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Grade: 3 Reading

Theme Six Selection: 2

"Poppa's New Pants"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions:

1. The genre of this selection is:
 - a. nonfiction
 - b. poem
 - c. autobiography
 - d. realistic fiction

2. How are all three "ghosts" different from each other?
 - b. One floats, one snips, and one rustles.
 - c. One is quiet, one is loud, and one laughs.
 - d. One is white, one is gray, and one is invisible.
 - e. One is small, one is tall and thin, and one is big.

3. What is the result of all three women hemming the pants?
 - c. The pants fit George.
 - d. Poppa has to throw the pants away.
 - e. Poppa can't go to church.
 - f. Poppa laughs and wears shorts to church.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

"He couldn't wear his favorite pants until the hole in the knee was mended."

What does the word mended mean?

- a. finished
- b. bigger
- c. fixed
- d. torn

5. How does Poppa feel about the plaid pants?

- e. He thinks they are too colorful.
- f. He likes them better than the plain ones.
- g. He wants to buy them for George.
- h. He doesn't like them.

6. Which phrase from the story is an example of exaggeration?

- f. He was "drowning in a sea of wet kisses".
- g. The fabric "draped onto the floor".
- h. She was "plumb worn out".
- i. The ghost "was tall and thin".

7. Which word is and synonym for hem?

- a. stretch
- b. folded
- c. shortened
- d. pinned

8. Which sentence from the story is an example of personification?

- h. Poppa held the pants against his waist.
- i. "Nice fabric", said Big Mamma.
- j. They were gray pants with a red plaid pattern.
- k. The grandfather clock wheezed awake every hour and rang out the time.

9. Why isn't Poppa angry that his pants are now too short for him?

- i. He thinks what happens to his pants is very funny.
- j. He has many other pairs of pants.
- k. He didn't like them anyway.
- l. He can return them for another size.

Open-ended Response

Why do you think the author chose to tell the story from George's perspective?

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	d	Genre	R3.A.1.6.1
2	d	Compare/Contrast	R3.B.1.1
3	a	Inference	R3.A.2.3
4	c	Vocabulary	R3.A.1.1
5	b	Drawing Conclusions	R3.A.1.3.1
6	a	Exaggeration	R3.B.3.2.1
7	c	Synonyms	R3.A.1.1.2
8	d	Personification	R3.B.1.2.1
9	a	Inference	R3.A.2.3

Open-ended Rubric - Author's Viewpoint

3 Points

Paragraph explains that the story is more humorous told from the perspective of a child.

2 Points

Paragraph tells that the story is being told from George's perspective.

1 Point

Paragraph does not mention George as being the narrator.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete