

## D is for Dandelion

### Assignment 13

- **Reading.** Students will be reading “That’s My Seat” and “The Story of the Caliph Stork” and answer questions on both stories. On the right is a picture of a 20th-century caliph Abdulmejid II (1922–1944).
- **Handwriting.** Complete Lesson 12 of the *D is for Dandelion* handwriting book.
- **Poetics.** Memorize stanza 1 of Robert Frost’s “Fire and Ice.”
- **Writing.** Complete #1 of Composition 1 of Lesson 13.
- **Dictation.**  
A verb is an action word or a word that links. This week students will write down the sentences and underline the action word.



#### EXERCISE A

1. Tom’s mom cleaned plenty of dirty faces and runny noses.
2. She persuaded the prince without fortune to marry.
3. They bought comfortable house, not a palace.
4. Even the fussy girl ate the tangy popsicle.
5. Did he hurry down the worst alley in the city?

#### EXERCISE B

1. She thought that the main character in the novel was silly.
2. She washed the bowl’s sandy bottom and added a guppy.
3. She sold the fluffy dog to an interested customer.
4. John asked about the faucet.
5. The nasty boy broke the board of the fort and ran away

It's so hard to hear brothers and sisters fight like cats in a dark alley.

1. The expression like cats in a dark alley in the first sentence of the first paragraph of the story (quoted above) serves to show \_\_\_\_.
  - a) the boys' love for fighting animals
  - b) how sneaky the boys were in their fighting
  - c) how cowardly the boys were in their fighting
  - d) how noisy and fierce the boys were when they fought
  
2. Which of the following does George not think regarding his younger brother Bobby?
  - a) that Bobby takes too many baths
  - b) that their mother often takes Bobby's side in arguments
  - c) that Bobby sometimes cries to get his way
  - d) that Bobby is a tattletale
  
3. Bobby tries to get George out of his chair by all of the following except \_\_\_\_,
  - a) by crying
  - b) by force
  - c) by offering him something
  - d) by flattery

"Cry all that you want," George said. "Nobody can hear you except me, and those crocodile tears don't change a thing."

4. By using the expression crocodile tears in the story (quoted above), George means that Bobby's tears are \_\_\_\_.
  - a) genuine
  - b) insincere
  - c) profuse
  - d) humorous
  
5. Which of the following statements would the author of the story agree with?
  - a) Boys are usually manipulated by older brothers.
  - b) Mothers usually take the older brothers' side in fights.
  - c) Children ignore their fathers but listen to their mothers.
  - d) Children can be senseless, stubborn and mean-spirited when they argue.

Reading Questions  
That's My Seat

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which of the following is not true regarding the contents of the small box which the peddler shows the Caliph and Vizier?
  - a) It contains a scroll written in an ancient language.
  - b) It contains a drama which the caliph cannot read because it is in Latin.
  - c) It contains black powder.
  - d) It contains something which the peddler bought in Mecca.
2. The story contains all of the following elements of fairytale except \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) animal transformation
  - b) a fairy godmother
  - c) a happy ending
  - d) things happen in threes
3. The Caliph gets the scholar and wiseman named Selim to help him by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) flattery
  - b) offering a reward and a threat of punishment
  - c) telling him a story
  - d) making a appeal for sympathy
4. The tone of a story is the feeling or attitude in which the writer tells a story. What is the tone of "The Story of the Caliph Stork"?
  - a) serious or matter of fact
  - b) very sad
  - c) slightly encouraging
  - d) humorous
5. The story contains everything except \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) a religious or moral purpose
  - b) slapstick humor, or physical humor often involving things like slipping, falling, etc.
  - c) a villain
  - d) a "damsel in distress" or a woman who is threatened by danger or experiencing harm
6. The vizier is reluctant to help the screech owl because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) he thinks that the caliph should show himself brave
  - b) he thinks that the screech owl is making up a story in order to deceive them

- c) he is already married
  - d) he does not like owls, which are said to be wise
7. The caliph does not want to help the screech owl because \_\_\_\_.
- a) the screech owl may turn out to be something dreadful, such as an ugly witch
  - b) he is too important to fall into misfortune
  - c) he believes it is a vizier's job to help others
  - d) he is cowardly and never willing to take risks to save another
8. Why are the caliph's people happy at the end of the story?
- a) They see that the daughter of the King of the Indies has been saved.
  - b) The evildoer Kaschnur has been executed.
  - c) They falsely believe that the ruler of Bagdad, the caliph, is dead.
  - d) The caliph has returned to rule over them.
9. What is the setting of this story?
- a) an exotic fantasy land sometime in the past
  - b) Ancient Rome
  - c) the Middle East a long time ago
  - d) Europe in the Middle Ages
10. The story ends with all of the following except \_\_\_\_.
- a) a moral or lesson
  - b) animal transformation
  - c) humor
  - d) punishment of the evildoer