

1. What kind of poem is "The Tale of Custard the Dragon"?

- A. Sonnet
- B. Ballad
- C. Ode
- D. Epic (B)

**Explanation:** The poem is written in the style of a ballad, which tells a story.

2. Who lived in the little white house?

- A. Belinda
- B. Ink
- C. Blink
- D. Mustard (A)

**Explanation:** The poem begins by saying that Belinda lived in a little white house.

3. What was the name of the little black kitten?

- A. Blink
- B. Custard
- C. Ink
- D. Mustard (C)

**Explanation:** The little black kitten was called Ink.

4. Why was Custard called a cowardly dragon?

- A. He ran away from Belinda
- B. He always cried for a safe cage
- C. He was small and weak
- D. He never spoke (B)

**Explanation:** Custard kept crying for a nice safe cage, so others thought he was cowardly.

5. Who came climbing into the window?

- A. A thief
- B. A robber
- C. A sailor
- D. A pirate (D)

**Explanation:** The poem says there was a pirate climbing in the window.

6. What did Mustard do when the pirate appeared?

- A. Fought bravely
- B. Barked loudly
- C. Fled with a terrified yelp
- D. Hid in a cage (C)

**Explanation:** Mustard, who seemed brave earlier, ran away in fear.

7. Who actually faced the pirate?

- A. Blink
- B. Ink
- C. Belinda
- D. Custard (D)

**Explanation:** Custard jumped up and attacked the pirate, showing real courage.

8. What happened to the pirate in the end?

- A. He escaped
- B. He was arrested
- C. Custard gobbled him up
- D. He hid in the house (C)

**Explanation:** Custard gobbled the pirate, every bit.

9. What did the other pets say after the pirate was defeated?

- A. Custard was the bravest
- B. They had all been equally brave
- C. They would have been braver if they had not been frightened
- D. They wanted to leave the house (C)

**Explanation:** After the danger passed, they claimed they would have been braver if they had not been flustered.

10. What is the main idea of the poem?

- A. Small animals are always weak
- B. Real bravery is shown in danger, not in boasting
- C. Pirates are never strong
- D. Dragons are always cowards (B)

**Explanation:** The poem humorously shows that those who boast may fail, while true courage appears in real danger.