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## “The Days the Worms Moved In” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the story “The Day the Worms Moved In” in the September 2008 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. Why does Mom decide to raise worms in the garage?**

- (A) She believes they will make good pets.
- (B) She wants to use them for fishing bait.
- (C) They will help create good soil for gardening.
- (D) They will scare away intruders.

**2. Which word best describes Maddie’s feelings about having worms in the house in the beginning of the story?**

- (A) angry
- (B) timid
- (C) defiant
- (D) terrified

**3. Mom doesn’t know about Maddie’s worm phobia because**

- (A) Maddie is too embarrassed to tell her.
- (B) Maddie is afraid her brothers will find out.
- (C) Mom never has time to talk to Maddie.
- (D) Mom will be angry if she finds out.

**4. Which item did NOT make up part of the worms’ bedding?**

- (A) newspaper
- (B) egg cartons
- (C) soil
- (D) manure

**5. Which of the following is the best synonym for “writhing” in the phrase, “hundreds of worms writhing around under the composting bin and across the floor”?**

- (A) wiggling
- (B) lying
- (C) gathering
- (D) speeding up

**6. What does Maddie realize when she sees the worms on the garage floor?**

- (A) She’s not really scared of them after all.
- (B) It’s irresponsible to have a composting bin.
- (C) Worms like to be free.
- (D) It’s up to her to do something about them.

**7. What caused the worms to crawl out of the bin?**

- (A) cold weather
- (B) lack of water
- (C) tempting food on the floor
- (D) need for more space

**8. You can predict that when Mom learns what Maddie did, she will be**

- (A) disappointed
- (B) grateful
- (C) disbelieving
- (D) hysterical

## Critical Thinking

**Directions:** On a separate piece of paper, write your answers in well-organized paragraphs. Make sure you support each answer with information and details from the story!

**9. At the end of the story, why is Maddie proud of herself?**

**10. What is one reason that Maddie saved the worms?**