

Cloze Test

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Directions: Read through the first and last paragraph of the story to find out what it is about. Read through the story and fill in the blanks with one-word answers. Write these words on your answer sheet next the correct number. Be sure to pick words that go along with the story. Try to guess what the words are supposed to be by using context clues.

The Rabbit and the Turnip

By Richard Sadler

One winter day, when the snow lay deep on the ground, Little Rabbit went out to look for food, and he found two turnips. He gobbled up one of them. Then he said, “ It is snowing so hard and it is so very cold that maybe Little Donkey has nothing to eat. I will take him my other turnip.”

Off he ran to (1) Donkey’s house. But Little (2) was out, so Little (3) left the turnip on (4) Donkey’s doorstep and hopped (5) home.

Now Little Donkey (6) also gone out to (7) for food, he found (8) potatoes. When he got (9) and saw the turnip, (10) was very surprised. Who (11) have put it there? (12) he said to himself, “ (13) is snowing so hard, (14) it is so cold. (15) Little Sheep has nothing (16) eat. I will take (17) to her.”

At once (18) rolled the turnip to (19) Sheep’s house. But there (20) no sign of Little (21) so he left the (22) on Little Sheep’s table (23) trotted back home.

At (24) same time, Little Sheep, (25) had also been looking (26) food, had found a (27) and was happily trotting (28) to eat it.

When (29) got to her house (30) found the turnip, she (31) surprised. Who could have (32) it there? Little Sheep (33) to give the turnip (34) Little Rabbit. It was (35) so hard and it (36) so very cold she (37) Little Rabbit would need (38) to eat.

At once Little Sheep (39) to Little Rabbit" house. (40) there was Little Rabbit, (41) asleep. Little Sheep did (42) want to wake him (43), so she put the (44) quietly inside the doorway (45) hurried away.

When Little Rabbit woke up and found the turnip, he thought he must be dreaming. He rubbed his eyes. Then he said to himself, "how kind of someone to give me this turnip!" And he gobbled it all up.

Answers:

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| 1. Little | 16.To | 31.Was |
| 2. Donkey | 17.It | 32.Put |
| 3. Rabbit | 18.He | 33.Decided |
| 4. Little | 19.Little | 34.To |
| 5. Back | 20.Was | 35.Snowing |
| 6. Had | 21.Sheep | 36.Was |
| 7. Look | 22.Turnip | 37.Knew |
| 8. Some | 23.And | 38.Something |
| 9. Home | 24.The | 39. Ran |
| 10.He | 25.Who | 40.And |
| 11.Could | 26.For | 41.Fast |
| 12.Then | 27.Cabbage | 42.Not |
| 13.It | 28.Home | 43.Up |
| 14.And | 29.She | 44.Turnip |
| 15.Maybe | 30.And | 45.And |

Scoring: The only answers accepted are to be exact matches of the words in the answer key. 40% correct put the students at the instructional level (third grade)

Count the number correct and divide this number by 78. Change the decimal to percent (move the decimal point over to the right two spaces) This is your percent correct.

Ex) 40% = 31 correct answers

47 incorrect answers

Assessment: Use this test to assess a third grader's reading comprehension level. It will test how well the student is able to utilize context clues in the reading. If they receive a score of 40% or more they are at the instructional level.

Source: Reading is taken from Trouble and Turnips.

Trouble and Turnips Reading basics plus: a sequential skills program.

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Answer Sheet:

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