



EQAO Grade 3 Reading Practice — Answer Key

Ontario Primary Division — Comprehension, Vocabulary & Inference

Passage 1: The Sugar Maple

Read the passage, then answer the questions.

The sugar maple is Ontario's official tree. In spring, people tap the trees to collect sap. The sap is boiled down to make maple syrup. It takes about 40 litres of sap to make just 1 litre of syrup! Sugar maples also turn beautiful colours in autumn. Their leaves change from green to bright orange, red, and yellow. Many tourists visit Ontario every fall just to see the changing leaves.

1. What is the main topic of this passage?

- A) How to make pancakes
- B) The sugar maple tree [CORRECT]**
- C) Autumn in Ontario
- D) Types of trees

2. How much sap does it take to make 1 litre of maple syrup?

- A) 4 litres
- B) 10 litres
- C) 40 litres [CORRECT]**
- D) 100 litres

3. Why do tourists visit Ontario in the fall?

- A) To collect sap
- B) To see changing leaves [CORRECT]**
- C) To plant trees
- D) To go skiing

4. What does the word "tap" mean in this passage?

- A) To knock gently
- B) To make a hole to collect sap [CORRECT]**
- C) A type of dance
- D) Running water

5. Using details from the passage, explain why making maple syrup takes a lot of work.

Answer: Making maple syrup takes a lot of work because you need 40 litres of sap to make just 1 litre of syrup. First you have to tap the trees, then collect the sap, and then boil it down for a long time.



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Passage 2: The Fox and the Crow

Read the story, then answer the questions.

A crow found a piece of cheese and flew up to sit on a branch. A fox walked by and saw the cheese. "Good morning, beautiful crow!" said the fox. "Your feathers are so shiny. I bet your voice is just as lovely. Would you sing for me?" The crow was so pleased by the flattery that she opened her beak to sing. The cheese fell to the ground, and the fox snatched it up. "Thank you," said the fox. "That is all I wanted."

6. What did the crow have in her beak?

- A) A worm
- B) A piece of bread
- C) A piece of cheese [CORRECT]**
- D) A berry

7. Why did the fox compliment the crow?

- A) He wanted to be friends
- B) He wanted the cheese [CORRECT]**
- C) He liked her singing
- D) He was being polite

8. What lesson does this story teach?

- A) Always share your food
- B) Do not trust flattery [CORRECT]**
- C) Foxes are friendly
- D) Crows can sing well

9. How do you think the crow felt after the cheese fell? Use evidence from the story to support your answer.

Answer: The crow probably felt foolish or tricked. The fox only said nice things to get the cheese, and once the crow opened her beak, the fox took it. The fox even said "That is all I wanted," showing he was never really being kind.



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