

Vocabulary Enrichment

1. A synonym for the word *finicky*, as used in the story's tenth paragraph, is which of these terms?
- (A) Easygoing.
 - (B) Sloppy.
 - (C) Sad.
 - (D) Fussy.

Figurative Language

2. When the author writes that the main character was swallowed by a tree, this is an example of—
- (A) hyperbole.
 - (B) alliteration.
 - (C) metaphor.
 - (D) onomatopoeia.

Recalling Details

3. Which farm chore is mentioned in the story as being done by Mr. Hobart?
- (A) Overseeing workers.
 - (B) Emptying horse stalls.
 - (C) Feeding cattle.
 - (D) Both A and C.

True or False?

4. Which one of these statements about the text passage is completely true?
- (A) The farmer was mad the apple smoked.
 - (B) Mr. Hobart fell off the ladder.
 - (C) Mr. Hobart's wife bakes pies with apples.
 - (D) The apple stole Mr. Hobart's smoking pipe.

Important Ideas

5. In the story, what reason is given as to why Mr. Hobart is hesitant to ask the apple a question?
- (A) He doesn't know what question to ask.
 - (B) His apples often only answer one question.
 - (C) His apples will attack if asked questions.
 - (D) The apples can't talk to answer him.

Sequencing

6. Of the four events listed below from the passage, which one of them happened last in the story?
- (A) Mr. Hobart filled his basket with apples.
 - (B) Mr. Hobart chewed on a twig.
 - (C) An apple asked Mr. Hobart to pick it.
 - (D) The smoking apple laughed at the farmer.

Important Ideas

7. Why does the smoking apple opine that it is the healthiest apple on the tree?
- (A) The apple believes it has a shinier skin.
 - (B) As a smoker, it is less likely to be eaten.
 - (C) The apple is no longer stuck on a tree stem.
 - (D) It is the youngest apple in the orchard.

Cause & Effect

8. What was the effect of Mr. Hobart noticing that an apple wasn't red enough?
- (A) He picked it and put it in his basket.
 - (B) He asked his wife to bake it in a pie.
 - (C) He ate it immediately.
 - (D) He decided not to pick it just yet.

Story Title

9. If you selected a title that made sense to replace the one chosen by the author, it would be—
- (A) Apples for Everyone.
 - (B) The Great Apple Sickness.
 - (C) How Not to Become a Pie.
 - (D) When the Farmer Goes Crazy.

Fact or Opinion?

10. Which of these ideas about the story passage is a fact, rather than being merely an opinion?
- (A) Fruit should not smoke.
 - (B) Mr. Hobart lives on a farm full of magic.
 - (C) It's not right to eat fruit that can talk.
 - (D) Apple pie tastes disgusting.