You will remember there was no road—not even a pathway—between the castle of the Wicked Witch and the Emerald City. When the four travellers went in search of the Witch she had seen them coming, and so sent the Winged Monkeys to bring them to her. It was much harder to find their way back through the big fields of buttercups and yellow daisies than it was being carried. They knew, of course, they must go straight east, toward the rising sun; and they started off in the right way. But at noon, when the sun was over their heads, they did not know which was east and which was west, and that was the reason they were lost in the great fields. They kept on walking, however, and at night the moon came out and shone brightly. So they lay down among the sweet smelling yellow flowers and slept soundly until morning—all but the Scarecrow and the Tin Woodman.

The next morning the sun was behind a cloud, but they started on as if they were quite sure which way they were going.

“If we walk far enough,” said Dorothy, “I am sure we shall sometime come to some place.”

But day by day passed away, and they still saw nothing before them but the scarlet fields. The Scarecrow began to grumble a bit.

“We have surely lost our way,” he said, “and unless we find it again in time to reach the Emerald City, I shall never get my brains.”

“Nor I my heart,” declared the Tin Woodman. “It seems to me I can scarcely wait till I get to Oz, and you must admit this is a very long journey.”

“You see,” said the Cowardly Lion, with a whimper, “I haven’t the courage to keep tramping forever, without getting anywhere at all.”

Then Dorothy lost heart. She sat down on the grass and looked at her companions, and they sat down and looked at her, and Toto found that for the first time in his life he was too tired to chase a butterfly that flew past his head. So he put out his tongue and panted and looked at Dorothy as if to ask what they should do next.

“Suppose we call the field mice,” she suggested. “They could probably tell us the way to the Emerald City.”

“To be sure they could,” cried the Scarecrow. “Why didn’t we think of that before?”

Dorothy blew the little whistle she had always carried about her neck since the Queen of the Mice had given it to her. In a few minutes, they heard the pattering of tiny feet, and many of the small grey mice came running up to her. Among them was the Queen herself, who asked, in her squeaky little voice:

“What can I do for my friends?”

“We have lost our way,” said Dorothy. “Can you tell us where the Emerald City is?”

“Certainly,” answered the Queen; “but it is a great way off, for you have had it at your backs all this time.” Then she noticed Dorothy’s Golden Cap, and said, “Why don’t you use the charm of the Cap, and call the Winged Monkeys to you? They will carry you to the City of Oz in less than an hour.”

“I didn’t know there was a charm,” answered Dorothy, in surprise. “What is it?”

“It is written inside the Golden Cap,” replied the Queen of the Mice. “But if you are going to call the Winged Monkeys we must run away, for they are full of mischief and think it great fun to plague us.”

“Won’t they hurt me?” asked the girl anxiously.

“Oh, no. They must obey the wearer of the Cap. Good-bye!” And she scampered out of sight, with all the mice hurrying after her.

Dorothy looked inside the Golden Cap and saw some words written upon the lining. These, she thought, must be the charm, so she read the directions carefully and put the Cap upon her head.

“Ep-pe, pep-pe, kak-ke!” she said, standing on her left foot.

“What did you say?” asked the Scarecrow, who did not know what she was doing.

“Hil-lo, hol-lo, hel-lo!” Dorothy went on, standing this time on her right foot.

“Hello!” replied the Tin Woodman calmly.

“Ziz-zy, zuz-zy, zik!” said Dorothy, who was now standing on both feet. This ended the saying of the charm, and they heard a great chattering and flapping of wings, as the band of Winged Monkeys flew up to them.

ANSWERS:

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D, A, D, A

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| 1 | Where were the travellers going?  When the four travelers went in search of the Witch she had seen them coming, and so sent the Winged Monkeys to bring them to her. It was much harder to find their way back  “We wish to go to the Emerald City,” said the child, “and we have lost our way.”  and unless we find it again in time to reach the Emerald City, I shall never get my brains.” | * To the Wicked Witch’s castle * **To Emerald City** * To the Winged Monkeys * Somewhere with a pathway |
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| 2 | What were the fields made of?  big fields of buttercups and yellow daisies  the sweet smelling yellow flowers | * Just grass * Emerald cities * Roses and tulips * **Buttercups and yellow daisies** |
| 3 | Why did the travellers get lost at noon?  they must go straight east, toward the rising sun;  But at noon, when the sun was over their heads, they did not know which was east and which was west, | * They couldn’t see clearly anymore * **They were following the rising sun but it had risen** * They didn’t have a compass * The moon was too bright |
| 4 | Did the travellers know which way to go the next morning?  The next morning the sun was behind a cloud, but they started on, **as if** they were quite sure which way they were going.  “If we walk far enough,” said Dorothy, “I am sure we shall sometime come to some place.” | * Yes * **No** * Maybe * It is not mentioned in the text |
| 5 | Are all the fields yellow?  the sweet smelling yellow flowers  big fields of buttercups and yellow daisies  before them but the scarlet fields | * Yes, all the fields are yellow * No, the fields near the Emerald City are emerald * No, some of the fields are plain grass * **No, some of the fields are red** |
| 6 | ‘Then Dorothy lost heart.”  What does this mean? | * **Dorothy lost hope** * Dorothy admitted defeat * Dorothy gave up her heart * Dorothy had dropped her heart somewhere |
| 7 | What is the purpose of their journey?  “and unless we find it again in time to reach the Emerald City, I shall never get my brains.” | * To go and find the Witch * To get out of the fields * To find some treasure * **To receive something important** |
| 8 | What does the word ‘pattering’ (line X) show us about the sound of the mice’s feet? | * **They are quick** * They are loud * They are messy * They are unclear |
| 9 | Why does the Queen of Mice recommend the Winged Monkeys? | * The mice can’t help them * The mice would be too slow * **The Winged Monkeys can get them there faster** * The Winged Monkeys can fly |
| 10 | What is a synonym for charm (line X)? | * Necklace * Pendant * **Chant** * Lyrics |
| 11 | Why does Dorothy stand on her right foot (line X)? | * **It was in the cap’s instructions** * To test her balance * The Queen of Mice asked her to * The Golden Cap had possessed her |
| 12 | Which word best describes the Winged Monkeys?  great chattering and flapping of wings | * Snarling and wild * **Noisy and naughty** * Awful and disgraceful * Aggressive and secretive |
| 13 | “Tin” (line X), “Cowardly” (line X), “Golden” (line X), “Winged” (line X)  What type of words are these? | * Adverbs * Adjectives * Participles * **Proper Nouns** |