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## Assessment

A. Choose A, B, C, or D for the correct answer.

The following text is for questions 1 to 4.

Long ago, the sea was not salty. People got salt from the mountain of salt across the sea. One day, people in the village ran out of salt. However, they could not set out to sea because the waves were high and the wind was strong. Their small boats would not withstand the strong wind. Needing salt very badly, the villagers remembered Ang-ngalo.

Ang-ngalo was a huge giant who lived in a mountain close to the village. When Ang-ngalo went fishing, the water was only up to his knees. When he walked around the mountains, the highest mountain stood no higher than his ankles.

"Why don't we ask the giant Ang-ngalo to stretch his legs across the sea? Then, we don't have to ride our small boats!" exclaimed an old man.

"Yes, indeed," agreed with the others. "Let's go and ask Ang-ngalo to help us."

So, the people went to see the giant. They begged him, "Ang-ngalo, we are running out of salt. The mountain of salt is across the sea but we could not use our small boats because of the strong winds. Please allow us to use your legs as a bridge to cross the sea."

Ang-ngalo was willing to help the people. He went to the other side of the sea and sat by its shore. He extended his legs which reached the island where the people waited. The men and women with their empty sacks and pails climbed on his legs and walked toward the mountain of salt. "Please be careful not to move your leg while we are crossing," they reminded Ang-ngalo.

Unknown to Ang-ngalo, his heel landed on a hill of red ants. Before long, the ants were crawling all over his legs. Ang-ngalo was afraid of ants. He trembled with fear at the sight of the ants. He closed his eyes and waited until the last villager reached the other side of the shore. Then, he quickly bent his knee and washed the red ants with seawater. Ang-ngalo was relieved.

Soon the villagers came back with their sacks and pails full of salt. "Put back your leg now, Ang-ngalo. We are ready to go home," the men shouted.

Ang-ngalo was overcome with his fear of the bites of red ants, so, he refused to stretch his leg.

"Please, Ang-ngalo," pleaded the women. "We need salt to dry fish and meat. Without salt, all our food will get spoiled."

Ang-ngalo pitied men and women. Because of his kindness, he stretched again his leg across the sea. "Hurry!" he told the men. "The red ants might crawl on my leg again."

"Yes," answered the villagers. However, they laughed and talked as they walked slowly on the giant's leg.

"Hurry! Hurry! The ants are crawling on my leg now," he trembled with fear.

"Such a big man who's afraid of ants," laughed the men. They walked slowly as before.

"Hurry! Hurry!" shouted Ang-ngalo again. "The ants are biting me now!"

However, the villagers did not listen to him. They walked slowly and told Ang-ngalo not to mind the ants.

Ang-ngalo's leg was full of ants now. They started biting him and his leg was burning with itchiness. At last, the giant could not help lifting his leg. He dipped his itchy leg in the water to get rid of the biting ants.

The men were caught off guard. They fell into the sea with their bags and pails of salt. Ang-ngalo saved the life of each villager. Unfortunately, the salt the villagers dropped all dissolved in the water, which is why, to this day, the sea is salty.

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1. What is the story about?

- A. How people found salt.
- B. Why the sea became salty.
- C. What a giant was afraid of.
- D. How a giant helped people.

2. Why did people get difficulties getting salt?

- A. They should fight against a huge giant.
- B. It could only be found at the sea bottom.
- C. They needed to climb up a high mountain.
- D. They should cross the sea with big waves.

3. What was Ang-ngalo like?

- A. Polite.
- B. Patient.
- C. Helpful.
- D. Friendly.





4. Why did Ang-ngalo hesitantly re-stretch his leg across the sea?
- He was afraid of red ants to bite him.
  - The sea was very deep and large.
  - People walked hurriedly on his leg.
  - People hurt his leg when crossing the sea.

The following text is for questions 5 to 8.

In a village dwelt a poor old woman, who had gathered together a dish of beans and wanted to cook them. She made a fire on her hearth, and that it might burn the quicker, she lighted it with a handful of straw. When she was emptying the beans into the pan, one dropped without her observing it and lay on the ground beside a straw, and soon afterward burning coal from the fire leaped down to the two.

Then, the straw began and said, "Dear friends, from whence do you come here?"

The coal replied, "I, fortunately, sprang out of the fire, and if I had not escaped by sheer force, my death would have been certain. I should have been burnt to ashes."

The bean said, "I have escaped with a whole skin, too, but if the old woman had got me into the pan, I should have been made into broth without any mercy, like my comrades."

"And would a better fate have fallen to my lot?" said the straw. "The old woman has destroyed all my brethren in fire and smoke. She seized sixty of them at once and took their lives. I luckily slipped through her fingers."

"But what are we to do now?" said the coal.

"I think," answered the bean, "that as we have so fortunately escaped death, we should keep together like good companions, and lest a new mischance should overtake us here. We should go away together, and repair to a foreign country."

