

**Asset Practice Answers: English**

**Freddie Fox**

All the chicks were asleep in bed,

Unaware of naughty Fred.

They did not here the wooden latch

Gently lifted off the catch.

Now Freddie thought that this was grand,

Even better than he planned.

“Yum! Yum!” said he, “nice chicken stew,

Is what I’m going home to brew.”

Before he’d said another word,

The sound of footsteps he had heard.

It was the farmer by the door,

Who scared him off for evermore.

Word Meanings: evermore: forever

Source: ‘Freddie the Fox’ - http://www.4to40.com/poems/index.asp?p=Freddie\_Fox

1. Why did Freddie lift the wooden latch of the door gently?

A. because he wanted to hide from the cruel farmer

B. because he knew that he had a very good plan

C. because the chicks were too small to hear him

**D. because he didn't want the chicks to wake up**

2. Now Freddie thought that this was grand, Even better than he planned. ''Yum! Yum!'' said he, ''nice chicken stew, Is what I'm going home to brew.''

This stanza is MOSTLY about Freddie's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A. hunger**

B. fear

C. friends

D. master

3. In the last few lines of the poem, we come to know that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. the fox runs away quickly with one chick in its mouth

**B. the fox runs away and does not come back to the farm**

C. the farmer comes to take the chicks home to their mother

D. the farmer wears very heavy shoes only in the nights

4. '' Instead of treasure, all Jimmy got were some bones.''

Which word can REPLACE ''instead of '' in the sentence above?

**A. In place of**

B. By means of

C. Added to

D. More than

5. The yaks live together in herds.

The word ' herd ' in this sentence means that they live

A. in pairs

**B. in groups**

C. in safe places

D. in the forest

6. Choose the CORRECT word to complete the sentence given below. A room in which everything is in the correct place is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_one.

A. quiet

B. bright

C. large

**D. neat**

7. To reach something that is high up, the little boy had to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_his hands.

A. hold

B. bend

**C. raise**

D. spread

8. It dips its chin and belly into the shallow pond.

In the above sentence, we can understand that a 'shallow pond' is NOT

A. clean.

**B. deep.**

C. thin.

D. muddy.

9. Which word can be added before '' age '' to make a new word meaning '' a piece of cloth to cover a wound ''?

A. lug

B. bag

**C. band**

D. hand

10. Which of these words means the SAME as broad?

A. large

B. huge

C. bold

**D. wide**

11. Which sentence uses the underlined words correctly?

A. My pup likes too play with any blue coloured wool that it sees.

B. My pup likes to play with any blew coloured wool that it seas.

C. My pup likes two play with any blue coloured wool that it seas.

**D. My pup likes to play with any blue coloured wool that it sees.**

12. Which word can we add to '' car '' to make another CORRECT word?

**A. rot**

B. pin

C. age

D. able



1. D: Freddie was as quiet as possible because he didn't want the chicks to wake up. The first line of the poem tells us that the chicks were asleep. He did not want the chicks to wake up from their sleep before he could catch them. Option B is NOT the correct answer as we come to know, later in the poem, that he did it " Even better than he planned ."

2. A: We know that the given stanza is about Freddie's hunger as we can find many words about food and hunger in these lines. Words such as “Yum! Yum! ", “nice chicken stew “and " brew " are all used in these lines to describe Freddie's hunger. Option C is NOT the correct answer as the stanza is not about Freddie's friends. In fact, the poem, “Freddie Fox "does not talk of Freddie's friends even once.

3. B: The last two lines of the poem are: "I t was the farmer by the door, Who scared him off for evermore." From the last line of the poem, we come to know that the fox is scared off by the farmer. This means that it runs away never to return to the farm. Option A is NOT the correct answer as the fox does not manage to catch even a single chick. In the poem, the farmer scares off Freddie even before he reaches the chicks.

4. A: The words, “In place of” fits in exactly with the meaning of “Instead of ". For example, “In place of treasure, all

Jimmy got were bones." Option D, “More than “is not correct and does not fit in well with the meaning of the sentence.

5. B: A herd is a group of animals like the elephants, cows etc. It does not mean "safe places". So C is wrong.

6. D: The word “neat” means the same as “tidy ". We say that a room is “neat” when it is tidy with everything in the

room in its proper place. Option C is NOT the correct answer. "Large" means "big in size" and a room in which everything

is in the correct place does not need to be a large room. Even a small room can be neat if things are in the correct place.

7. C: When something is high up, we need to lift our hands up. That means we need to raise out hands. A is wrong because we cannot reach something that is far away or high up just by holding our hands.

8. B: Anything shallow is not deep. In the bird pond, the bird is able to get only its chin and stomach wet. That also means the pond is not deep. There is nothing in the two lines to show that the pond was dirty. So A is wrong.

9. C: If we add “band" +"age " together we would get the word, " bandage " which means, " a piece of cloth to cover a wound ". If we add “bag+ "age “together, we would get a new word, "bagage". Though " bagage " is a known word by sound, the spelling is wrong. The correct spelling would be “baggage “. It is also wrong because the meaning given in the question matches only with “bandage “.

10. D: The word, “broad” means the same as “wide ". The word “bold "means, “not afraid to do dangerous things ". So

C is wrong.

11. D: Only the sentence in D uses the underlined words correctly to give some meaning to the sentence. In option A, the word, “too " is used wrongly. The word should be " to " and not " too ". The word, "too" means, “also". If we use the meaning of "too" in the sentence in A, we get, "My pup likes also play with any blue coloured wool that it sees." This sentence has the wrong grammar. So it is wrong.

12. A: The word, “car “+" rot” will give us the word, “carrot ". Although “car+age " sounds like the word, " carriage " it is not correct because the spelling formed by combining "car"+ "age" would be "carage", which is wrong.