

Quick Check

Anansi and the Talking Watermelon

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

1. Which of these traits does not describe Anansi?
 - Ⓐ clever
 - Ⓑ tricky
 - Ⓒ honest
 - Ⓓ adventurous
2. What trick did Anansi play on Possum?
 - Ⓐ He made Possum think that the watermelon grew.
 - Ⓑ He made Possum think that the watermelon talked.
 - Ⓒ He made Possum think that the watermelon jumped.
 - Ⓓ He made Possum think that the watermelon read a book.
3. In the story, it said that Anansi **gorged** himself. What does **gorged** mean?
 - Ⓐ jumped down
 - Ⓑ hid from people
 - Ⓒ ate a lot of food
 - Ⓓ sneaked up on someone
4. Why did King Bear throw the watermelon?
 - Ⓐ He wanted to see how far he could throw it.
 - Ⓑ It called him a fool.
 - Ⓒ It did not talk to him.
 - Ⓓ He wanted to break it and eat it.
5. How did Possum feel when he first heard the voice coming from inside the watermelon?
 - Ⓐ angry
 - Ⓑ happy
 - Ⓒ puzzled
 - Ⓓ disappointed
6. What is the problem in this story?
 - Ⓐ The watermelon split wide open.
 - Ⓑ King Bear became angry.
 - Ⓒ Possum thought watermelons could talk.
 - Ⓓ Anansi was stuck inside the watermelon.

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7. Who was the first animal Possum met on his way to see King Bear?
 - Ⓐ Anansi
 - Ⓑ Raccoon
 - Ⓒ a talking watermelon
 - Ⓓ King Bear
8. Why did Anansi wait until Possum took a nap to go into the watermelon patch?
 - Ⓐ He wanted to be able to wake up Possum.
 - Ⓑ He didn't want Possum to see him.
 - Ⓒ He wanted to eat late in the day.
 - Ⓓ He wanted to surprise Possum.
9. What do you think Possum was hoping the king would do when he heard the watermelon talk?
 - Ⓐ cut the watermelon up and share it with all of the animals
 - Ⓑ give him a reward for bringing him an amazing watermelon
 - Ⓒ yell at Possum for bringing him a big watermelon
 - Ⓓ all of the above
10. How can you tell that Anansi didn't learn a lesson from being stuck in the watermelon?
 - Ⓐ He apologized to Possum for playing a trick on him.
 - Ⓑ He tried to trick Possum with a talking peach.
 - Ⓒ He played another trick on the king.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
11. **Extended Response:** Do you think Possum will take more talking fruits to King Bear? Why or why not?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓑ *Story Elements*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓓ *Problem and Solution*
7. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
11. Answers will vary but would likely state the following: *Possum won't take any more talking fruits to King Bear because the king didn't like the talking watermelon.*