The proposition pleased the two others, and they set out on their way together. Soon, however, they came to a little brook, and as there was no bridge or foot-plank, they did not know how they were to get over it.

The straw hit on a good idea, and said, "I will lay myself straight across, and then you can walk over on me as on a bridge."

The straw, therefore, stretched itself from one bank to the other, and the coal, who was of an impetuous disposition, tripped quite boldly on to the newly-built bridge. When she had reached the middle and heard the water rushing beneath her, she was after all, afraid, and stood still, and ventured no farther. The straw, however, began to burn, broke in

two pieces, and fell into the stream. The coal slipped after her, hissed when she got into the water and breathed her last.

The bean, who had prudently stayed behind on the shore, could not but laugh at the event, was unable to stop, and laughed so heartily that she burst. It would have been all over with her, likewise, if, by good fortune, a tailor who was traveling in search of work, had not sat down to rest by the brook. As he had a compassionate heart, he pulled out his needle and thread and sewed her together. The beans thanked him most prettily, but as the tailor used black thread, all beans since then have a black seam.

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5. What is the story mostly about?
- Victory.
  - Solidarity.
  - Friendship.
  - Love and respect.
6. What did the coal and beans do to cross a river?
- They made a small boat.
  - They walked on the straw.
  - They swam across the river.
  - They asked for human's help.
7. Who finally survived?
- The coals.
  - The beans.
  - The straws.
  - The woman.
8. What would happen if a tailor didn't sew the beans?
- They will be divided into pieces.
  - They will be cooked by a woman.
  - They will be eaten by wild animals.
  - They will be apart from their friends.

The following text is for questions 9 to 12.

Many years ago, China was in the middle of a great war. The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army. Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a faraway village of China, heard the news when she was outside washing clothes.

Mulan ran into the house. Her father was sitting in a chair, carving a piece of wood. "Father!" she said. "Did you hear what the Emperor says each family must do?"

"Yes," said her old father, "I heard about it in town. Well, I may as well go pack up."

"Wait!" said Mulan, "Dad, you have not been well. If I may say so, why at your age must you keep up with all those young men?"





"What else can be done?" said her father. "Your brother is a child. He cannot go."

"Of course that's true," said Mulan. "He is too little. But I have an idea." She poured her father a cup of tea and handed it to him. "Dad, please have some tea and sit a minute. I will be right back."

"Very well, dear," said the father.

Mulan went into her room. With her sword, she cut off her long, black hair. Going back to her father, Mulan said, "Look at me. I am your son now. I will go in your place. I will do my part for my country."

"No, my daughter!" said the old man. "You cannot do this!"

"Dad, listen to me, please," said Mulan. "For years, you trained me in Kung Fu. You showed me how to use a sword." Mulan swung the sword back and forth with might.

"Only so that you could stay safe!" said her father. "I never meant for you to go to war."

"No one will find out, Dad," said Mulan. She picked up her sword.

"Mulan!" said her father. He tried to get up but had to hold on to his chair.

The daughter kissed him goodbye. "I love you, Dad," she said. "Believe me that I will be safe. Take care of yourself. Tell my brother I said goodbye."

Then, she climbed on a family horse and off she went to join the Emperor's army.

In the army, Mulan proved to be a brave soldier. In time, she was put in charge of other soldiers. Her battles went so well that she was put in charge of more soldiers. After a few years, Mulan was given the top job. She would be General of the entire army.

Adapted from: <https://www.storiestogrowby.org/story/early-reader-mulan-chinese-short-story-for-kids/> (March 26, 2019)

9. What was Mulan like?

- A. Honest.
- B. Beautiful.
- C. Generous.
- D. Courageous.

10. Why did Mulan decide to be an army?

- A. Being an army was her dream.
- B. She wanted to be the general of the army.
- C. She cared about her country and family.
- D. She wanted to show her skill in Kung Fu

11. What did Mulan's father feel when hearing that she intended to be a soldier?

- A. Angry.
- B. Anxious.
- C. Jealous.
- D. Sorrowful.

12. From the text we know that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Mulan had an elder brother
- B. Mulan was skillful at war strategy
- C. Mulan learned self-defense by herself
- D. nobody knew that Mulan was a woman

The following text is for questions 13 to 16.

Once upon a time, there lived an old woman in a little cottage on the edge of a forest. One day, she said to herself, "I will bake sweet cakes for my dinner."

She put on a fresh white apron to keep her nice black dress clean. Over her head, she pulled a little red cap to keep her hair tidy. It was chilly in the kitchen, so she threw a little white cape around her shoulders. Then, the little old woman was all ready to make her cakes. She made a dough, rolled it out and popped a panful of cakes into the oven. They came out nice and brown and sweet smelling.

