

Read the following passage and answer questions 1 through 10.

Mr. Nobody

A Mother Goose Rhyme

- 1 I know a funny little man,
2 As quiet as a mouse,
3 Who does the mischief that is done
4 In everybody's house!
5 There's no one ever sees his face,
6 And yet we all agree
7 That every plate we broke was cracked
8 By Mr. Nobody.
9 'Tis he who always tears our books,
10 Who leaves the door ajar,
11 He pulls the buttons from our shirts,
12 And scatters pins afar;
13 That squeaking door will always squeak,
14 For, prithee, don't you see,
15 We leave the oiling to be done
16 By Mr. Nobody.
- 17 The fingermarks upon the door
18 By none of us are made,
19 We never leave the blinds unclosed,
20 To let the curtains fade.
21 The ink we never spill; the boots
22 That lying around you see
23 Are not our boots— they all belong
24 To Mr. Nobody.

1 **According to the poem, —**

- A people blame others for their mistakes
- B children always put their boots away
- C everyone always does what they are told
- D it is important to put away the dishes

- 2 **In the poem, Mr. Nobody —**
A is blamed for things others do
B completes other people's chores
C is always helpful
D helps around the house
- 3 **The un- in unclosed means the same as the un- in —**
A unicorn
B unique
C untied
D unit
- 4 **In line 10, Mr. Nobody "leaves the door ajar."**
A synonym for ajar is —
A shut
B locked
C closed
D open
- 5 **According to the poem, Mr. Nobody is —**
A on vacation
B always there
C only home at night
D never seen or heard

- 6 **Read these lines from the poem.**

**That squeaking door will always squeak,
For, prithee, don't you see,
We leave the oiling to be done
By Mr. Nobody.**

Why will the door always squeak?

- A The oil was lost.
B The oil can is empty.
C No one will oil it.
D The door is broken.

7 **The author believes Mr. Nobody is —**

- A helpful and noisy
- B mean and hateful
- C careless and forgetful
- D angry and loud

8 **Read the dictionary entry.**

mischief: *n.* 1. playful actions 2. causing embarrassment 3. tendency to tease 4. actions causing harm

What is the best definition for the word mischief in line 3 of the poem?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

9 **Directions:** Click on the correct answers.

The root word "qui" means quiet or rest. What would it mean if the author were to say, "It is very tranquil without Mr. Nobody."?

It is peaceful.

It is loud.

It is morning.

It is calm.

10 **The author most likely includes lines 17–24 to show —**

- A Mr. Nobody should oil the squeaky door and close the blinds.
- B that the poem needed to be longer for students to read.
- C that the narrator is trying to avoid getting in trouble for their misbehavior.
- D that Mr. Nobody needs to get in trouble for his behavior.