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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?

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