

Grade 3 Book 3-2 Theme 2 Story 1
“Leah’s Pony”

LA.E.1.2.2 Plot Development pgs. 148-161

1. What is the BIGGEST problem in the story?
 - A. The corn does not grow tall.
(specific event not related to conflict resolution)
 - B. The family has no money.
(correct)
 - C. The pony is too small to be sold.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
 - D. The people do not come to the auction.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)

LA.A.2.2.2 Author’s Purpose pgs. 148-161

2. Why did the author write “Leah’s Pony”?
 - A. To show how neighbors help a family in need.
(correct)
 - B. To teach readers about being on a farm.
(detail that does not represent author’s purpose)
 - C. To explain how a farm auction is run.
(detail that does not represent author’s purpose)
 - D. To tell readers a story about a girl and her pony.
(incorrect interpretation of author’s purpose)

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LA.A.1.2.3 Vocabulary pg. 159

3. Read this sentence from the story.

No familiar whinny greeted Leah when she entered the barn.

This sentence means

- A. There are no animal noises.
(correct meaning of phrase/does not fit context)
- B. Leah’s family is gone.
(incorrect meaning of phrase)
- C. Leah’s horse is sold.
(correct)
- D. The animals talk to Leah.
(incorrect meaning of phrase)

LA.E.2.2.1 Cause and Effect pgs. 158-159

4. Why did Leah’s neighbors bid so little money on the family’s animals and truck?
- A. They did not have any more money to spend.
(incorrect cause)
 - B. They felt the truck and animals were not worth more.
(incorrect cause)
 - C. They want the auction to raise a lot of money.
(incorrect cause)
 - D. They are going to give it all back to the family.
(correct)

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LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea pgs. 148-161

5. Which sentence BEST tells what the story is about?
- A. A young girl goes to an auction.
(detail from passage but not main idea)
 - B. A young girl sells her pony to help her family.
(correct)
 - C. Farmers have auctions to sell their animals.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
 - D. Farmers sell their corn to raise money.
(detail from passage but not main idea)

LA.A.2.2.7 Compare and Contrast pgs. 148-161

6. How are the family’s neighbors and Leah ALIKE?
- A. They both like to go to auctions.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
 - B. They both help save the farm.
(correct)
 - C. They both know that tractors help farmers.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
 - D. They both own many ponies.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)