

“The Day It Rained Cats” Quiz

Directions: Read the story “The Day It Rained Cats” in the September 2016 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the bubble next to the best answer for each question below.

1. Which character trait best describes Sheera at the beginning of the story?

- (A) determined (C) brave
(B) friendly (D) foolish

2. Which line from the story supports your answer to question 1?

- (A) “If you wanted to be a levver, you had to start training within a week of your birthday.”
(B) “With so much done by computers and machines, it was a dying art.”
(C) “‘I won’t let you down,’ I promised.”
(D) “And then I got stuck on a can of baked beans.”

3. The phrase “I didn’t know it at the time, but those cats raining were a sign of a big change” is a _____.

- (A) metaphor
(B) simile
(C) clue about what will happen later in the story
(D) mention of what already happened

4. Which detail from the story demonstrates that Sheera is a hard worker?

- (A) She spends two hours every day practicing her levving.
(B) She wants to be like her grandmother.
(C) She saves Liam from getting hit by a car.
(D) She levves the photo of her and Grandma into the air and makes it flap open and closed.

5. When Sheera doesn’t go to the book signing with Sandra, you can infer that Sheera feels _____.

- (A) relieved (C) scared
(B) upset (D) excited

6. Which line from the story supports your answer to question 5?

- (A) “It was all I could talk about at dinner.”
(B) “Tears stung my eyes as I slammed the car door.”
(C) “I held my breath, my eyes straining, bugging out, the roar of the SUV’s engine growing closer.”
(D) “I guess you could say that while I was learning to lev, she was learning not to.”

7. What does *scalded* mean in the sentence “She almost scalded herself when she dropped a cup of tea”?

- (A) burned (C) healed
(B) cut (D) lost

8. At the end of the story, why does Sheera lev the picture of herself and Grandma and make it flap like a butterfly?

- (A) to practice levving
(B) to entertain Harry, their cat
(C) to show her love and respect for her grandma
(D) to compare her grandma to a butterfly

Constructed Response

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, write your answer to each question in a well-organized response. Make sure you support your answers with details from the story.

9. Why are levving lessons important to Sheera?

10. What is one challenge Sheera faces in the story, and how does she overcome it?