

Quick Check

Word Smith, Private I "Rhyme Crime"

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

1. What is e. e. cunning well known for writing?
 - Ⓐ a TV show about grammar
 - Ⓑ crimes of word play
 - Ⓒ arresting poetry for the police
 - Ⓓ poetry with no use of capital letters or commas
2. Which sentence from the book shows an example of fantasy?
 - Ⓐ And by your accent I can tell you are British.
 - Ⓑ I had created a sentence that used multiple alliteration.
 - Ⓒ Someone or something had taken the rhyme out of all the greeting cards.
 - Ⓓ Well, actually it was more like one brick, thrown through the window, with a note attached.
3. What does the note attached to the second brick tell you about the person who wrote it?
 - Ⓐ that e. e. cunning wanted the crime to be solved
 - Ⓑ that e. e. cunning could hear Ben Brannoor and Word Smith talking
 - Ⓒ that e. e. cunning would never agree to be identified
 - Ⓓ that e. e. cunning would be able to win a contest against Word Smith
4. Which of the following is an example of a **simile**?
 - Ⓐ It's so cold polar bears are wearing parkas.
 - Ⓑ The savory slice of pepperoni pizza made my mouth water.
 - Ⓒ The sunset glowed like a yellow bug light.
 - Ⓓ That was a piece of cake.

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5. What kind of crimes does Word Smith solve?
 - Ⓐ cases of stolen books
 - Ⓑ cases of murder that have written clues
 - Ⓒ cases involving the alphabet and words
 - Ⓓ cases of misused library cards
6. Why would Word Smith not be considered a real private investigator?
 - Ⓐ There are no private detectives that investigate words and letters like this.
 - Ⓑ Breaking grammar rules is not against the law and is not investigated.
 - Ⓒ No one would hire a private investigator to find missing rhymes.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
7. Why does Ben Brannoor read the note attached to the brick before Word Smith?
 - Ⓐ He does not want Word Smith to see it.
 - Ⓑ He thinks it might solve his mystery.
 - Ⓒ He wants to beat Word Smith to the solution.
 - Ⓓ He wants to protect the person who threw it.
8. Why does e. e. cunning say, "I've been waiting for this moment" when Word Smith steps forward?
 - Ⓐ She is excited to meet Word Smith.
 - Ⓑ She wants to beat Word Smith in a word game.
 - Ⓒ She wants to give Word Smith the rhymes she had stolen.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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9. How is the following rhyme supposed to end? Roses are red, violets are blue, if I had ten dollars, I'd spend it on _____.
 - Ⓐ a spoon
 - Ⓑ nothing
 - Ⓒ you
 - Ⓓ a red balloon
10. What does **linguistic** mean?
 - Ⓐ a word that is spelled the same backward and forward
 - Ⓑ a way of speaking that grabs attention
 - Ⓒ something that relates to language or speech
 - Ⓓ a word that means the opposite of another
11. **Extended Response:** What does "The sun burnished the western sky like a bright orange comet" mean?
12. **Extended Response:** How do you think this story might be different if the author had not used fantasy? Why?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Reality or Fantasy

1. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓒ *Reality and Fantasy*
3. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
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10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers should include the following idea: *the sunset was brilliant.*
12. Answers will vary. Example:
If this story didn't have any fantasy, I think it would have been boring. The fantasy made the story unusual and kept my attention.