

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

*Continued on following page*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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?

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.*