

Quick Check

How Zebras Got Their Stripes

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why did the two donkeys get fed up?
 - Ⓐ They worked all the time.
 - Ⓑ They did not have stripes.
 - Ⓒ The wise man was old.
 - Ⓓ They wanted to be zebras.
2. Read this sentence: *The wise old man thought he could **fool** everyone by painting the donkeys.* What does **fool** mean?
 - Ⓐ trick
 - Ⓑ bother
 - Ⓒ help
 - Ⓓ forget
3. What do you think the lesson of this folktale might be?
 - Ⓐ You should be patient and wait your turn.
 - Ⓑ You should not get fed up with things.
 - Ⓒ Donkeys are better workers than zebras.
 - Ⓓ Donkeys shouldn't get paint stripes.
4. What is the problem in the story?
 - Ⓐ The old man only had black and white paint.
 - Ⓑ The donkeys wanted to lie on soft grass.
 - Ⓒ The donkeys worked all the time.
 - Ⓓ The paint pots were knocked over.
5. How do you know that this story is not real?
 - Ⓐ The donkeys could talk.
 - Ⓑ The donkeys knocked over the paint.
 - Ⓒ The old man painted the donkeys.
 - Ⓓ The donkeys worked hard.
6. What happened after the zebras told their secret?
 - Ⓐ The donkeys carried more bundles.
 - Ⓑ The donkeys knocked over the paint pots.
 - Ⓒ The donkeys slept in the grass.
 - Ⓓ The donkeys rushed to see the old man.

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7. What finally happened to the impatient donkeys?
 - Ⓐ They got more paint.
 - Ⓑ They returned to work.
 - Ⓒ They went on a trip.
 - Ⓓ They fought the zebras.
8. If you are **impatient**, you _____.
 - Ⓐ are calm
 - Ⓑ do not want to wait your turn
 - Ⓒ are angry
 - Ⓓ knock things over
9. Why did the man get the paint?
 - Ⓐ He wanted to paint his house.
 - Ⓑ He wanted the donkeys to help him paint his house.
 - Ⓒ He wanted to change the way the donkeys looked.
 - Ⓓ He wanted to sell the paint to the donkeys.
10. How did the other donkeys find out the truth?
 - Ⓐ The donkeys went home to the fields.
 - Ⓑ The zebras told the other donkeys.
 - Ⓒ The other donkeys found the first two donkeys at the wise man's house.
 - Ⓓ The wise man showed them where the donkeys were.
11. **Extended Response:** On the back of this sheet, describe what lesson the donkeys may have learned and how they learned it. Also think about whether you think the first two donkeys may have learned a lesson, too, and tell what it might be.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Story Elements

1. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓒ *Problem and Solution*
5. Ⓐ *Identify Genre*
6. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
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8. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓑ *Story Elements*
11. Possible answers include the following: *Be patient and wait your turn. Being impatient only causes things to slow down or go wrong. The first two donkeys may have learned that not keeping a secret can lead to trouble.*