

Language Arts Questions **Answer Key**

Read the passage by clicking the link (or using a hard copy of the book). Then answer the questions.

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Q1: This question has two parts. First answer part A, then part B.

Part A: The narrator compares several things that fall from the sky. Which does the king finally choose?

- A. He chooses the rain, fog, and snow.
- B. He chooses the sunshine, fog, and the rain.
- C. He chooses the Oobleck as his favorite.
- D. He chooses the rain, fog, snow, and sunshine.**

Part B: In which sentence from the passage does the narrator reveal that choice?

- A. "This snow! This fog! This sunshine! This rain!"
- B. "The King now knew that these four old-fashioned things...the rain, the sunshine, the fog and the snow...were good enough for any king in all the world..."**
- C. "All summer when the sunshine came down he growled at that."
- D. "Oh that beautiful Oobleck! And it's mine! All mine!"

Q2: How does the narrator respond to the challenge of warning the Kingdom about the Oobleck?

- A. He takes the King's horse as soon as he sees the Oobleck.
- B. He runs through town and gets stuck in the Oobleck.
- C. He tells the Captain the Oobleck is not safe to eat.**
- D. He asks many others for help to warn the people.

Q3: What factor proved to be most important to Bartholomew once the Oobleck started falling from the sky?

- A. Bartholomew agreed with the king that this new thing, Oobleck was awesome.
- B. Bartholomew wants to inform the public about the dangers of Oobleck.**
- C. Bartholomew wanted to collect as much Oobleck as possible so he could eat it.
- D. Bartholomew wants to get the magicians to save the kingdom.

Q4: Circle all the details below that describe the setting of the castle in this passage.

Tall

Winding stairs

Windows

Stove

Elevator

Bell

Light Tower

Couch

Ladder

Big

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Q5: Based on the passage, what is the most important thing the King must do?

- A. Get the magicians to help him create Oobleck.
- B. Take responsibility for his mistake.**
- C. Warn the townspeople about the Oobleck.
- D. Tell Bartholomew he is sorry for the trouble he's caused.

Q6: Based on context clues, what does the word "chamber" mean in the following sentence?

"He left him there on the chamber floor."

- A. Kitchen
- B. Bedroom**
- C. Stable
- D. Sticky

Q7: Which meaning of the homograph "square" is used in the following sentence?

"Bartholomew looked the King square in the eye."

- A. Shape
- B. Traditionalist
- C. Quadrilateral
- D. Directly**

Q8: This question has two parts. First answer part A, then part B.

Part A: Which word is a synonym for the word "pelting" in the following sentence?

"It was pelting against the palace walls as big as greenish cup-cakes now!"

- A. Growing
- B. Hitting**
- C. Covering
- D. Green

Part B: Which word from the passage helped you choose the synonym in Part A?

- A. Against**
- B. Palace
- C. Greenish
- D. Big

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Q9: Reread the sentence below. Which two words are antonyms of the word "dozens"? Circle TWO words.

"They were stuck up by the dozens!"

floor	arms
lots	few
base	legs
couple	above
many	top

Q10: Based on details in the passage, what is the meaning of the word "wisp" in the following sentence?
"At first it seemed like a little greenish cloud...just a wisp of greenish steam."

- A.** A large, thick amount
- B.** A small, thin amount
- C.** Blob
- D.** Puddle

Q11: What is a theme of the passage? Write a theme and one detail to support your answer on the lines below.

One appropriate answer would be: The theme of this passage is that apologizing sincerely can make a positive difference. A detail to support this theme is, "Maybe there was something magic in those simple words, 'I'm sorry.'"

Q12: Write a one paragraph summary of the story. Include at least 3 details in your summary.

An appropriate answer should include information from the beginning, middle, and end of the book; include the characters the king, Bartholomew, and the magicians; include the setting of the Kingdom of Didd; and include the problem and solution. It should NOT retell every detail in the story. One appropriate answer would be: This story is about a time when the King of the Kingdom of Didd was tired of only seeing rain, sun, fog, and snow falling from the sky, so he wished for something new. Bartholomew, a page boy, warned him that "even kings can't rule the sky," but the King didn't listen and ordered the magicians to make something new fall from the sky. The magicians said that Oobleck would fall from the sky, but they didn't explain what that was. The next morning, the Oobleck fell from the sky. The king was excited, but the Oobleck caused all kinds of problems because it was very sticky. Finally, the king was covered in Oobleck and stuck to his throne. Bartholomew told the king to apologize for causing this problem, and when he did the Oobleck disappeared. Then everything was back to normal, except the king

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was thankful for the four regular things that fell from the sky.