

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

The Stranger CCSS Assessment

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Directions:

Use what you know about **The Stranger** to answer each of the following questions.

1. Why was the stranger staying with the Bailey family?

- ☐ A He was a long-lost cousin.
- ☐ B He was hired to help with the pumpkin harvest.
- ☐ C Mr. Bailey hit him with his truck, and the stranger couldn't remember who he was.
- ☐ D He was new to the town and had no where else to go until his family arrived.

2. The stranger is mysterious and has some connection to the beginning of the fall season. Which detail supports this central message?

- ☐ A He was fascinated by food.
- ☐ B Fall doesn't start on the Bailey farm until he leaves.
- ☐ C He doesn't need to rest when he was working in the field.
- ☐ D The rabbits were not afraid of him.

3. What caused the stranger to leave one evening around dinner time?

- ☐ A He remembered who he was and had to get back to his family.
- ☐ B The Bailey family didn't need help on the farm anymore.
- ☐ C He left to start his own farm.
- ☐ D He realized that he was keeping fall from coming to the Bailey farm.

4. The stranger seems "hypnotized" while watching the geese in their V-formation. What is the author trying to say by using that word?

- ☐ A The stranger is connected to the geese in almost a magical, mysterious way.
- ☐ B The stranger was really tired and was staring into the sky.
- ☐ C The stranger wished he could fly like the geese.
- ☐ D A magician had hypnotized him.

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5. What clues are we given about the stranger that make it seem like he may not be a person? (RL.3.5)

- ☐ A He is wearing old leather clothes.
- ☐ B Rabbits like him, and he likes to watch the geese flying.
- ☐ C The family thinks he might be a hermit.
- ☒ D Clothes and food are new for him, and he doesn't seem to get tired or sweat.

6. The stranger leaves because he knows fall has to come. Which other character would agree with him? (RL.3.6)

- ☐ A Katy
- ☒ B Farmer Bailey
- ☐ C the doctor
- ☐ D the narrator

7. What do the illustrations show you about the setting? (RL.3.7)

- ☒ A The illustrations show the farm and how beautiful it was there.
- ☐ B The illustrations show how the stranger does magic everywhere he goes.
- ☐ C The illustrations show how cold it gets in winter on the farm.
- ☐ D The illustrations show all the animals that live on the farm.

8. How are summer and fall different as shown in the story? (RL.3.9)

- ☐ A In fall, there is no work to do on the farm.
- ☐ B It is colder in the summer than in the fall.
- ☒ C Trees in summer have green leaves, but in fall they turn orange and red.
- ☐ D There is always work to do on the farm in the summer and the fall.

9. Why does the author tell us about the message written on the window every year when summer turns to fall? (RL.3.10)

- ☐ A Writing on a frosty window is fun to do.
- ☒ B It connects to the message that it is important and good for fall to come every year.
- ☐ C The stranger didn't want the Bailey family to be mad at him.
- ☐ D The author wants us to think the stranger is coming for a visit.

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Answer Key

