

Grade 3

Unit 7

Assessment Guide: Unit Assessment

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Reading and Language

Reading

Answer the questions below in complete sentences and use evidence from the text to back up your response.

1. What is the conflict at the beginning of the novel?
 - a. Fern is late for school.
 - b. Mr. Arable wants to get rid of the runt of the litter.
 - c. Fern's mother is worried about her.
 - d. Wilbur does not enjoy Fern's house.

2. How does Wilbur feel after he escapes from his pen at the farm?

3. What is Charlotte's motivation when she first speaks to Wilbur?

4. What happens to the last goose egg?
- a. Mrs. Zuckerman takes it.
 - b. The goose loses it.
 - c. It hatches.
 - d. The goose gives it to Templeton.
5. Describe the mood in the barn when the goose eggs hatch. What do the characters do to show that mood?

6. What does it mean when the old sheep tells Templeton that “Wilbur’s destiny and your destiny are closely linked”?

7. Arrange the events in order using the numbers 1–5.

_____	Everyone goes to the fair.
_____	Charlotte and Wilbur become friends.
_____	Wilbur moves to Zuckerman’s farm.
_____	Avery falls on Templeton’s rotten egg.
_____	Wilbur meets Charlotte’s children.

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8. What is Charlotte's advice to Wilbur when he is too worried to sleep?
- a. "The early bird gets the worm!"
 - b. "Never hurry and never worry!"
 - c. "Chin up!"
 - d. "Keep it up!"

9. Why does Mrs. Arable worry about Fern? What does she do about it?

10. Which of the following is not a word or phrase Charlotte uses to describe Wilbur in her web?
- a. some pig
 - b. terrific
 - c. acrobatic
 - d. humble

11. Why is Charlotte sad when she talks with Wilbur about her babies?

12. What happens instead of Wilbur winning the first prize at the fair?

13. How does Wilbur help Charlotte when she says she cannot make it back to the barn?

- a. He carries her egg sac back with him.
- b. He helps her move into the crate with him.
- c. He asks Templeton to stay and keep her company.
- d. He stays with her for another day.

14. What is Templeton's motivation to help save Charlotte's babies?

15. How does Wilbur's mood change when Charlotte's babies start to leave?
How does it change when three of them stay behind?

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Language

16. Which definition of *litter* is used in the following sentence and what part of speech is it?

Meaning 1: **litter, n.** a group of babies born to one animal at the same time

Meaning 2: **litter, v.** to scatter with trash

The neighbor's cat had five kittens in her litter. _____

Part of speech: _____

17. What does the word *hesitated* mean in the following sentence from the novel?

"Wilbur hesitated a moment, then jumped out into the air."

- a. to pause briefly
- b. to run at full force
- c. to trip or fall over
- d. to agree with someone

18. Is the following sentence literal or nonliteral? "She bends over backwards to help her friends."

19. Charlotte says to herself, “I can surely fool a man. People are not as smart as bugs.” What word would Charlotte use to describe someone she could fool?

- a. sedentary
- b. gullible
- c. blissful
- d. surly

20. What does the word *glistened* mean in the following sentence from the novel?

“The web glistened in the light.”

- a. to grow
- b. to shake
- c. to sparkle
- d. to become darker

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Respond to the following prompt, writing in complete sentences and including dialogue.

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 - d. Wilbur does not enjoy Fern's house.

2. How does Wilbur feel after he escapes from his pen at the farm?

Answers may vary, but could include that he feels
uncomfortable because the world is so big.

3. What is Charlotte's motivation when she first speaks to Wilbur?

Answers may vary, but they could include that she has been
watching Wilbur and wants to be his friend.

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4. What happens to the last goose egg?
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 - b. The goose loses it.
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 - ☒ d. The goose gives it to Templeton.

5. Describe the mood in the barn when the goose eggs hatch. What do the characters do to show that mood?

Answers may vary, but they could include that the mood is
joyful or celebratory. Charlotte and Wilbur give the goose
and gander their congratulations (Wilbur shouts his).

6. What does it mean when the old sheep tells Templeton that "Wilbur's destiny and your destiny are closely linked"?

Answers may vary, but they could include that if Wilbur was
no longer in the barn, Templeton would not have a source of
food (Wilbur's trough).

7. Arrange the events in order using the numbers 1–5.

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 - d. "Keep it up!"

9. Why does Mrs. Arable worry about Fern? What does she do about it?

Answers may vary, but they could include that she does not like
Fern only spending time with animals and thinking that they can
talk. She talks to the family doctor about her concerns.

10. Which of the following is not a word or phrase Charlotte uses to describe Wilbur in her web?

a. some pig
b. terrific
☒ c. acrobatic
d. humble

11. Why is Charlotte sad when she talks with Wilbur about her babies?

Answers may vary, but they could include that she does not feel
well and thinks she may not get to meet her babies.

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12. What happens instead of Wilbur winning the first prize at the fair?

Answers may vary, but they could include that Uncle wins
first prize, but Wilbur wins a special award instead.

13. How does Wilbur help Charlotte when she says she cannot make it back to the barn?

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b. He helps her move into the crate with him.
c. He asks Templeton to stay and keep her company.
d. He stays with her for another day.

14. What is Templeton's motivation to help save Charlotte's babies?

Wilbur tells Templeton that he can have the first scraps of his
food from now on.

15. How does Wilbur's mood change when Charlotte's babies start to leave? How does it change when three of them stay behind?

Answers may vary, but they could include that when they
start to leave, Wilbur becomes "frantic" and upset; when he
finds out that three have stayed, he is joyful and happy.

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