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# “My Taxi Ride” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the poem “My Taxi Ride” in the January 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. Where does this poem take place?**

- a. Chicago
- b. New York
- c. Los Angeles
- d. Dallas

**2. What color is the taxi that the poem talks about?**

- a. red
- b. green
- c. yellow
- d. orange

**3. The words, rhythm, and illustration of this poem create a feeling of**

- a. laziness.
- b. anger.
- c. sadness.
- d. movement.

**4. What kind of literary device is used in the line “Buzzin’ around like a bumblebee”?**

- a. metaphor
- b. simile
- c. hyperbole
- d. foreshadowing

**5. What does the poem instruct the reader to do?**

- a. stop a taxi
- b. cross the street
- c. sing opera
- d. ride a horse

**6. You can infer that in order to get a cab you have to**

- a. stand in front of one.
- b. phone the cab company.
- c. buzz like a bumblebee.
- d. call out loudly.

**7. Which BEST describes the rhyme pattern of the poem?**

- a. Every two lines rhyme with each other.
- b. The first and fourth lines rhyme, and the second and third lines rhyme.
- c. None of the lines rhyme with each other.
- d. The first and third lines rhyme, and the second and fourth lines rhyme.

**8. Why did the poets probably write this poem?**

- a. to criticize the system of getting taxis
- b. to suggest that cabs should drive more slowly
- c. to celebrate the quick-moving, exciting pace of cabs in the city
- d. to invite tourists to the Big Apple

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# “Hoot” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the play *Hoot* in the January 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. Which of the following events happens first in the play?**

- a. Roy brings a pair of sneakers for Mullet Fingers.
- b. Mullet Fingers gets attacked by dogs.
- c. Beatrice speaks with Roy for the first time.
- d. Roy sees a barefoot boy running.

**2. Why does Mullet Fingers have to hide from everyone?**

- a. He ran away from military school.
- b. He is very shy.
- c. He is scared of the construction crew.
- d. Beatrice is ashamed of him.

**3. Which word would BEST describe both Roy and Mullet Fingers?**

- a. wild
- b. caring
- c. eccentric
- d. calm

**4. What is Mullet Fingers trying to save at the construction site?**

- a. cottonmouth snakes
- b. dogs
- c. burrowing owls
- d. woodpeckers

**5. What can you infer is Muckle’s reason for wanting to build on the site?**

- a. to make money
- b. to harm endangered animals
- c. to introduce pancakes to the community
- d. to impress his friends

**6. Mullet Fingers is determined to stop construction, but some of his methods are**

- a. destructive.
- b. effective.
- c. weak.
- d. kind.

**7. What does the word “indigenous” mean in the sentence “Indigenous to North and South America, they are increasingly rare”?**

- a. harmful
- b. unwanted
- c. original from
- d. new

**8. You can assume that the author of this story wants to protect**

- a. construction sites.
- b. pancake houses.
- c. homeless children.
- d. the environment.

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# “Root Beer Sit-In” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the story “Root Beer Sit-In” in the January 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. Where does “Root Beer Sit-In” take place?**

- a. North Carolina
- b. Alabama
- c. Iowa
- d. Illinois

**2. Which of the following do Benola and Sophie have in common?**

- a. They are both tall and skinny.
- b. They both like root beer.
- c. They both are African-American.
- d. Both of their parents own soda shops.

**3. What do Benola and Sophie assume is the reason they can’t sit together at the lunch counter?**

- a. Sophie’s dad is mean.
- b. Whites and African-Americans aren’t allowed to sit together.
- c. Benola’s mother doesn’t like the Soifers.
- d. The counter is only for Soifer family members.

**4. Benola and Sophie are afraid that at their sit-in they might**

- a. giggle.
- b. cry.
- c. spill their root beer.
- d. get arrested.

**5. You can infer that when Benola and Sophie first sit at the counter they feel**

- a. nervous.
- b. confident.
- c. sad.
- d. angry.

**6. Who had decided that Benola couldn’t sit on a stool at Soifer’s?**

- a. Mr. Soifer
- b. Benola’s mother
- c. the Law
- d. Sophie’s mother

**7. What is one lesson that Benola and Sophie learned from their experience?**

- a. Don’t question your parents.
- b. Always follow the rules.
- c. Stools are not safe.
- d. Don’t jump to conclusions.

