



Reading Counts Quiz

Teacher: Amy Kendall



Time Period: N/A

Student: _____

Book: Way Down Deep

1. In the common room at The Roost, Miss Arbutus

- A. swept the broken glass off the floor.
- B. told the detective about her dream.
- C. ate chocolate candies by the fire.
- D. read her poetry to the librarian.

2. The children tried to avoid Mrs. Rife because she

- A. forgot to wear her dentures.
- B. tried to hit people with her cane.
- C. walked outside in her robe.
- D. threw rocks from her porch.

3. While Ruby was at her grandmother's house, Miss Arbutus

- A. walked with them to the pond.
- B. made apple muffins for them.
- C. sent reading material to them.
- D. offered to help them paint.

4. Ruby's grandmother ordered Ruby to

- A. weed the garden.
- B. walk to town.
- C. paint the rooms.
- D. fix some food.

5. Cedar told Mr. Doctor that

- A. his cut had become infected.
- B. his sister had gone away to college.
- C. he cried when he talked to his father.
- D. he had a pain in his right foot.

6. Ruby _____ at her grandmother's house.

- A. collected shiny pebbles by the stream
- B. painted the walls of the living room blue
- C. put jars on the shelves in the cellar
- D. found a picture of her family in the attic



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7. In the evenings, Miss Arbutus

- A. read the stories she had written.
- B. looked at the photographs in her album.
- C. played songs on the piano.
- D. told about the vivid dreams she had.

8. When Uncle Chris drove Ruby to her grandmother's house, he

- A. helped her plan the party.
- B. gave her the house key.
- C. told her about the family.
- D. asked her about the jail.

9. Why did Ruby wake during her first night back at The Roost?

- A. The wolves were howling.
- B. The thunder was rumbling.
- C. The shutters were banging.
- D. The carnival was arriving.

10. Because he had no money to pay for his stay at The Roost, Lester Horton

- A. traded his parrot for a kitten.
- B. gave Miss Arbutus his goat.
- C. repaired appliances for Miss Arbutus.
- D. offered Miss Arbutus his tractor.

11. Cedar said that Mrs. Bevins

- A. acted like a baboon.
- B. talked like a squirrel.
- C. looked like a bumblebee.
- D. smelled like a wet dog.

12. Ruby and Peter went to see Granny Butler to

- A. fix her broken fence.
- B. buy honey from her.
- C. give her a chicken.
- D. deliver her laundry.

13. Why did Ruby live in Way Down Deep?

- A. She had been abandoned at the courthouse.
- B. She had come to stay with her aunt and uncle.
- C. Her family had moved from the East Coast.
- D. Her father had bought a barbershop in town.



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14. At her grandmother's house, Ruby

- A. found a key under a loose floorboard.
- B. explored the back room of the cellar.
- C. read the tiny writing on the wallpaper.
- D. followed footprints to the shed.

15. Granny Butler scolded Cedar because he

- A. spit on the ground.
- B. pulled her cat's tail.
- C. chased girls.
- D. used bad language.

16. Mr. Crawford played a song for Ruby after he told her that

- A. his father had left home.
- B. his younger brother had died.
- C. his sister had married a criminal.
- D. his mother had given him away.

17. Peter met the triplets after they

- A. performed in the school play.
- B. sold vegetables at the market.
- C. chased butterflies with nets.
- D. preached outside the tavern.

18. Miss Arbutus was surprised because Mrs. Thornton Elkins

- A. gave her the tickets.
- B. paid her for the clothes.
- C. volunteered to help with supper.
- D. donated the quilt for the raffle.

19. On Saturday, Uncle Chris

- A. milked the cows.
- B. mowed the grass.
- C. fed the chickens.
- D. delivered groceries.

20. Slim Morgan _____ when he saw Ruby, Peter, and Bird.

- A. hid behind the red curtain on the stage
- B. went to the bathroom to comb his hair
- C. took a photograph with his new camera
- D. picked a purple wildflower for Ruby



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21. Ruby watched as Bob Reeder tried to

- A. kick a tractor.
- B. rob the bank.
- C. burn the barn.
- D. milk the cow.

22. Christian Combs knew about the

- A. church window Ruby had broken.
- B. underpants Ruby had been wearing.
- C. trunk Ruby had thrown into the lake.
- D. warrant issued for Ruby's arrest.

23. During the visit with her grandmother, Ruby

- A. swam in the pond.
- B. picked blackberries.
- C. looked for crickets.
- D. slept in the meadow.

24. One evening, Ruby announced that she

- A. was taking her grandmother to the hospital.
- B. would write to her grandmother in the winter.
- C. would pay her grandmother for the fruit.
- D. was leaving her grandmother's house.

25. Miss Arbutus _____ while Ruby was gone.

- A. taught Cedar to paint
- B. borrowed Rita
- C. sang to Bird
- D. complained to Peter

26. Bird mumbled to himself while he _____ with Ruby and Peter.

- A. walked along Busy Street
- B. sat in his pew in church
- C. wandered in Pleasant Park
- D. waited in the restaurant

27. Ruby's grandmother wanted to

- A. sell Ruby a horse.
- B. buy The Roost.
- C. live at The Roost.
- D. give Ruby the farm.



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28. Why did Ruby visit her grandmother?

- A. The deputy was asking about them.
- B. The garden needed to be weeded.
- C. She wanted to get away from Peter.
- D. It was ordered by the judge.

29. Ruby tried to stop Reese from

- A. reading his poetry to her.
- B. walking with her to school.
- C. singing a love song to her.
- D. giving her a new necklace.

30. Ruby took Rita with her while she

- A. visited Miss Arbutus's sisters.
- B. returned Peter's books to the library.
- C. did errands for Miss Arbutus.
- D. shopped for a new shirt for Peter.



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