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## Answer Key: Wrangle Ancient Greek Wisdom: Your 2nd Grade Philosophy Quiz

Critical thinking, ethical choices, and purposeful living. Identify how early thinkers like Epicurus and Diogenes viewed happiness and the natural world.

**1. Imagine you see a friend sitting alone. A philosopher named Epicurus said being happy means having good friends and feeling calm. What would Epicurus likely tell you to do?**

**Answer:** B) Invite your friend to sit and talk quietly with you.

Epicurus believed that friendship and peace are the keys to a happy life, not money or being alone.

**2. A philosopher named Diogenes lived in a large barrel because he thought people only needed simple things to be happy.**

**Answer:** A) True

Diogenes was a Cynic philosopher who famously lived very simply to show that humans don't need fancy houses to live well.

**3. Thales was a thinker who looked at the world and decided that \_\_\_\_\_ was the most important thing because everything ends up needing it to grow.**

**Answer:** C) Water

Thales is known as one of the first philosophers; he believed water was the primary substance of all things in nature.

**4. Heraclitus said, 'No man ever steps in the same river twice.' What did he mean by this lesson about the world?**

**Answer:** B) Everything in the world is always changing.

Heraclitus used the river example to show that the world is always in motion and constantly changing.

**5. Ancient Greek philosophers liked to argue and be mean to each other rather than asking questions to find the truth.**

**Answer:** B) False

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Philosophers used 'dialogue' or talking to share ideas and try to understand the world together, even when they disagreed.

**6. Pythagoras was a philosopher who loved math. He believed that \_\_\_\_\_ were the secret language used to build the entire universe.**

**Answer:** A) Numbers

Pythagoras and his followers believed that mathematics and numbers explained the harmony of the world and music.

**7. If a philosopher says we should follow 'The Golden Mean,' they mean we should not have too much or too little of something. Which of these shows the 'Mean'?**

**Answer:** C) Eating one healthy snack when you are hungry.

The 'Mean' is the middle point between two extremes. Eating enough but not too much is a balance.

**8. The word 'Philosophy' actually means 'Love of Wisdom.'**

**Answer:** A) True

In Greek, 'philo' means love and 'sophia' means wisdom, so a philosopher is a friend of wisdom.

**9. Zeno was a philosopher who taught that we should stay calm even when things go wrong. This way of thinking is called being \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Answer:** B) Stoic

Stoics like Zeno believed that we can't control what happens, but we can control how we react by staying calm.

**10. The philosopher Democritus imagined that everything was made of tiny, invisible pieces that could not be cut. What did he call these pieces?**

**Answer:** C) Atoms

Democritus was the first person to suggest 'atoms,' which comes from a Greek word meaning 'uncuttable.'