

LITHUANIAN EGLÈ – THE QUEEN OF THE GRASS SNAKES

WORKSHEET/COMPREHENSION CHECK (32 points)

Part 1 (8 points, 1 point per item). Read a story. For questions 1-8, circle the correct options.

1. How many siblings did Eglè have?

- A) Twelve sisters and three brothers.
- B) Three sisters and twelve brothers.
- C) Two sisters and twelve brothers.

2. How did Eglè react to the grass snake's request?

- A) She thought it was funny.
- B) She got really upset.
- C) She refused to agree.

3. Where was Žilvinas' castle located?

- A) At the bottom of the sea.
- B) On an island.
- C) On the seashore.

4. What do the names of Eglè's children mean?

- A) They are the names of the forests.
- B) They are the names of the trees.
- C) The names do not have any meanings.

5. Why was it difficult for Eglè to make yarn?

- A) She did not know how to do that.
- B) She was being tricked by her husband.
- C) The bundle of tow was cursed by an evil woman.

6. How many days could Eglè stay at her parents' house?

- A) Nine weeks.
- B) One week.
- C) Nine days.

7. Why did Eglė's relatives decide to kill Žilvinas?

- A) They wanted Eglė to stay with them.
- B) They were horrified by Eglė's stories.
- C) They wished Eglė's children would stay in their native village.

8. Why did Little Aspen tell her mother's brothers her father's secret about "Calling?"

- A) She did not want to leave her grandparents' house.
- B) She was tricked by her uncles.
- C) She was afraid of getting beat.

Part 2 (8 points, 1 point per item). Read the story again. For questions 1–8, decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F) and circle your answer.

1. Eglė was the oldest sister. T/F
2. Grass snakes can alternatively be called ringed snakes or water snakes. T/F
3. Eglė felt unhappy most of the time while living with Žilvinas. T/F
4. Eglė decided to visit her home after a decade of living in husband's palace. T/F
5. Žilvinas gave his wife wooden shoes to wear out. T/F
6. Eglė had to mix the dough in a bucket in order to make a pie. T/F
7. Birch was the oldest of Eglė's children. T/F
8. Eglė's brothers killed Žilvinas by cutting him with scythes. T/F

Part 3 (10 points, 1 point per item). Match the words/phrase below (1-10) with the correct definitions (A-J).

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| 1. To plead | A. skillful in deceiving people |
| 2. A sieve | B. a tool with a long, sharp, curved blade used to cut grass |
| 3. Cunning | C. to think very hard |
| 4. To stamp | D. to request /ask for something |
| 5. To rack one's brains | E. a person who makes and repairs iron objects |
| 6. Counsel | F. a bowl-shaped tool with many very small holes in it |
| 7. A scythe | G. very pleased |
| 8. A blacksmith | H. to put a foot down on the ground hard, making a loud noise |
| 9. To deceive | I. to make people believe that something is true when it is not |
| 10. Delighted | J. advice |

Part 4 (6 points, 1 point per item). Complete the sentences with the words/phrase from the list below. There is one word which you do not need to use.

Deceived/ hardly/ pleaded/ cunning/ stamp/ racked our brains/ counsel

1. I do not trust them anymore since they _____ me a while ago.
2. He _____ with her to stay, but she turned her back on him.
3. He was a _____ criminal, that's the reason he went around unnoticed for years.
4. The woman tried to _____ on the spider, but it ran away.
5. We _____ for an hour but we couldn't remember the name of the song 6.
6. I should have listened to my friend's _____, and went to the doctor.