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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of these traits does not describe Anansi?
 A clever
 B tricky
 C honest
 D adventurous
2. What trick did Anansi play on Possum?
 A He made Possum think that the watermelon grew.
 B He made Possum think that the watermelon talked.
 C He made Possum think that the watermelon jumped.
 D He made Possum think that the watermelon read a book.
3. In the story, it said that Anansi **gorged** himself. What does **gorged** mean?
 A jumped down
 B hid from people
 C ate a lot of food
 D sneaked up on someone
4. Why did King Bear throw the watermelon?
 A He wanted to see how far he could throw it.
 B It called him a fool.
 C It did not talk to him.
 D He wanted to break it and eat it.
5. How did Possum feel when he first heard the voice coming from inside the watermelon?
 A angry
 B happy
 C puzzled
 D disappointed
6. What is the problem in this story?
 A The watermelon split wide open.
 B King Bear became angry.
 C Possum thought watermelons could talk.
 D 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?

- (A) Anansi
- (B) Raccoon
- (C) a talking watermelon
- (D) King Bear

8. Why did Anansi wait until Possum took a nap to go into the watermelon patch?

- (A) He wanted to be able to wake up Possum.
- (B) He didn't want Possum to see him.
- (C) He wanted to eat late in the day.
- (D) He wanted to surprise Possum.

9. What do you think Possum was hoping the king would do when he heard the watermelon talk?

- (A) cut the watermelon up and share it with all of the animals
- (B) give him a reward for bringing him an amazing watermelon
- (C) yell at Possum for bringing him a big watermelon
- (D) all of the above

10. How can you tell that Anansi didn't learn a lesson from being stuck in the watermelon?

- (A) He apologized to Possum for playing a trick on him.
- (B) He tried to trick Possum with a talking peach.
- (C) He played another trick on the king.
- (D) All of the above

11. **Extended Response:** Do you think Possum will take more talking fruits to King Bear? Why or why not?