

Grade 3 Fiction

Read the following passage and answer questions 1 through 8.

The Tiger and The Fox

- 1 One day a hungry tiger went hunting in the forest for something to eat. He soon saw a fox resting next to a tree. The tiger quietly crept up behind the fox and caught him by the tail.
- 2 The tiger growled at the fox. "You will make a tasty dinner for me," he said.
- 3 The fox cried, "Wait! You are about to make a big mistake."
- 4 The tiger held onto the fox's bushy tail. He opened his mouth wide and showed his sharp teeth.
- 5 "Don't you know who I am?" asked the fox. "I am king of all the jungle animals."
- 6 The tiger laughed. He did not believe a fox could rule a jungle full of animals. He said, "If you can prove to me that you are the king, I will let you go."
- 7 Fox asked the tiger to walk with him to the nearby jungle. Fox said, "When the other animals see me, they will hide because they know I am the mighty and powerful king."
- 8 Tiger agreed to go to the jungle with the fox.
- 9 The wild animals were resting in the jungle. When they saw the fox and the tiger, they quickly hid in the bushes or ran far away.
- 10 The fox smiled at the tiger. "Now that you know I am King of the Jungle, you must leave here at once."
- 11 The frightened tiger ran away and never returned. He did not know he was the one who had frightened the jungle animals away.

1 Why did the tiger catch the fox?

- A He was looking for a friend.
- B He wanted to play a game.
- C He planned to eat him for dinner.
- D He liked his bushy tail.

2 **Why does the fox say he is the king of the jungle animals?**

- A He wants to scare the jungle animals.
- B He wants to wear a crown.
- C He is going to a castle.
- D He is trying to trick the tiger.

3 **What is the moral of the story?**

- A Small animals must be clever to escape from their enemies.
- B Jungle animals must run and hide from foxes to be safe.
- C Tigers find more food in a forest than in a jungle.
- D A tiger who finds a fox will always have a good meal.

4 **The -y in bushy means the same as the -y in —**

- A tasty
- B story
- C my
- D sky

5 **Why do the jungle animals run away from the tiger and the fox?**

- A The animals are running from the fox.
- B The animals are playing hide-and-seek.
- C The animals are afraid of the tiger.
- D The animals are looking for food.

6 **The suffix -ful in powerful means —**

- A like
- B without
- C full of
- D to be able to

7 **In paragraph 1, crept means —**

- A jumped high
- B stomped loudly and angrily
- C moved slowly and quietly
- D ran quickly

8 Read the sentence from paragraph 7.

Fox said, "When the other animals see me, they will hide because they know I am the mighty and powerful king."

If the suffix **-ful** was replaced by the suffix **-less**, what would be its new definition?

- A confident
- B weak
- C strong
- D forceful