

Elmer and the Dragon, by Ruth Stiles Gannett
Comprehension Questions – Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What color are the dragon's stripes?
 - a. red and blue
 - b. red and gold
 - c. yellow and red
 - d. yellow and blue

2. Where does Elmer live?
 - a. Evergreen Park
 - b. Wild Island
 - c. Nevergreen City
 - d. Tangerina

3. Who is the king of the canaries?
 - a. King Can I
 - b. King Can IX
 - c. King Can V
 - d. King Can XI

4. How many pewter cups were in the treasure chest?
 - a. six
 - b. twelve
 - c. two
 - d. none

5. Who left the treasure chest on the island?
 - a. King Can I
 - b. Oliver Hinckle
 - c. Flute
 - d. Elmer Elevator

6. What song did Elmer play on the harmonica?
 - a. "The Bear Went Over the Mountain"
 - b. "The Star Spangled Banner"
 - c. "Happy Birthday"
 - d. "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain"

7. What did King Can give the dragon?
 - a. a silver harmonica
 - b. a gold watch
 - c. an iron skillet
 - d. a brass key

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Comprehension Questions – Short Answer

Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. What do dragons eat?

2. What does Elmer have in his knapsack?

3. How did the dragon get stuck on the sandbar?

4. How do Flute and Elmer know each other?

5. How did Flute get to the island?

6. Why was the treasure chest buried on the island?

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Comprehension Questions – Long Answer

1. What was King Can XI so curious about? How did Elmer help to get rid of the curiosity plague?

2. Why do you think Elmer and the dragon had to be quiet when they returned to Popsicornia? How did the watchmen know they had been there?

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Vocabulary Review

Use the words below to complete the sentences.

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| migrating | clambered | discouraged | miserable | suffers |
| terrible | lumbered | hoisted | ferocious | flattered |

1. The dragon had been a _____ prisoner on Wild Island.
2. The dragon thought tangerines tasted _____.
3. Elmer _____ onto the dragon's back.
4. Elmer and the dragon had to fly through a _____ storm.
5. Flute _____ from the island disease.
6. _____ birds often stop at the island.
7. The dragon _____ off to eat and drink cold water.
8. Elmer felt _____ that King Can XI wanted to meet him.
9. After digging for six hours, Elmer felt _____.
10. The dragon _____ the treasure chest out of the hole.

Visualize the Story

Draw your favorite scene from the book in the panels below.

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Answers

Multiple Choice:

1. d
2. c
3. d
4. b
5. b
6. a
7. b

Comprehension:

1. Dragons eat skunk cabbages and ostrich ferns.
2. Elmer's knapsack held seven pink lollipops, half a package of rubber bands, three sticks of chewing gum, a very good jackknife, and a burlap bag.
3. The dragon got stiff during the storm and he couldn't move.
4. Flute used to belong to Elmer's mother.
5. Flute escaped when Elmer left the cage door open while his mother went to answer the doorbell.
6. Oliver Hinckle left the treasure chest so that he could use it to help himself and his friends settle the island once they returned.

Vocabulary Review:

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2. terrible
3. clambered
4. ferocious
5. suffers
6. migrating
7. lumbered
8. flattered
9. discouraged
10. hoisted