

SPITTING UP FROGS



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Spitting Up Frogs: Vocabulary Questions

Circle the correct answer for each question.

- 1) A heretic is someone who:
 - a) has a lot of hair and attracts ticks
 - b) goes against accepted beliefs
 - c) follows accepted and official beliefs
 - d) is known for being a hero
- 2) A crescendo is:
 - e) a delicious flaky pastry
 - f) when the moon is a sliver in the sky
 - g) a gradual increase in the volume of sound
 - h) a gradual decrease in the volume of sound
- 3) The word 'strategy' means:
 - a) walking straight with energy
 - b) a plan to take over the world
 - c) randomly doing whatever you want without thinking
 - d) a careful plan for achieving a certain goal
- 4) The word 'discreet' means:
 - a) not likely to be seen or noticed by many people
 - b) noticed by a lot of people
 - c) a street that is in disrepair
 - d) a kind of concrete used for sidewalks
- 5) To taunt means:
 - a) to carry something around
 - b) to challenge or insult someone
 - c) to challenge yourself by doing your best in school
 - d) your teacher is an aunt



Spitting Up Frogs: Word Comprehension

Circle the correct answer for each question

6) An instigator is:

- a) a person who investigates crimes
- b) a person who causes and encourages something to happen
- c) a person who assists people with matters relating to law
- d) a person who takes care of alligators

7) The word 'indifference' describes:

- a) a state of feeling different from everybody else
- b) a state of having very different fashion sense from everyone else
- c) a state of caring deeply about those around you
- d) a state of not being interested or concerned about something

8) An idiom is:

- a) a polite way to call someone an idiot
- b) an expression like, "It's raining cats and dogs."
- c) an idea that is not very good
- d) someone that does not put their hand up in class

9) The word 'vigorous' means:

- a) healthy and strong
- b) unhealthy and weak
- c) tasting bitter like vinegar
- d) someone with a cold who likes figs

10) A endangered species is:

- a) a species of animal that is very dangerous
- b) a species of animal that can wipe out other species
- c) a species threatened with extinction
- d) a species that is overtaking an area

Spitting Up Frogs: Check Your Understanding Questions

Answer in full sentences on lined paper. ☺

- 1) Why did Great Aunt Angeline not approve of Fuyumi's parents' marriage?
- 2) Why did Fuyumi's parents not invite Great Aunt Angeline to the baby shower?
- 3) a) What did Fuyumi's parents do with all of her frogs?
b) How did that impact the local park?
- 4) What caused Fuyumi to speak again?
- 5) Why did everyone run away from Fuyumi?
- 6) Why did Harvinder stay?
- 7) Fuyumi beams her biggest smile at Harvinder's grandpa. Why is that? Explain.
- 8) What did Fuyumi learn she could do after reading the book about frogs?
- 9) What did Harvinder and Fuyumi do for their science project?
- 10) What do you think Fuyumi is going to say to the school?



Spitting Up Frogs: What Do You Think Questions

Answer in full sentences on lined paper. Remember to explain your ideas. ☺

- 1) Do you think Great Aunt Angeline gave Fuyumi a curse or a gift?
- 2) How do you think Fuyumi feels about her frogs by the end of the story? Why?
- 3) Do you think spitting up frogs is a gift or a curse for Fuyumi?
- 4) Why do you think Harvinder being a friend to her was so important? How did he help change her life?
- 5) Why do you think no one spoke up when Fuyumi was getting bullied?
- 6) What do you think Fuyumi's life will be like when she is an adult? What will she be doing?

Spitting Up Frogs: Journal Questions

Choose one of the following questions to write about in your journal.



- 1) Which would you prefer, spitting up jewels or frogs? Explain why.
- 2) What do you think your life would be like if you spit up jewels whenever you opened your mouth? Would you like to have this gift? Why or why not?
- 3) People don't spit up frogs, but what could her 'curse' be an analogy to in real life? How so? Explain your ideas.
- 4) Has there ever been a time in your life where you wish someone spoke up to help you? Explain and give details of the situation.
- 5) Has there ever been a time in your life that you wished you spoke up? Explain and give details of the situation.
- 6) How do you think not being able to speak well impacts a person's life? How would you feel if you moved to a country where you did not know the language?
- 7) Have you ever had a difficulty in your life that you had to face? How did you deal with it?
- 8) Have you ever had a problem that you were able to turn into something positive? Explain.

Spitting Up Frogs: Conflict Examples

List as many examples of conflict as you can. ☺



Person versus Person

Person versus Self

Person versus Nature

Person versus Society

Spitting Up Frogs: Conflict Examples

What are examples of conflict in this story?

Answer Key

Person versus Person

- Great Aunt Angeline is angry at Fuyumi's parents for getting married and for not inviting her to Fuyumi's baby shower.
- Great Aunt Angeline curses Elida to spit up frogs
- Elida bullies Fuyumi

Person versus Self

- Fuyumi is ashamed that she spits up frogs, so she stops talking.

Person versus Nature

- When she was younger, Fuyumi spit up so many frogs she upset the ecological balance at her local park.
- Poisoned dart frogs are endangered because of habitat loss related to human activity.

Person versus Society

- Kids at school are not accepting of Fuyumi's difference.
- Kids watch her get bullied and do not do anything.



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