

**Grade 4 Theme 3, Story 3**  
**“The Cricket in Times Square”**

**LA.A.1.2.3 – Vocabulary – pg. 330**

1. Read this sentence from the story.

**Tucker Mouse had been watching the Bellinis and listening to what they said. Next to scrounging, eavesdropping on human beings was what he enjoyed most.**

What does the word *eavesdropping* mean?

- A. speaking softly  
(incorrect meaning)
- B. looking for food  
(incorrect meaning)
- C. listening secretly  
(correct answer)
- D. sadly remembering  
(incorrect meaning)

**LA.A.2.2.1 – Main Idea – pg. 336**

2. What happened AFTER Chester Cricket fell asleep, but BEFORE he was carried to New York?
- A. He was trapped under the beef sandwich in the picnic basket.  
(correct answer)
  - B. He landed in the dirt pile in Times Square subway.  
(events out of order)
  - C. He hopped into the picnic basket and ate too much.  
(events out of order)
  - D. He became friends with Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.  
(inferences not supported by the text)

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**LA.A.2.2.2 – Author’s Purpose – pgs. 328-344**

3. Why did the author write the story “The Cricket in Times Square”?
- A. To teach the readers about surviving in a big city like New York.  
(incorrect interpretation)
  - B. To explain how a cricket gets from one big city to another.  
(incorrect interpretation)
  - C. To show how animals get along when they meet for the first time.  
(incorrect interpretation)
  - D. To entertain the reader with an interesting story about an animal traveling to a city.  
(correct answer)

**LA.E.1.2.2 – Plot Development – pg. 336**

4. Chester Cricket decides to hop into the picnic basket because
- A. He was able to perfect his jumping skills.  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - B. He smelled the liverwurst and wanted a taste.  
(correct answer)
  - C. He wanted to go to Times Square.  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - D. He needed a place to escape.  
(inferences or conclusions not appropriate)