

The Watermelon Seed
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Directions:

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

1. Which of these details is really important to the story?

- A Watermelon seeds are black.
- B The crocodile swallows a watermelon seed.
- C The crocodile was once a teeny, tiny baby crocodile.
- D The crocodile has lots of white teeth.

2. What is the main problem in this story?

- A The crocodile swallows a watermelon seed.
- B The crocodile burps very loudly.
- C The crocodile chokes on a piece of watermelon.
- D The crocodile is lonely and wishes he had more crocodile friends.

3. How does the main character respond to the challenge in the story?

- A He eats more and more watermelon seeds.
- B He spits the seed out.
- C He gets very sick and can never eat watermelon again.
- D He is very worried after swallowing the seed but then burps it up.

4. On pages 9-12, the crocodile says "I swallowed a seed. I SWALLOWED A SEED!" Why do you think the author repeated that line?

- A He wanted to show that the crocodile was excited and happy that he swallowed the seed.
- B He wanted to show that the crocodile was angry that he swallowed the seed.
- C He wanted to show that the crocodile was scared and surprised that he swallowed the seed.
- D He wanted to show that the crocodile was sad that he swallowed the seed.

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5. Which of these best describes an event that happens at the beginning of the story? (RL.1.5)

- A The crocodile explains how much he loves watermelon.
- B The crocodile eats another piece of watermelon even though he said he never would again.
- C The crocodile burps very loudly.
- D The crocodile swallows a seed.

6. From whose point of view is this story told? (RL.1.6)

- A An alligator
- B A seed
- C A watermelon
- D A crocodile

7. On page 13 of this book we see in the illustration that the crocodile is having an x-ray of his stomach taken and there is a watermelon growing inside him! How does this illustration help you better understand the character in the story? (RL.1.7)

- A This illustration helps me understand that the crocodile actually has a huge watermelon growing in his stomach.
- B This illustration helps me understand that the crocodile really wants to grow a huge watermelon in his stomach.
- C This illustration helps me understand that the crocodile is very worried that the seed he swallowed will grow into a huge watermelon in his stomach.
- D This illustration helps me understand that the crocodile thinks it would be funny to grow a huge watermelon in his stomach.

9. How might this story have been different if the author were a crocodile expert? (RL.1.9)

- A The crocodile might have been blue instead of green.
- B There may have been more facts about crocodiles in the book.
- C The crocodile may have eaten apples instead of watermelon.
- D The crocodile may have had a name.

Answer Key

