

COMMON CORE ALIGNED COMPREHENSION ASSESSMENT

Tops & Bottoms CCSS Assessment

Name: _____

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Directions:

Use what you know about **Tops & Bottoms** to answer each of the following questions.

1. Why does Hare want to be business partners with Bear?

- ☐ A Because Bear is very smart.
- ☐ B Because Bear owns land but doesn't use it.
- ☐ C Because Bear is a hard worker.
- ☐ D Because Hare wants to take a nap.

2. What is the main lesson the author wants you to learn from the story?

- ☐ A It is better to be lazy than to work hard.
- ☐ B Working hard and being clever can help you succeed.
- ☐ C It's okay to trick your friends whenever you want.
- ☐ D Sleeping is more important than planting.

3. How does Bear's choice of "tops" or "bottoms" affect what happens in the story?

- ☐ A It shows that Bear is careful about his choices.
- ☐ B It makes Hare feel lazy like Bear.
- ☐ C It helps Bear get all the food he wants.
- ☐ D It causes Hare to plant crops that give him the better half.

4. What does the word "clever" mean when the author uses it to describe Hare?

- ☐ A Strong and powerful
- ☐ B Sleepy and tired
- ☐ C Smart and quick at solving problems
- ☐ D Kind and helpful to everyone

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Literature standard (1-9)

5. How does the part where Hare plants corn build on the earlier parts of the story? (RL.3.5)

- ☒ A It shows Hare found a new trick that makes Bear lose again.
- ☐ B It explains why Hare likes corn and other vegetables so much.
- ☐ C It shows Bear finally wins the deal.
- ☐ D It makes Hare decide to stop working.

6. How is Hare's point of view about farming different from Bear's? (RL.3.6)

- ☐ A Hare thinks farming takes too much work, but Bear thinks it's easy.
- ☐ B Hare thinks farming is fun, but Bear thinks it is scary.
- ☒ C Hare thinks farming is important work, but Bear thinks it is better to sleep.
- ☐ D Hare and Bear both think farming doesn't matter.

7. How do the illustrations help you understand Bear's character? (RL.3.7)

- ☐ A They show Bear working hard in the fields.
- ☒ B They show Bear sleeping while Hare's family does the work.
- ☐ C They show Bear giving food to Hare's family.
- ☐ D They show Bear being clever with planting.

8. How is the theme of **Tops & Bottoms** similar to other folktales or fables? (RL.3.9)

- ☒ A Like other folktales, it shows a lesson about working hard.
- ☐ B Like other folktales, it is mostly about magic.
- ☐ C Like other folktales, it explains why animals look the way they do.
- ☐ D Like other folktales, it has no lesson to learn.

9. Which part of the story best shows the theme of hard work paying off? (RL.3.10)

- ☐ A When Bear finally learns not to sleep through planting season.
- ☐ B When Bear chooses the "tops" of the vegetables.
- ☐ C When Bear takes a nap in the field.
- ☒ D When Hare and his family harvest the crops.

Answer Key