**8. What part of the story was a true historical event?**

- a. Benola and Sophie’s sit-in
- b. Benola knocking out her front teeth
- c. the sit-in at Woolworth’s in North Carolina
- d. Benola and Sophie’s run-in with Mr. Billy’s boar

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# “In the Path of the Avalanche” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the nonfiction article “In the Path of the Avalanche” in the January 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. Which word BEST describes how Stroud probably felt when the avalanche hit?**

- a. curious
- b. angry
- c. terrified
- d. annoyed

**2. What is the main idea of the last paragraph on page 22?**

- a. Most avalanche victims could have taken steps to avoid the catastrophe.
- b. Earthquakes are deadlier than avalanches.
- c. Many people die in avalanches every year.
- d. Stepping on a slope can make it slide.

**3. Which of the following events happens first in the article?**

- a. Stroud’s dogs run down the mountain.
- b. Stroud hears the sound “whoomp.”
- c. Stroud is buried.
- d. Stroud and Repetto go on a second ski run.

**4. How did Fesler learn about the history of avalanches in Alaska?**

- a. He read articles in libraries.
- b. He spoke to experts.
- c. He watched nature programs.
- d. He studied snowbanks.

**5. Which of the following is NOT a warning sign that an avalanche is about to occur?**

- a. The weather changes suddenly.
- b. Trees are bent over.
- c. The mountain’s slope is steep.
- d. There is a lot of fresh snow.

**6. What does the word “rugged” mean in the sentence, “They loved the thrill of skiing into the wild, surrounded by the rugged beauty of the Alaskan wilderness”?**

- a. enormous and overwhelming
- b. rough and weathered
- c. snowy and wet
- d. fantastic and fun

**7. Which of the following is a fact?**

- a. The wilderness can be dangerous.
- b. In 1898, 72 gold seekers died in an avalanche.
- c. Stroud was lucky.
- d. Fredston loves her work.

**8. The author wrote this article**

- a. to tell important facts about avalanches.
- b. to persuade people to stay out of the wilderness.
- c. to entertain her readers.
- d. to share her experiences.

**9. From reading this article, you can conclude that Fredston is:**

- a. afraid of blizzards.
- b. determined to educate people about avalanches.
- c. eager to move away from Alaska.
- d. writing another book.

**10. This article shows that**

- a. most avalanche deaths can be prevented.
- b. avalanches are freak events in nature.
- c. scientists don’t understand avalanches.
- d. avalanches are rare.

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# “Yesterday & Today” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the “Yesterday & Today” article in the January 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. How did most critics and adults feel about *The Partridge Family*?**

- a. They loved it.
- b. They thought it was educational.
- c. They liked the music.
- d. They hated it.

**2. According to the article, what kind of music did the Partridge Family play?**

- a. rap
- b. light pop
- c. classic rock
- d. opera

**3. How did David Cassidy differ from the other actors on the show?**

- a. He actually sang.
- b. He lacked fans.
- c. He was the youngest.
- d. He was also the band’s manager.

**4. In what year did the Cheetah Girls release their first album?**

- a. 2003
- b. 2004
- c. 2005
- d. 2006

**5. Many parents like the Cheetah Girls because they are**

- a. good looking.
- b. old-fashioned.
- c. positive role models.
- d. stars of *High School Musical*

**6. Music critics find that the Cheetah Girls have**

- a. good voices.
- b. solid experience.
- c. both a and b.
- d. neither a nor b.

**7. What does the article suggest will happen after the Cheetah Girls break up?**

- a. They will return to living ordinary lives.
- b. They will continue to do well as singers.
- c. They will stop being friends.
- d. They will lose their voices.

**8. The Partridge Family and the Cheetah Girls have all of the following in common, EXCEPT**

- a. hit songs.
- b. popularity among young fans.
- c. experience as musicians.
- d. a love of performing.

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# “Reward” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the poem “Reward” in the January 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. What is the main action of this poem?**

- a. A gardener plants flowers.
- b. Two people walk through a garden.
- c. Someone has a surprise party.
- d. One person says “thank you” and the other one smiles.

**2. This poem contains a series of**

- a. metaphors.
- b. rhymes.
- c. surprises.
- d. similes.

**3. What does the poem compare “your heart” to?**

- a. a flower
- b. a seed
- c. a garden
- d. an eye

**4. This poem is made up of how many sentences?**

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

**5. What are the rewards that the title of the poem refers to?**

- a. expensive gifts
- b. a bouquet of flowers
- c. gardening tools
- d. a thank you and a smile

**6. You can infer that the smile makes the narrator of the poem feel**

- a. relieved.
- b. happy and surprised.
- c. suspicious.
- d. surprised but disappointed.