

RL.3.1

Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

RL.3.2

Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.

RL.3.3

Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.

RL.3.7

Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting).



Read this passage and then answer the questions that follow.

Freddy's Way

- 1 When the clock struck eleven, Freddy turned from the window where he had been watching for nearly an hour and he said: "Guess Dan has forgotten to come for me. I think I'd better write a letter to Mother." His aunt, whom he was visiting, answered:
- 2 "That will be a sensible thing to do, dear."
- 3 Freddy worked very hard on his letter. When it was finished, he said: "It doesn't look as nice as it might, but I guess Mother will know I tried to do my best." His aunt replied:

- 4 "I'm sure she will; anyway, the main thing was to keep your promise and write to her."
- 5 Presently, Freddy took his cap and went outdoors to find amusement for himself; it was a beautiful warm day, just the kind when a boy loves to go swimming, and he thought longingly of the river. But his aunt did not wish him to go alone, and for some reason, Dan had failed to call for him. The next-door neighbor was mowing his lawn and Freddy asked: "Need any help?" The man answered:
- 6 "Sure, I was just wishing for a boy to rake the grass."
- 7 Freddy set about his work whistling, and the neighbor never guessed that his small helper had had a disappointment that morning. It was Freddy's happy way when he could not do one thing to find another and do that cheerfully.

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**Question 1**

Look back at the passage and think about Freddy's reaction when he realized that Dan wasn't coming to play with him. What did he say and what did he choose to do?

1. This question has two parts. Answer Part A first. Then answer Part B.

Part A What lesson can be learned from "Freddy's Way"?

- A** Do not try to do too much at once.
- B** Whatever you do, do it with all your might.
- C** People should learn to make the best of a situation.
- D** Always treat others the way you want to be treated.

Part B What sentence from the passage supports your answer to Part A?

- A** The next-door neighbor was mowing his lawn and Freddy asked: "Need any help?"
- B** Freddy set about his work whistling, and the neighbor never guessed that his small helper had had a disappointment that morning.
- C** When it was finished, he said: "It doesn't look as nice as it might, but I guess Mother will know I tried to do my best."
- D** Presently, Freddy took his cap and went outdoors to find amusement for himself; it was a beautiful warm day, just the kind when a boy loves to go swimming, and he thought longingly of the river.

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2. What can you tell from the illustration?

- A the type of house Freddy lives in
- B how the character Freddy feels as he is waiting.
- C what the weather is like
- D what the setting of the story is

3. Choose four words that best describe Freddy in "Freddy's Way." Check the box next to each word you choose.

- ☐ careless
- ☐ responsible
- ☐ helpful
- ☐ dreamer
- ☐ lazy
- ☐ cheerful
- ☐ shy
- ☐ selfish
- ☐ friendly



Question 2

When answering multiple-choice questions, try to eliminate, or cross out, any answers that you know are not true.



Question 3

Think about Freddy's actions during the story. How did Freddy react when Dan didn't come by? Did he keep his promise to his mother? What did he offer to do after he wrote the letter? What do these actions tell you about Freddy?



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**Question 4**

At the beginning of the story, the reader finds out that Freddy is waiting for his friend Dan, but the answer to this question comes later in the story. Reread paragraph 5 to find details to support your answer.

4. Where was Freddy hoping to go at the beginning of the story and why couldn't he go without Dan? Use details from the story to support your answer.



