

### "The Big One" Quiz

**Directions:** Read the story "The Big One" in the February 2020 issue of *Storyworks*.

Then fill in the bubble next to the best answer for each question below.

**1. Joe's love of fishing began when . . .**

- (A) his mother signed him up for a fishing club.
- (B) he caught a big bluefish on a fishing trip with his family and his dad's friend.
- (C) he went ice fishing for the first time.
- (D) his friend Charlie took him on an early morning fishing trip.

**2. In the lines "It was official. Nobody in the family liked fishing except for me," official means the same as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (A) untrue
- (B) surprising
- (C) irritating
- (D) definite

**3. You can infer that Joe's dad says "I have to take a nap" because he . . .**

- (A) had a hard day at work.
- (B) got up early to go fishing with Joe.
- (C) wants to avoid going fishing.
- (D) is tired after fixing his car.

**4. In the line "No one really gets it, except for other fishermen," what does "it" refer to?**

- (A) why people fish early in the morning
- (B) why worms are used as bait for fishing
- (C) why fishing is fun
- (D) why beginner's luck is important

**5. When Joe's dad is getting hot chocolate instead of fishing with him, you can tell that Joe feels embarrassed and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (A) disappointed
- (B) bored
- (C) furious
- (D) nervous

**6. Which line from the story supports the answer to question 5?**

- (A) "Which really means we waited."
- (B) "Suddenly, I was mad at myself."
- (C) "Couldn't he like fishing just this once?"
- (D) "I reeled it in, full of excitement."

**7. Why does Joe say "I felt dumb for liking fishing"?**

- (A) He and his dad were bored while they were waiting to catch a fish.
- (B) He felt guilty that his dad was cold and they hadn't caught anything.
- (C) His dad told him that fishing was boring.
- (D) Everyone caught a fish except for him.

**8. You can infer that Joe's dad keeps the stuffed elephant because . . .**

- (A) it shows that fishing really is pointless.
- (B) he knows Joe's mom loves stuffed animals.
- (C) it's a souvenir of the fun time they had.
- (D) he wants to clean it up and donate it.

### Constructed Response

**Directions:** On a separate piece of paper, write your answer to each question in a well-organized response.

Make sure you support your answers with details from the story.

**9. How does Joe's dad's attitude about fishing change throughout the story?**

**10. Explain why "The Big One" is a good title for this story.**