

Quiz A: RL.3.2

Read the passage. Then answer the question.

Excerpt from “Old Granny Fox”

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- 1 Reddy Fox ran all the way home from the Big River just as fast as he could go. In his mouth he carried the fish he had found and from which he had taken just two bites. You remember he had had a battle with himself over that fish, and now he was running away from himself. That sounds funny, doesn't it? But it was true. Yes, Sir, Reddy Fox was running away from himself. He was afraid that if he didn't get home to Old Granny Fox with that fish very soon, he would eat every last bit of it himself. So he was running his very hardest so as to get there before this could happen. So really he was running away from himself, from his selfish self.
- 2 Old Granny Fox was on the doorstep watching for him, and he saw just how her hungry old eyes brightened when she saw him and what he had.
- 3 “I've brought you something to eat, Granny,” he panted, as he laid the fish at her feet. He was quite out of breath with running. “It isn't much, but it is something. It is all I could find for you.”
- 4 Granny looked at the fish and then she looked sharply at Reddy, and into those keen yellow eyes of hers crept a soft, tender look, such a look as you would never have believed they could have held.
- 5 “What have YOU had to eat?” asked Granny softly.
- 6 Reddy turned his head that Granny might not see his face. “Oh, I've had something,” said he, trying to speak lightly. It was true; he had had two bites from that fish.
- 7 Now you know just how shrewd and smart and wise Granny Fox is. Reddy didn't fool her just the least little bit. She took two small bites from the fish.
- 8 “Now,” said she, “we'll divide it,” and she bit in two parts what remained. In a twinkling she had gulped down the smallest part, for you know she was very, very hungry. “That is your share,” said she, as she pushed what remained over to Reddy.
- 9 Reddy tried to refuse it. “I brought it all for you,” said he. “I know you did, Reddy,” replied Granny, and it seemed to Reddy that he never had known her voice to sound so gentle. “You brought it to me when all you had had was the two little bites you had taken from it. You can't fool me, Reddy Fox. There wasn't one good meal for either of us in that fish, but there was enough to give us both a little hope and keep us from starving. Now you mind what I say and eat your share.” Granny said this last very sternly.
- 10 Reddy looked at Granny, and then he bolted down that little piece of fish without another word.

