

Kentucky Summative Assessments



Grade 4 Reading Released Items 2022

Directions: Read the passage “Mosquito, Lion and Spider.” Then answer the questions.

Mosquito, Lion and Spider *retold by Michael Rosen*

- 1 Mosquito flew over to Lion and said, “I’m not scared of you. You aren’t any better than me. I suppose you think you’ve got strong claws that can scratch and sharp teeth that can bite—well, I know human children who can do the same. You want to know something? I’m stronger than you, and that’s a fact. If you’re ready, let’s have a fight and I’ll prove it.”
- 2 Mosquito sounded his high-pitched hum, flew round Lion’s head once and then landed on Lion’s soft, hairless nostril. Straightaway, he pricked Lion’s skin and sucked. The sting made Lion mad and he tried to rip Mosquito off his nose, but his great fearsome claws tore into his face. Again and again his claws scratched and ripped, but little Mosquito stayed on Lion’s nose, stinging and stinging.
- 3 In the end, Lion called out, “I give in, I give in. You win, you win. Now go away and leave me alone.”
- 4 Off flew Mosquito, well pleased with himself. “What a feisty little fellow I am,” he thought, “what a feisty little fell—”
- 5 And flop! Mosquito flew straight into Spider’s web and stuck there. Spider danced down the threads of the web, seized Mosquito in her jaws and swallowed him down nice and slow and easy.
- 6 **MORAL** *Just because you outsmart someone stronger than you, doesn’t mean that someone else won’t outsmart you.*

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What is the purpose of paragraph 2?

- A To describe how Mosquito outsmarts Lion
- B To show how Mosquito plans to fight Spider
- C To explain why Mosquito stops stinging Lion
- D To explain that Mosquito is quicker than Lion

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How does the phrase “rip Mosquito off his nose” help to shape meaning in paragraph 2?

- A It shows that Lion is clumsy.
- B It shows that Lion feels weak.
- C It shows how fast Lion moves.
- D It shows how angry Lion feels.

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Which words **best** describe the way Mosquito likely feels when he flies into Spider’s web? Choose **two** correct answers.

- A Brave
- B Curious
- C Fearful
- D Secure
- E Stunned

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The author **most likely** uses the phrases “danced down” and “nice and slow and easy” in paragraph 5 to let the reader know —

- A how Mosquito flies into the web after defeating Lion
- B that Spider enjoys finding Mosquito in her web
- C how Mosquito gets caught in the web
- D that Spider builds her web carefully

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Which detail from the passage **best** supports the idea that Mosquito is too sure of himself?

- A He chooses to sting the soft side of Lion’s nose.
- B He makes a noise while flying around Lion’s head.
- C He feels no guilt for causing Lion pain and suffering.
- D He pays no attention to where he is flying after the fight with Lion.



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Which detail from the passage **best** supports the theme, or moral, of the story?

- A** “I’m stronger than you, and that’s a fact.” (paragraph 1)
- B** “Straightaway, he pricked Lion’s skin and sucked.” (paragraph 2)
- C** “Off flew Mosquito, well pleased with himself.” (paragraph 4)
- D** “Mosquito flew straight into Spider’s web and stuck there.” (paragraph 5)



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Directions: Complete the sentences by choosing the correct answers from the drop-down menus.

Mosquito challenges Lion, believing he is



. Mosquito wins the fight because he is



. However, Spider is able to catch

Mosquito because his pride made him



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Which detail from the story **best** reflects the theme that having too much pride can lead to trouble?

- A** “The sting made Lion mad. . . .”
(paragraph 2)
- B** “I give in, I give in.” (paragraph 3)
- C** “. . . and leave me alone.”
(paragraph 3)
- D** “. . . ‘what a feisty little fell—”
(paragraph 4)



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