

Classics Quick Check

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

- 1. Which of the following details from the text expresses an opinion?
 - A Toad flung himself at full length on the floor of the dungeon.
 - B The gaoler had a daughter who kept several mice and a squirrel as pets.
 - ① The gaoler's daughter thought it a great shame that Toad was locked up for what seemed to her a very trivial offence.
 - ① Toad could not buy a train ticket because he forgot his money when he exchanged clothes with the washerwoman.
- **2.** Which of the following words means *imprisoned?*
 - (A) metalled
 - (B) immured
 - © languished
 - (D) baulked

- **3.** Which of the following characters plays an important role in this part of the story?
 - (A) an old gentleman
 - (B) the clerk
 - (C) the engine driver
 - ① the train guard
- **4.** Why is the change of setting to the train important for the rising action of this part of the story?
 - A The speeding train speeds up the chase, increasing the suspense of the rising action.
 - B The train station is a threatening place, which adds to the tension of the rising action.
 - ① The engine driver moves the rising action to a climax by trying to catch Toad.
 - ① The plodding train forces events to calm down, drawing out the rising action.



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- 5. A character trait that describes the gaoler's daughter is ______ because she shows concern and sympathy for Toad's situation.
 - (A) childlike
 - **®** compassionate
 - (C) dishonest
 - D pessimistic
- **6.** What would you reasonably expect to happen after this part of the story ends?
 - A Toad will make it home and be reunited with his friends.
 - B Toad will decide to become a washerwoman permanently.
 - © The real washerwoman will end up living in Toad Hall.
 - ① The gaoler's daughter will come after Toad and find him.
- **7.** How are the girl and the engine driver alike?
 - (A) Both visit Toad in jail.
 - **B** Both feel sorry for Toad.
 - (C) Both have animals as pets.
 - ① Both believe Toad is innocent.

- **8.** Which of the following words is an antonym for the word **picturesque**?
 - (A) fast
 - (B) nice
 - © real
 - ① ugly
- **9.** What important event happens immediately after Toad dresses like a washerwoman?
 - (A) He jumps off a train.
 - B He walks out of the jail.
 - ① He sleeps in the woods.
 - ① He realizes he forgot his money.
- **10.** What is Toad's main problem at the end of the story?
 - A He is in jail.
 - (B) He is far from home.
 - (C) He is sick and injured.
 - ① He looks like a washerwoman.





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- 11. Extended Response: What was the effect of Toad's disguise as a washerwoman? Write a paragraph that describes how others treat him because of his outfit and how Toad feels as a result.
- 12. Extended Response: Describe the plot diagram for this part of the story, and include at least one event for each of the five parts of a plot: introduction, rising action, climax, falling, action, and resolution. Then, explain how changing one of those events would alter the overall plot.

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Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- 1. (C) Fact or Opinion
- **2**. **B** Vocabulary
- 3. (C) Story Elements: Identify Character
- 4. A Analyze Setting
- 5. (B) Analyze Character
- **6.** (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 7. (B) Compare and Contrast
- 8. (D) Vocabulary
- 9. B Sequence Events
- **10**. (B) Problem and Solution
- 11. Answers will vary, but should include details from the text that explain the effect of the washerwoman disguise. For example, Toad's initial embarrassment and injured pride, the ease with which he can leave the prison, the way others either overlook him or are rudely familiar, the manner in which the dress impeded his escape, the engine driver's offer of help, and so on.

12. Answers will include at least one event that correctly corresponds to each of the five plot parts. Introduction: The gaoler's daughter brings food to Toad. Rising action: The girl comes up with a plan for Toad to escape by dressing as a washerwoman, Toad escapes from the dungeon dressed like a washerwoman, and the engine driver helps Toad elude the policemen chasing the train. Climax: Toad jumps off the train. Falling action: He watches the police continue chasing the train while he is safe. He realizes he is lost in the woods. Resolution: Toad hides in the woods and sleeps. Answers will then explain how changing one event would change the entire plot. For example: If the rising action were different, and the girl had not come up with a plan for Toad, then the climax could have involved Toad making an attempt with his own ideas. Since he is not a great planner, maybe Toad would have been caught in the act, and the resolution might have been Toad returning to his prison.