A poor old man was passing by. The cakes smelled good to him for he was very hungry. He looked in at the window of the cottage and asked, "Would you please give me one of your good cakes? I am very hungry."

The old woman said, "I will bake one cake for you. I cannot give you one of these."

She cut off a tiny piece of dough. She rolled it and rolled it with her rolling-pin. Then, she patted and patted it with her hands and shaped it into a tiny cake. Then, a strange event happened. The tiny cake began to grow bigger and bigger. "I cannot give you this cake," said the woman to the poor old man. "It is much too big. I will make you a smaller one."

Then, she put the cake into the oven and baked it for herself. She took another piece of dough, smaller than the first piece. She rolled it and rolled it with her rolling-pin. She patted and patted it with her hands and shaped it into a very tiny cake. Again, a strange event happened. The tiny cake began to grow bigger and bigger.

"I cannot give you this cake," said the little old woman to the old man. "It is much too big. I will make you a smaller one."

So she put the cake into the oven and baked it for herself. Then, she took a tiny scrap of dough no bigger than a grain of wheat. She rolled it and rolled it with her rolling-pin. She patted and patted it with her hands and shaped it into the tiniest of cakes.

Surprisingly, the woman changed into a bird! She still wore her little red cap on her head. She still wore her black dress and her little white cape and her white apron, but they had all changed into feathers.

Adapted from: <http://www.fairy-story.org/classic-western-fairy-tales/the-old-woman-who-wanted-all-the-cakes.html> (April 4, 2019)





13. What was the woman doing when a poor old man passed by?

- A. Making cakes.
- B. Making a red cap.
- C. Cleaning an apron.
- D. Sewing a black dress.

14. What was the woman like?

- A. Tricky.                      B. Stingy.
- C. Clumsy.                     D. Unfaithful.

15. "Then, a strange event happened." (Paragraph 5)  
What does the underlined word mean?

- A. Rare.                        B. Odd.
- C. Small.                      D. Uncertain.

16. What can we learn from the story?

- A. We should be honest.
- B. We should be optimistic.
- C. We should share with others.
- D. We should respect our parents.

The following text is for questions 17 to 20.

Once upon a time, all the birds were invited to a feast by the people of the sky. Tortoise was very clever and very hungry and as soon as it heard about the great feast, it began to plan how it would travel to the sky.

Tortoise went to the birds and asked if it could go with them. All the birds agreed and they each gave it a feather with which formed a pair of wings.

The great day came. Tortoise and the birds set off on their journey.

"There is one important thing which we must not forget," it said as they flew on their way. "When people are invited to a great feast like this, they take new names." So they each took a new name and Tortoise also took one. It was to be called *All of you*.

Finally, the birds and Tortoise arrived at the party. People of the sky invited the birds to eat the delicious food they had prepared, but then Tortoise asked, "For who have you prepared this feast?"

"For all of you," replied the people of the sky.

Tortoise turned to the birds and said, "Remember that my name is *All of you*. You will eat after me."

The birds waited angrily as Tortoise ate and drank most of the feast. Then, they came forward to eat, but several of them were too angry to eat. Before flying home, each bird took back the feather it gave to Tortoise. So, there stood Tortoise in its hard shell full of food and drink, but without any wings to fly home. It asked the birds to take a message to its wife, but they all refused except Parrot.

"Parrot, my good friend," said Tortoise, "tell my wife to bring out all the soft things in my house so I can jump from the sky safely."

Parrot flew away, but when it reached Tortoise's house, it told Tortoise's wife to bring out all the hard things in the house. Tortoise looked down from the sky and saw its wife, but it was too far to see what its wife was bringing out. When everything was ready, it jumped. It fell and fell and landed with a great crash on the ground. It wasn't hurt, but its shell broke into many pieces. However, there was a great doctor in the neighborhood. Tortoise's wife sent for him and he collected all the bits of Tortoise's shell and stuck them together. That is why Tortoise's shell is not smooth.

Adapted from: T. Clementson, *Natural English: Reading and Writing Skills*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2009.

17. What can we conclude from the text?

- A. Parrot lied by telling Tortoise's wife to bring out all the hard things in the house.
- B. The birds asked Tortoise to attend a feast held by the people of the sky.
- C. The birds and Tortoise had a really good time and happiness during the feast.
- D. Tortoise fell from the sky and landed on the soft things prepared by its wife.

18. What is the best title for the text?

- A. The Tricky Tortoise
- B. The Ungrateful Birds
- C. The Tortoise and Birds
- D. The Parrot and Tortoise

19. What can we learn from the story?

- A. We shouldn't ridicule others.
- B. We shouldn't be envious to others.
- C. We shouldn't break our friendship.
- D. We shouldn't be greedy and ungrateful.

20. "... fell and landed with a great crash on the ground." (Last paragraph)

The closest meaning of 'landed' is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. returned
- B. hung on
- C. departed
- D. disembarked