

**Grade 4 Theme 5, Story 4**  
**“Blue Willow”**

**LA.A.1.2.3 - Vocabulary - pg. 578**

1. Read this sentence for the story.

**She would loathe having anyone refer to her new pet as a horned lizard, and if the new teacher did so, Janey’s respect for her as a human being would be completely shattered.**

Which word means the OPPOSITE of *loathe*?

- A. hate  
(incorrect meaning)
- B. dislike  
(incorrect meaning)
- C. like  
(correct answer)
- D. protest  
(incorrect meaning)

**LA.E. 2.2.1 - Cause and Effect - pg. 573**

2. Why doesn’t Janey argue about going to the camp school?

- A. She asked to go to the town school before and her Dad would not let her.  
(correct answer)
- B. She knew that she would be unwelcome at the camp school.  
(incorrect answer)
- C. She was thankful that she could go to the camp school.  
(incorrect effect)
- D. There was a law forbidding her from going.  
(plausible but incorrect)

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**LA.A.2.2.2 - Author’s Purpose - pg. 570-582**

3. Why did the author write the story “Blue Willow”?
- A. To tell readers about camp schools.  
(facts do not represent the author’s purpose)
  - B. To thrill readers with a story about a horned toad.  
(incorrect interpretation)
  - C. To teach readers about farm life.  
(Incorrect interpretation)
  - D. To entertain readers with a story about a young girl.  
(correct answer)

**LA.A. 2.2.7 - Similarities and Differences - pg. 572-581**

4. In what way did Janey change her mind about school?
- A. At first she was pleased, then she became upset.  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - B. At first she doesn’t feel like she belonged, then she felt lucky.  
(correct answer)
  - C. At first she was unhappy, then she was indifferent.  
(incorrect contrast)
  - D. At first she was angry, then she loathed her teacher.  
(incorrect contrast)

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**LA.E.1.2.2 - Plot Development - pg. 577**

5. What is the FIRST event in the story that tells the reader that Janey is feeling better?
- A. Janey saw the camp where her family would live.  
(facts not related to plot development)
  - B. Janey sat on the steps of the school building.  
(facts not related to plot development)
  - C. Janey helped Miss Peterson prepare for the day’s work.  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - D. Janey held the small horned toad in the palm of her hand.  
(correct answer)