

**Grade 4**  
**English Language Arts/Literacy**  
**End of Year Short/Medium**  
**Literary Text Set**

**2018 Released Items**

## **2018 Released Items: Grade 4 End-of-Year Short/Medium Literary Text Set**

The End-of-Year short/medium (S/M) literary text set requires students to read a literary text and answer questions.

The 2018 blueprint for the grade 4 End-of-Year S/M literary text set includes Evidence-Based Selected Response/Technology-Enhanced Constructed Response items.

### **Included in this document:**

- Answer key and standards alignment
- PDFs of each item with the associated text

### **Additional related materials not included in this document:**

- English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment: General Scoring Rules for the 2015 Summative Assessment

**Release Items Answer and Alignment Document  
ELA/Literacy: Grade 4**

| <b>Text Type:</b> S-M Lit                       |   |   |
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| <b>Passage(s):</b> from Absolutely Normal Chaos |   |   |
| <b>Item Code</b>                                | <b>Answer(s)</b>  | <b>Standards/Evidence Statement Alignment</b> |
| <b>B1254</b>                                    | <b>Item Type: EBSR</b><br><b>Part A: A</b><br><b>Part B: C</b>  | L 4.4.1<br>RL 4.1.1<br>RL 4.4.1               |
| <b>B1256</b>                                    | <b>Item Type: TECR</b><br><br>Complete the statements about the narrator's dad by selecting the correct choice in each drop-down menu.<br><br>Dad is <input type="text" value="puzzled"/> about what Mr. Biggers tells Carl Ray.<br><br>Dad is <input type="text" value="annoyed by"/> his children because they are <input type="text" value="talking at the same time"/> .<br><br>Dad gets upset at the end of the passage because <input type="text" value="the children have not listened to him"/> . | RL 4.3.1<br>RL 4.1.1                          |
| <b>B1259</b>                                    | <b>Item Type: EBSR</b><br><b>Part A: B</b><br><b>Part B: D</b>  | RL 4.3.1<br>RL 4.1.1                          |
| <b>B1260</b>                                    | <b>Item Type: EBSR</b><br><b>Part A: C</b><br><b>Part B: D</b>  | RL 4.2.1<br>RL 4.1.1                          |
| <b>B1253</b>                                    | <b>Item Type: EBSR (additional item)</b><br><b>Part A: C</b><br><b>Part B: B</b>  | L 4.4.1<br>RL 4.1.1<br>RL 4.4.1               |
| <b>B1258</b>                                    | <b>Item Type: EBSR (additional item)</b><br><b>Part A: B</b><br><b>Part B: B</b>  | RL 4.3.1<br>RL 4.1.1                          |

Read the passage from *Absolutely Normal Chaos*. Then answer the questions.

from *Absolutely Normal Chaos*

by Sharon Creech

- 1** I just don't believe this and apparently Dad doesn't either, because when he got back from taking Carl Ray to see Mr. Biggers, he was shaking his head back and forth, and Carl Ray was looking sort of stunned. Everybody started jumping all over saying, "What happened? What did Mr. Biggers want? What did he say?" and Dennis said, "Is Carl Ray going to jail?" and Tommy started crying because I think he actually *likes* Carl Ray and he started screaming, "No jail! No jail!" and finally Dad got everybody quiet and made us sit down to dinner before he would tell us anything.
- 2** Here's what happened: Mr. Biggers told Carl Ray that someone wanted to give Carl Ray some money!!! Mr. Biggers "was not at liberty to divulge" the name of this person who is throwing his money away.
- 3** This sounds just like *Great Expectations*, if you ask me. *Great Expectations* is a terrific book. It's about a poor little boy who inherits some money and he thinks it's from this weird rich lady who sits around in this cobwebby room all day, but it turns out that the money is from some spooky convict who the boy gave some bread to when the boy was little.
- 4** But back to Carl Ray. We all just about keeled over when we heard about Mr. Biggers telling Carl Ray someone wanted to give him some money. It was chaos in our house because everybody started asking Carl Ray a million questions.

