

Poem-9 | The Tale of Custard the Dragon?**Worksheet-2****Multiple Choice Questions**

1. **What perception do you frame about Belinda after reading the poem, The Tale of Custard the Dragon?**
(a) She was a nature lover (b) She was a pet lover
(c) She was a Coward girl (d) She didn't like Animals
2. **What was the name of the black little kitten of Belinda?**
(a) Custard (b) Mustard
(c) Ink (d) Blink
3. **How many pets did Belinda have in all as per mentioned in the Poem, The Tale of Custard the Dragon?**
(a) Four (b) Three
(c) Five (d) Two
4. **The name of the little black kitten in The Tale of Custard the Dragon is**
(a) Ink (b) Mustard
(c) Blink (d) Puppy
5. **Why did Belinda name her dog as Mustard?**
(a) He was sharp and yellow like Mustard (b) He liked to eat Mustard
(c) Her Father suggested her the name (d) She liked the name
6. **The poem, "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" is written by**
(a) John Berryman (b) Ogden Nash
(c) Jim Cook (d) Robin Klein
7. **Who is the Poet of the poem, The tale of custard the Dragon?**
(a) Robert Frost (b) Walt Whitman
(c) Ogden Nash (d) Robin Klein
8. **Why did Belinda plead for help in her house?**
(a) She was testing her pets
(b) She got to do some work
(c) She was having fun with her pets
(d) Her house was attacked by Pirates

9. **After showing the act of bravery, Why did Custard agree upon the fact that everybody was braver than him?**
- (a) He didn't have a sense.
 - (b) He was a humble and genuine creature.
 - (c) He didn't know the actual meaning of Bravery.
 - (d) He agreed it Sarcastically.
10. **Belinda lived in a ____ (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)**
- (a) little brown house
 - (b) little white house
 - (c) cottage
 - (d) palace

Fill in the blanks :

11. The pirate had a black beard and a wooden leg _____.
12. Custard fought the pirate and gobbled him up _____.

True / False

13. The pirate succeeded in harming Belinda and her pets.
14. Belinda lived in a little white house with her four pets including Custard.

Very Short Type Questions

15. Why is it fair to say that Custard could be the poster-boy for the belief that the real nature of a person is revealed at times of the greatest difficulty?
16. How did Custard accept his cowardice and others' bravery?

Short Type Questions

17. How would you describe Custard the Dragon?
18. Belinda and other animals have been described as brave. But on seeing the pirate they behaved in a cowardly way. How did they react? (A Tale of Custard, The Dragon)

Essay Type Questions

19. The Tale of Custard the Dragon is a humorous ballad. How does Ogden Nash create humor and entertainment in the poem?
20. Evaluate Ogden Nash's The Tale of Custard the Dragon as a ballad. What message does the poet give to the readers in this poem?

21. **Assertion (A)** : Custard was the real hero of the poem.

Reason (R) : He saved everyone by bravely fighting the pirate.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true, but R is false
- (d) A is false, but R is true

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Answer & Solution



1. (b)

After going through the poem thoroughly, Belinda was a small girl who was definitely a pet lover as she had four pets in all with her and she took good care of all of them.

2. (c)

Belinda had four pets. Amongst them, there was a black little kitten whose name was Ink. Belinda named all those pets.

3. (a)

According to the poem, Belinda had four pets in all which includes a kitten, a mouse, a dog and a dragon. She was truly a pet lover.

4. (a) Ink

5. (a)

Belinda had a dog which she named as Mustard. She deliberately named her like that because he was a bit like mustard as he was sharp and yellow like Mustard. That was the reason why the dog was named as Mustard.

6. (a) Ogden Nash

7. (c)

The poet of the poem is Ogden Nash. He was a commendable poet, he wrote over four hundred pieces of comic verse.

8. (d)

Belinda pleaded for help as her house was attacked by some of the pirates. She cried for help, but no brave creatures (Ink, Blink, Mustard) helped her, but the Coward creature (Custard the Dragon) helped her in getting out from that adverse situation. It was a bit Ironical.

9. (b)

After showing the act of bravery also, Custard didn't take limelight and even agreed to the fact that everyone was braver than him because he was a humble and genuine creature.

10. (b) little white house

11. wooden leg

12. gobbled him up

13. False

14. True

15. Custard, the dragon, was the only one who was actually brave. The others were all cowards. They disappeared when they saw the pirate. But the dragon faced him bravely and swallowed him up.

16. Custard accepted his cowardice and others' bravery by admitting that Mustard, Ink and Blink were braver than him. The truth is Custard was bravest among them. When a pirate tried to enter Belinda's house to rob it, all her pets ran away and hid somewhere in fright. It was Custard, the dragon who faced it and gobbled it up. Custard was brave, but he did not know it.
17. Custard The Dragon was portrayed as a coward yet a courageous character who rescued the life of Belinda and her pets from the dangerous pirate. Initially, the dragon was projected as a coward as he was extremely concerned about the cage's safety. But when the pirate attacked Belinda, the heroism displayed by him while killing the monstrous pirate to safeguard her and her pets proved that he was courageous enough to battle the odds.
18. In "The Tale of Custard the Dragon," Belinda and her pets initially show bravery in everyday adventures. However, when confronted by the pirate, they react with fear: Belinda turns pale and cries for help, Mustard runs away barking fearfully; Ink slips under of the house, and the little mouse runs into his hole in no time. Only Custard, usually timid, surprises everyone by bravely confronting the pirate and ultimately saving the day, contrasting with the others' frightened reactions.
19. Ogden Nash creates humor in "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" through playful language, unexpected rhymes, and whimsical descriptions of the characters. He contrasts Belinda's bravery with Custard's initial cowardice, using exaggerated details about Custard's fears and the pirate's comical encounter with the dragon. The poem's light-hearted tone and imaginative storytelling entertain readers with its blend of bravery, cowardice, and unexpected heroism.
20. A ballad is a song or poem that tells a story. Generally, ballads are tales of adventures and heroism. An encounter between Custard and the pirate is presented in the typical spirit of a ballad. The four-line stanzas have a rhyme scheme: aabb which fits the typical format.

Ogden Nash gives a subtle message through the fate of the dragon that the mere presence of physical strength is not enough. Therefore in this world of deceit, self-confidence, self-dependence and self-respect are essentials to earn your rightful place among your peers. Also, you must be conscious of your strength. You must be aware of the fact that many others who are far inferior in strength and power should have no right to taunt and ridicule you.
21. (a)

Custard showed true courage in a real crisis, proving to be the actual hero of the poem.