☐ (A) The squirrels keep causing the same problem
- ☐ (B) The birds tell Old Man Fookwire what to do
- ☐ (C) Old Man Fookwire gives up early in the story
- ☒ (D) Each new plan from the squirrels makes things more exciting

6. How does the narrator's point of view feel different from Old Man Fookwire's? (RL.3.6)

- ☐ (A) The narrator seems like he doesn't like funny things
- ☒ (B) The narrator seems to enjoy the squirrels
- ☐ (C) The narrator dislikes birds and wants them to fly away
- ☐ (D) The narrator only talks about the weather

7. How do the illustrations help show how Old Man Fookwire feels? (RL.3.7)

- ☐ (A) They show him with big smiles and lots of color
- ☐ (B) They show bright, happy animals around him
- ☒ (C) They show his grumpy face
- ☐ (D) They don't match the words in the story

8. Why is *Those Darn Squirrels* a good book for 3rd graders to read on their own? (RL.3.10)

- ☒ (A) It's funny and has clear characters, but also includes new words and ideas
- ☐ (B) It is very short and it has no lesson
- ☐ (C) It is about squirrels and birds, which all 3rd graders should learn about
- ☐ (D) It's funny but doesn't have any new words or ideas

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Answer Key