Year 2 reading comprehension: The boastful brolga (a fable)

English · Reading comprehension
Level: Easy

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 4 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Circle the best answer. Look back at the text to find the words that tell you.
- A grown-up can read the text aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer questions 1–4.





The boastful brolga (a fable)

Brolga boasted about her dancing every day. “No one dances as well as I do,” she said. Frog croaked, “I can dance too.” “You?” laughed Brolga. “You are far too small!” When the rain came, Brolga was busy admiring herself. Frog danced instead, and everyone clapped. Brolga hung her head.

1. What is Brolga like?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Friendly, because she talks to Frog

○ **B** The worst bird in the world

○ **C** Boastful and unkind

2. How does Brolga feel about herself at the start?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Not sure of herself

○ **B** Scared of the rain

○ **C** Very proud

3. Which statement is most likely to be true about the animals who clapped?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** They never want to see Brolga dance again

○ **B** They enjoyed Frog's dancing

○ **C** Frogs are better dancers than birds

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4. What is the moral of this fable?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Do not boast or laugh at others

○ **B** Never dance in the rain

○ **C** Small animals dance best

Answer key

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1. C — Boastful and unkind

The text says: ""No one dances as well as I do," she said. "You?" laughed Brolga. "You are far too small!"" Someone who brags and laughs at others is boastful and unkind. So: Brolga is boastful and unkind.

2. C — Very proud

The text says: "Brolga boasted about her dancing every day. "No one dances as well as I do," she said." Someone who boasts every day is proud. So: Brolga is very proud of herself.

3. B — They enjoyed Frog's dancing

The text says: "Frog danced instead, and everyone clapped." People clap when they enjoy something. So: The animals enjoyed Frog's dancing.

4. A — Do not boast or laugh at others

The text says: ""You?" laughed Brolga. "You are far too small!" Frog danced instead, and everyone clapped. Brolga hung her head." Brolga boasted and laughed, and in the end she felt ashamed. So: Do not boast or laugh at others.