

Local Assessment Item Bank

Reading

Grade 2

**Literary Text Assessment 7
Answer Key**

This document contains information for the teacher:

- *Grade Level Expectation and Depth of Knowledge level for each item;*
- *Correct answers for the multiple choice items;*
- *A rationale for what misconception each incorrect answer demonstrates;*
- *Sample responses for the short answer and constructed response items. (NOTE: these represent possible responses but not the full range of accurate student responses.) Teachers are encouraged to use their own student-written sample responses as models and benchmarks.*

See "Suggestions and Guidelines for Use" document for further information.

“The Unhappy Giant”

1. Correct response: A

R2: 3.1 Vocabulary

Multiple choice (Level 1)

Incorrect choices:

B is incorrect. This word ends with the /s/ sound instead of the /z/ sound.

C is incorrect. *Cross* does not end with the same sound as *his*.

D is incorrect. This word ends with /sh/, not /z/.

2. Correct response: D

R2: 5.1 Vocabulary

Multiple choice (Level 2)

Incorrect choices:

A is incorrect. The giants are not swimming; they are traveling around on the ground.

B is incorrect. The giants are not just looking around; they are moving around.

C is incorrect. The giants are not farming the countryside; they are moving from place to place, causing trouble.

3. Correct response: B

R2: 6.1 Vocabulary

Multiple choice (Level 2)

Incorrect choices:

A is incorrect. *Fear* means the opposite of *wish*, not the same.

C is incorrect. *Word* is not a synonym for *wish*.

D is incorrect. *Spell* does not have the same meaning as *wish*.

4. Correct response: C

R2: 10.1 Initial Understanding

Multiple choice (Level 1)

Incorrect choices:

A is incorrect. The unhappy giant feels like a balloon at the end of the story; the other giants do not pop balloons.

B is incorrect. The bird hides in the cave; the giants do not play hide and seek.

D is incorrect. The wizard changes the weather; the giants don't.

5. Sample response:

At first, the unhappy giant is in his cave. Then the bird takes him to a beautiful forest.

R2: 10.1 Initial Understanding

Short answer (Level 1)

6. Correct response: B

R2: 10.2 Initial Understanding

Multiple choice (Level 2)

Incorrect choices:

A is incorrect. This happens after he waves his stick.

C is incorrect. He does this later in the story.

D is incorrect. He never makes an ocean.

7. Sample response:

The giant most likely feels happy. He wanted to be small, he wanted to be able to go places without scaring anyone, he wanted his voice to be quiet and gentle. He got all his wishes. The giant also has a new friend: the other bird.

R2: 13.1 Analysis and Interpretation

Short answer (Level 3)

8. Correct response: D

R2: 13.2 Analysis and Interpretation

Multiple choice (Level 2)

Incorrect choices:

A is incorrect. The wizard is neither friendly nor sneaky. He is cross at first, and he says what he is thinking.

B is incorrect. The wizard is not lazy; he does a lot of spells.

C is incorrect. The wizard is not gentle; he is grumpy and makes fun of the giant at first.

9. Sample response:

The unhappy giant is much gentler and smarter than the other giants. He is gentle because he does not like to cause a lot of noise and trouble. The other giants pull trees out of the ground, scare people, and make a big mess. The unhappy giant thinks being a giant is boring. He is smart because he realizes that if he were smaller, he would not have to eat so much food to feel full. His life would be easier if he were small.

R2: 13.2 Analysis and Interpretation

Constructed response (Level 3)

10. Correct response: D

R2: 13.3 Analysis and Interpretation

Multiple choice (Level 2)

Incorrect choices:

A is incorrect. The wizard's spells seem to be working fine.

B is incorrect. The wizard acts critical of giants, but there is no evidence that they have attacked his home.

C is incorrect. The wizard assumes the giant wants to be bigger; he himself does not want to be bigger. He wants to be dry.

11. Correct response: A

R2: 13.3 Analysis and Interpretation

Multiple choice (Level 2)

Incorrect choices:

B is incorrect. The bird finds the unhappy giant in the cave by accident; she is seeking shelter from the rain.

C is incorrect. The bird takes the giant to the wizard; she knows where he is.

D is incorrect. Although the other giants are troublemakers, the bird is escaping the rain rather than the giants.

12. Correct response: B

R2: 13.4 Analysis and Interpretation

Multiple choice (Level 2)

Incorrect choices:

A is incorrect. The wizard draws something in the mud and waves his stick in the air to stop the rain.

C is incorrect. The wizard does not whisper the spell to get stronger.

D is incorrect. The wizard is making the giant smaller rather than making the bird a different size.

13. Correct response: C

R2: 13.5 Analysis and Interpretation

Multiple choice (Level 1)

Incorrect choices:

A is incorrect. The wizard is already in a forest; the spell does not create the forest.

B is incorrect. The wizard thinks the giant wants to knock over a mountain; he does not do so.

D is incorrect. The bird has been there since bringing the unhappy giant to the wizard.

14. Correct response: C

R2: 13.5 Analysis and Interpretation

Multiple choice (Level 1)

Incorrect choices:

A is incorrect. Although the giant gets claws, he is not a monster but a bird.

B is incorrect. The giant feels like a deflating balloon as he gets smaller; he is not turning into a balloon.

D is incorrect. The giant does not turn into a wizard.

15. Correct response: D

R2: 10.2 Initial Understanding

Multiple choice (Level 1)

Incorrect choices:

A is incorrect. This happens before the two birds fly away.

B is incorrect. This happens before the giant turns into a bird.

C is incorrect. This happens much earlier in the story.