

Session 3, Reading Selection #3

You are going to read a story about a boy who takes care of sheep. Read the story and then answer the questions that follow.

THE SHEPHERD BOY

A shepherd boy had the job of taking the sheep to their grassy pasture each day and guarding them from wolves who might eat them.

It was an easy job. The boy sat among the rocks and played his flute as he watched the sheep.

One day the shepherd boy became bored. To liven things up, he decided to play a trick on the farmers who were his neighbors.

“Wolf! Wolf!” cried the boy in a scared voice.

“We must save the sheep! We must help the shepherd boy!” the farmers shouted as they ran to the pasture.

“I fooled you! I fooled you!” laughed the shepherd boy. Grumbling, the farmers went home.



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The next day, the shepherd boy played the same trick. He cried, "Wolf! Wolf!" and laughed to see his neighbors leaving their work behind and running up the hill to help. "Fooled you again!" laughed the boy. Grumbling, the farmers went home.

But the very next day, a wolf really did come to the pasture and began to chase and eat the sheep.

"Wolf! Wolf!" hollered the frightened boy, for he couldn't fight the wolf off alone.

His neighbors heard him shouting, but said to one another, "Let's not pay any attention. It's only the silly shepherd boy trying to trick us again."

And they went on with their plowing.

So the wolf ate well that day.

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Session 3, Multiple-Choice Questions

- 37 This story takes place in a
- Ⓐ small city.
 - Ⓑ dark forest.
 - Ⓒ park.
 - Ⓓ pasture.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 37: Literature/Learning Standard 8

- 38 At the beginning of the story, how did the shepherd boy spend most of his time?
- Ⓐ playing his flute
 - Ⓑ tricking the wolf
 - Ⓒ reading fairy tales
 - Ⓓ throwing stones

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 38: Literature/Learning Standard 8

- 39 The first time the shepherd boy cried “Wolf! Wolf!” the farmers
- Ⓐ ignored him.
 - Ⓑ were afraid of him.
 - Ⓒ helped him.
 - Ⓓ yelled back at him.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 39: Literature/Learning Standard 8

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Read the sentence in the box below.

“Wolf! Wolf!” cried the boy in a scared voice.

- 40 The punctuation mark that comes after the word *Wolf* is
- Ⓐ a comma.
 - Ⓑ a period.
 - Ⓒ a question mark.
 - Ⓓ an exclamation mark.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 40: Language/Learning Standard 5

- 41 You know the farmers were not happy about the shepherd boy’s joke because they
- Ⓐ cried.
 - Ⓑ complained.
 - Ⓒ shouted.
 - Ⓓ laughed.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 41: Literature/Learning Standard 16

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Read the sentence in the box below.

“Let’s not pay any attention.”

- 42 In this sentence, the contraction *Let’s* stands for
- Ⓐ Let them.
 - Ⓑ Let she.
 - Ⓒ Let us.
 - Ⓓ Let him.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 42: *Language/Learning Standard 5*