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Answer Key: Fabled Folk Tales: Fourth Grade World Wisdom Quiz

Young readers identify recurring characters and moral lessons from international legends as they build foundational global literacy skills.

1. In the famous stories from Germany collected by the Brothers Grimm, what kind of house does the witch use to trick Hansel and Gretel?

Answer: B) A house made of gingerbread and candy

In this classic German fairy tale, the witch builds a tempting house made of sweets to lure the children inside.

2. Anansi the Spider is a famous character from West African stories who is known for being very strong and brave.

Answer: B) False

Anansi is actually a 'trickster' character who uses his cleverness and wit to outsmart others rather than using physical strength.

3. In the French fairy tale 'Cinderella,' what does the Fairy Godmother turn into a carriage so Cinderella can go to the ball?

Answer: C) A pumpkin

Charles Perrault's French version of the story introduced the pumpkin carriage, which is now one of the most famous parts of the tale.

4. The story of 'The Empty Pot' comes from China. What is the main lesson, or moral, of this story?

Answer: B) Honesty is more important than winning

In this Chinese folktale, the boy Ping is rewarded for his honesty because he showed the Emperor his empty pot when his seeds wouldn't grow.

5. In many English folk tales, Jack is a common hero who faces challenges like beanstalks and giants.

Answer: A) True

'Jack' is a recurring character in English folklore, appearing in stories like 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Jack the Giant Killer.'

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6. The story 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' is a fable from Ancient Greece. Who is the author credited with writing these famous fables?

Answer: B) Aesop

Aesop was an Ancient Greek storyteller who is credited with many fables that use animals to teach human lessons.

7. In the Japanese story 'Momotaro,' how did the hero first arrive to his parents?

Answer: A) Inside a giant peach floating down a river

Momotaro literally means 'Peach Boy,' and the story begins with an elderly couple finding him inside a giant peach.

8. In the Middle Eastern collection 'One Thousand and One Nights,' what does Ali Baba say to open the secret cave of the forty thieves?

Answer: C) Open Sesame!

'Open Sesame' is the famous magical phrase used to open the mouth of the cave in this classic tale.

9. In Scandinavian mythology, Thor is a character known for carrying a magical hammer named Mjolnir.

Answer: A) True

Thor is the Norse god of thunder from Northern Europe (Scandinavia) and is famous for his powerful hammer.

10. The story of 'The Mitten' is a famous folktale from Ukraine. What happens as more and more animals crawl into the mitten?

Answer: B) The mitten stretches bigger and bigger

In this Ukrainian tale, the mitten magically stretches to fit many animals, from a tiny mouse to a giant bear, until a sneeze ruins it.