

Grade 4 • Unit 2 • Week 1 Assessments

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Read this passage. Then answer the questions.

The Woodcutter's Daughter

- 1 Once upon a time, a girl named Fiona lived with her papa in a small hut at the edge of the woods. Each day, Papa got up early and chopped wood all day. He came home tired but happy and gave Fiona the money he earned.
- 2 Each evening, Fiona used the money to buy food. She cooked delicious meals and invited all the people of the village who were hungry. Each night, the appreciative people thanked Fiona. Then they ate their supper.
- 3 One day, Fiona's papa became ill. He could not work and would not earn any money that day. He asked his daughter to go and fetch the doctor. She kissed Papa on the forehead. Then she took a piece of bread for her journey and set off through the woods. Before long, she came upon a young boy.
- 4 "I am hungry," the boy said.
- 5 Without thinking about her own hunger, Fiona took the bread from her pocket and gave it to the boy. As everyone knows, action speaks louder than words.
- 6 Later, Fiona arrived at the doctor's house and told him about her papa.
- 7 "Fiona, you and your papa are always helping others," said the doctor. "So now I will help you." He grabbed his bag and returned with Fiona.

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- 8 While the doctor examined Papa, Fiona stayed outside. She looked up at the sky where the stars danced like fireflies.
 - 9 "Oh, beautiful stars," Fiona said. "I am worried about the hungry people of our village. I do not have any money to buy food."
 - 10 Suddenly, the stars flashed at Fiona like a thousand tiny lightbulbs. Then, all at once, a shower of gold coins poured down and landed on the ground around Fiona's feet.
 - 11 Now Fiona could cook meals for everyone. She would never have to worry about money again.
1. Which sentence **best** summarizes what happens in this story?
- A A girl meets a boy in the woods and gives him a hunk of bread.
 - B When Papa becomes ill, his daughter goes to get a doctor.
 - C A girl and her hardworking papa are rewarded for their kindness.
 - D When Papa misses a day of work, the people of the village go hungry.
2. Which sentence **best** describes Fiona's papa?
- A He works hard without complaining.
 - B He enjoys nature and the outdoors.
 - C He cares only about earning money.
 - D He loves to help Fiona cook meals.

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3. This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then answer Part B.

Part A What is the meaning of the word appreciative as it is used in paragraph 2?

- A hungry
- B grateful
- C quiet
- D poor

Part B Which phrase from paragraph 2 gives a clue to the meaning in Part A?

- A "used the money"
- B "delicious meals"
- C "thanked Fiona"
- D "their supper"

4. Read the sentence from the passage.

Without thinking about her own hunger, Fiona took the bread from her pocket and gave it to the boy.

What does this sentence suggest about Fiona?

- A She is always in a hurry.
- B She is unsure of herself.
- C She thinks of her own needs first.
- D She is kind to others.

5. Reread the paragraphs below. Find a simile in these paragraphs. Underline the sentence with the simile.

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6. Why was Fiona unable to cook for the people that night?

- A She used all the money to pay the doctor.
- B Her long walk took much time.
- C She gave all of her bread to the boy.
- D Her papa had been too ill to work.

7. What is the meaning of the simile in paragraph 10?

- A The stars became hotter.
- B The stars grew larger.
- C The stars became brighter.
- D The stars turned more yellow.

8. In paragraph 6, the l in arrived is pronounced like the l in—

- A time.
- B lived.
- C village.
- D his.

9. In paragraph 5, what is meant by the saying, "action speaks louder than words"?

- A The best time to take action is now.
- B What you do matters most, not what you say.
- C You should always speak before you act.
- D People will speak about the actions you take.



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