

Grade 3

Unit 7

Assessment Guide: Unit Assessment

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Reading and Language

Reading

Please answer fill-in-the-blank questions in complete sentences and use evidence from the text to back up your answer.

1. Why does the school throw a special ceremony for Don the custodian?

- a. Don is retiring.
- b. Don just became an American citizen.
- c. Don has won an award.
- d. Don is becoming the school principal.

2. Why does Stella prefer math class to speech class?

3. What does it mean when Stella says she turns *roja*?

4. What animal does Stella choose for her research project?
- a. fishes
 - b. tigers
 - c. horses
 - d. monkeys
5. Why does Stella think it would have been better if her family lived in Mexico?

6. How does Stella feel about giving a presentation to the class?

7. Why doesn't Stella's mom celebrate Three Kings Day with Nick and Stella?

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8. How does Stella feel about seeing the author at the library? What does that event inspire her to do?

9. Why does Stella's mom give her tickets to Shedd Aquarium for her birthday?

- a. Stella loves fish and can get ideas for her project there.
- b. Stella's mom thinks she needs to leave the house more.
- c. Nick loves going to the aquarium.
- d. Stanley has invited Stella to go with him.

10. Name one way Stella prepares to make her presentation a success.

11. Which of the following is an example of Stella having courage?

- a. hiding from Stanley at the aquarium
- b. giving her brother a card she drew
- c. riding her bicycle without training wheels even though she is scared
- d. going to the library with her mom

12. What do Stella and Jenny mean when they talk about using the power of deduction to make friends?

13. Does Stella's goal to become friends with the new student in class happen the way she's planned? Why or why not?

14. How does Stella change from the beginning to the end of the novel?

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

_____	Stella gives a presentation to the class.
_____	Stella and Stanley become friends at the aquarium.
_____	Stanley beats Stella in a math game.
_____	Stella stands up for herself.
_____	A new student named Stanley joins the class.

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16. What is the difference between external and internal character traits?

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

“Abuela rarely comes because she’s very particular and doesn’t like traveling anymore.”

- a. attentive to details or difficult to please
- b. easygoing or laid-back
- c. adventurous
- d. easily scared

18. Use a conjunction to expand the following sentence:

Stella wants to make a friend (and, but, because, so) _____.

19. Add the temporal words in parentheses to the beginning of each step.

How to make a cake:

_____, mix together flour, sugar, butter, and eggs.

(Also, Eventually, First)

_____, pour the mixture into a cake pan and bake it in the oven.

(To start, Next, Lastly)

_____, wait until the mixture cools and decorate it with frosting.

(Finally, In the middle, To begin)

20. Which definition of *alien* is used in the following sentence from the novel?

Meaning 1: alien, n. an extraterrestrial, or a being from another planet

Meaning 2: alien, n. a person from another country living in the United States

“Okay, so we’re aliens, but you’re not a weirdo. You’re my sister. *Mi hermana.*”

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

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2. Why does Stella prefer math class to speech class?

Answers may vary, but could include that Stella is good with numbers, whereas she has trouble speaking out loud.

3. What does it mean when Stella says she turns *roja*?

Answers may vary, but should include that “turning roja” means Stella is blushing, which she does when she is feeling shy or embarrassed.

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4. What animal does Stella choose for her research project?

- ☒ a. fishes
- b. tigers
- c. horses
- d. monkeys

5. Why does Stella think it would have been better if her family lived in Mexico?

Answers may vary, but should include that they would be around family and her mother would have help.

6. How does Stella feel about giving a presentation to the class?

Answers may vary, but should include that she is nervous about presenting and speaking in front of the class.

7. Why doesn't Stella's mom celebrate Three Kings Day with Nick and Stella?

Answers may vary, but could include that Stella's mom knew Three Kings Day isn't celebrated as much in the United States as it is in Mexico and she wanted Stella and Nick to fit in.

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8. How does Stella feel about seeing the author at the library? What does that event inspire her to do?

Answers may vary, but should include that she is excited to hear the author and her life story, and the talk inspires her to become an author herself.

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10. Name one way Stella prepares to make her presentation a success.

Answers may vary, but could include that she brainstormed ideas and does research in the library and at the aquarium.

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12. What do Stella and Jenny mean when they talk about using the power of deduction to make friends?

Answers may vary, but could include that the power of deduction is a tactic used by Sherlock Holmes—asking questions in order to find out more about a person or situation.

13. Does Stella's goal to become friends with the new student in class happen the way she's planned? Why or why not?

Answers may vary, but could include that even though the new student was not who Stella pictured and even though it took a long time for her to gain the courage to speak with him, they did become friends after all.

14. How does Stella change from the beginning to the end of the novel?

Answers may vary, but could include that Stella has become more confident in speaking in front of other people, trying new things, making friends, and interacting with the other students at school.

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

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2 Stanley beats Stella in a math game.
3 Stella stands up for herself.
1 A new student named Stanley joins the class.

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