**MAGGIE:** Gosh, Carl Ray, who could the person be?

**DENNIS:** How much? How much did you get?

**ME:** Who is the person??

**DOUGIE:** Is it a lot of money?

**TOMMY:** No jail?

**MAGGIE:** Who do you think it could be?

**ME:** Yeah, who *is* it?

**DENNIS:** How much money is he giving you?

**DOUGIE:** Is he a millionaire?

**TOMMY:** No jail?

**5** And on and on. Ole Carl Ray hardly had a chance to get a word in, and finally Dad yelled, "QUIET! WILL YOU ALL JUST BE QUIET?"

**6** And when we finally all shut up, Dad said, "Carl Ray does not know who the person is. We've been through this already. He asked Mr. Biggers to tell him the name, but Mr. Biggers can't do that. Apparently whoever is giving Carl Ray this money wants to remain anonymous."

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**1. Part A**

What does the word **anonymous** mean as it is used in paragraph 6?

- A. unidentified
- B. causing excitement
- C. unfamiliar
- D. causing suspicion

**Part B**

Which detail from the passage supports the answer to Part A?

- A. "I just don't believe this and apparently Dad doesn't either. . . ." (paragraph 1)
- B. ". . . someone wanted to give Carl Ray some money!!!" (paragraph 2)
- C. "Mr. Biggers 'was not at liberty to divulge' the name of this person. . . ." (paragraph 2)
- D. ". . . he thinks it's from this weird rich lady who sits around in this cobwebby room all day. . . ." (paragraph 3)

2. Complete the statements about the narrator’s dad by selecting the correct choice in each drop-down menu.

Dad is  about what Mr. Biggers tells Carl Ray.

excited  
angry  
puzzled  
anxious

Dad is  his children because they are

complimentary of  
playful toward  
selfish toward  
annoyed by

having fun  
ready for dinner  
fighting with each other  
talking at the same time

Dad gets upset at the end of the passage because

Carl Ray does not want the money  
the children have not listened to him  
the children will not stop complaining  
Mr. Biggers did not give him any money

**3. Part A**

Which character in the passage seems to care the most about Carl Ray?

- A. the narrator
- B. Tommy
- C. the father
- D. Dougie

**Part B**

Which detail **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- A. “. . . finally Dad got everybody quiet and made us sit down to dinner before he would tell us anything.” (paragraph 1)
- B. “This sounds just like *Great Expectations*, if you ask me.” (paragraph 3)
- C. “Is it a lot of money?” (paragraph 4)
- D. “No jail?” (paragraph 4)



**4. Part A**

What is a theme of the passage?

- A. Keeping a secret is sometimes important.
- B. Good fortune sometimes comes to greedy people.
- C. Generosity can come from unknown sources.
- D. Helping others in need is a reward in itself.

**Part B**

Which detail from the passage supports the answer to Part A?

- A. "I just don't believe this and apparently Dad doesn't either. . . ." (paragraph 1)
- B. "We all just about keeled over when we heard about Mr. Biggers telling Carl Ray someone wanted to give him some money." (paragraph 4)
- C. "It was chaos in our house because everybody started asking Carl Ray a million questions." (paragraph 4)
- D. ". . . Dad said, 'Carl Ray does not know who the person is.'" (paragraph 6)

**5. Part A**

What is the meaning of the word **chaos** as it is used in paragraph 4?

- A. a mysterious situation
- B. an unexpected and unusual surprise
- C. complete confusion and disorder
- D. something secretive

**Part B**

Which quotation from the passage supports the answer to Part A?

- A. “. . . when he got back from taking Carl Ray to see Mr. Biggers, he was shaking his head back and forth, and Carl Ray was looking sort of stunned.” (paragraph 1)
- B. “Everybody started jumping all over saying, ‘What happened? What did Mr. Biggers want? What did he say?’” (paragraph 1)
- C. “Mr. Biggers ‘was not at liberty to divulge’ the name of this person who is throwing his money away.” (paragraph 2)
- D. “We all just about keeled over when we heard about Mr. Biggers telling Carl Ray someone wanted to give him some money.” (paragraph 4)

**6. Part A**

Which word **best** describes the narrator?

- A. greedy
- B. suspicious
- C. respectful
- D. protective

**Part B**

How does the narrator reveal the trait identified in Part A?

- A. by insisting on knowing how much money Carl Ray will receive
- B. by expressing his disbelief about the news Dad shares
- C. by describing why Tommy is upset about Carl Ray
- D. by setting an example of obeying the father

