

Reading Comprehension Quiz—The Mysterious Bottle

Level A1-A2

1. The title of this beginner short story is...
 - a. The Lucky Boy
 - b. The Poor Boy
 - c. **The Mysterious Bottle**
 - d. The Beautiful Bottle

Answer: The title of this beginner short story is '**The Mysterious Bottle**'.

2. Who is Mayeso?
 - a. Mayeso is Khama's teacher.
 - b. Mayeso is Khama's younger brother.
 - c. Mayeso is Khama's eldest brother.
 - d. **Mayeso is the narrator of this story.**

Answer: Mayeso is the narrator of this story. He is telling us this story. He is fifteen years old.

3. Who is the main character of this short story?
 - a. Mayeso
 - b. **Khama**
 - c. Chifundo
 - d. Mtendere

Answer: Khama is the main character of this short story. His name means '**Effort**'.

4. How old is Khama?
 - a. Khama is five years old.
 - b. **Khama is nine years old.**
 - c. Khama is thirteen years old.
 - d. Khama is fifteen years old.

Answer: Khama is nine years old. He is the main character in our short story.

5. What did Khama do before he went out to play?
 - a. He shouted at his siblings.
 - b. He watched TV.
 - c. **He did his housework.**
 - d. He visited Mtendere's house.

Answer: Khama always did his housework before going outside to play.

6. What did Khama find?
- a. Khama found a bottle.
 - b. Khama found a knife.
 - c. Khama found a CD player.
 - d. Khama found an old football.

Answer: Khama found a bottle.

7. Where did Khama find the bottle?
- a. Khama found the bottle in the dustbin.
 - b. Khama found the bottle in his grandfather's backyard.
 - c. Khama found the bottle in his house.
 - d. Khama found the bottle in the grass, in the maize field behind Mtendere's house.

Answer: Khama found the bottle in the grass, actually in the maize field behind Mtendere's house.

8. What was inside the bottle?
- a. A flower
 - b. Water
 - c. A piece of paper
 - d. A coin

Answer: There was a piece of paper inside the bottle.

9. Where did Khama's mother go when Khama arrived at home with the bottle?
- a. She went to the market.
 - b. She went to work.
 - c. She went to school.
 - d. She went to the maize field.

Answer: Khama's mother was at the market when Khama arrived home with the bottle.

10. Who helped Khama to check if the bottle belonged to Mtendere?
- a. Khama's father
 - b. Khama's mother
 - c. Khama's best friend
 - d. Khama's teacher

Answer: Khama's father helped Khama to check if the bottle belonged to Mtendere. They actually went to Mtendere's house.

11. Chiyembekezo is Khama's...
- a. Youngest brother
 - b. Eldest brother
 - c. Cousin
 - d. Friend

Answer: Chiyembekezo is Khama's eldest brother. He is the first-born child in Khama's family. The name 'Chiyembekezo' means 'Hope'.

12. Chifundo is Khama's...

- a. Mother
- b. Father
- c. Youngest brother
- d. Youngest sister

Answer: Chifundo is Khama's youngest sister. She is the last-born child in Khama's family. The name 'Chifundo' means 'Mercy'. Khama also has another sister called Mphatso. 'Mphatso' means 'Gift'.

13. Khama was very scared to touch the bottle at first.

- a. True
- b. False

Answer: Khama does not want to touch the bottle at first. He is very scared.

14. The bottle was very dirty.

- a. True
- b. False

Answer: The bottle was clean and transparent.

15. Who tried to remove the cork from the bottle?

- a. Khama's teacher
- b. Khama's father
- c. Khama's mother
- d. Khama's eldest brother

Answer: Khama's father tried to remove the cork from the bottle but he couldn't.

16. Mtendere said the bottle was his.

- a. True
- b. False

Answer: Mtendere said the bottle was not his.

17. Khama's mother told him he must return the bottle if someone says it belongs to them.

- a. True
- b. False

Answer: Khama's mother told Khama that could keep the bottle under one condition. If someone said that the bottle belonged to them, then Khama must return the bottle.

18. Why was Khama sad at school?

- a. Khama was sad because he failed all his tests.
- b. Khama was sad because he did not have any friends.
- c. Khama was sad because his teachers did not like him.
- d. Khama was sad because he was bullied at school.

Answer: Khama was sad at school because he did not have any friends. Khama was very hardworking and he did not know why he had no friends at school.

19. Which statement is false?

- a. The children wanted to touch the bottle when they saw it.
- b. The children asked many questions.
- c. The children ran away.
- d. The children befriended Khama.

Answer: The false statement is 'The children ran away.' This is not true. All the children wanted to know more about the bottle.

20. What made Khama happy at the end of the story?

- a. He found more bottles.
- b. He got a new toy.
- c. He finally had friends.
- d. He got a very good grade.

Answer: Khama was happy at the end of the story because the bottle made him popular. He now had friends and he was no longer lonely.



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