

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

Where the Sidewalk Ends
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Directions:

Use what you know about *Where the Sidewalk Ends* to answer each of the following questions.

1. In the poem, "True Story", how do we know it can't be true?

- A The speaker died at the end of the poem, so he could not have written the story.
- B There was a boiling lake, a thousand miles wide.
- C A mermaid rescued him and wanted to marry him.
- D All of the above answers are correct.

2. "Invitation" is the first poem of the book. How does it show the main idea of the poem collection?

- A You can only read these poems if you have been invited.
- B You will need a good imagination to enjoy these poems.
- C The main idea is that poems are serious.
- D The poet is inviting you to his party, but only if you buy some magic beans.

3. In "The Silver Fish", the boy eats the fish the second time he catches him instead of believing the promises the fish makes. What does that tell us about the boy?

- A He won't be fooled twice.
- B He was very hungry.
- C He is very good at fishing.
- D He doesn't want to be rich or have any of his wishes come true.

4. In "Sick", Peggy Ann McKay says her tonsils are as big as rocks? What does she really mean?

- A She swallowed some rocks.
- B Her tonsils are just the size of rocks.
- C Her tonsils are swollen like rocks.
- D Her tonsils came out of her mouth like rocks.

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5. Why is "Jimmy Jet and His TV Set" told in 5 different stanzas? (RL.3.5)

- A Five was Shel Silverstein's lucky number.
- B It gives the poem rhythm and helps us keep track of Jimmy's changes.
- C Jimmy had exactly 5 things change on him as he became a TV.
- D There are 5 different rhyming patterns (rhyme schemes).

6. In "The Crocodile's Toothache", who did not agree with the dentist's idea that crocodile teeth were not important? How do you know? (RL.3.7)

- A The narrator did not agree, and told the dentist to stop.
- B The crocodile did not agree, and told the dentist to stop.
- C The dentist was just joking and didn't really mean it.
- D The crocodile did not agree, so he ate the dentist.

7. In the poem, "Band-aids", what mood does the illustration show? (RL.3.7)

- A The illustration shows how much pain the boy is feeling.
- B The illustration shows how mad the boy is about not actually having any cuts.
- C It is funny because he has Band-aids all over for no reason.
- D The mood is happy that he had enough Band-aids to cover all his cuts.

8. In "Hector the Collector", what is the difference between how Hector thinks of his collection compared to everyone else? (RL.3.9)

- A Hector thinks they are treasures, but everyone else thinks they are junk.
- B Hector thinks they are his, but everyone else wants to share.
- C He thinks they are junk, but everyone else loves all his things.
- D Everyone, including Hector, thinks he has too many items in his collection.

9. What kind of text is *Where the Sidewalk Ends*? (RL.3.10)

- A It is a book of poems that you must read in order in order, like a story.
- B It is a book of non-fiction poems based on science.
- C It is a book of fiction poems, you read and understand one at a time in any order.
- D It is fiction story, written like a fairy tale.

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Answer Key

