

THE TOOTH

Creative Comprehension Questions & Exercises

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1. According to the evidence in the story, where does Buck most likely live?

- A. in an apartment in a large city
- B. in an unreachable part of the woods
- C. in a rickety house on a mountain top
- D. in a typical house on the edge of town

2. Which medical condition did Buck **NOT** have by the end of the story?

- A. a leg cast
- B. a mouth guard
- C. a bandaged hand
- D. a bandaged head

3. Which characteristic does Buck Barkley **NOT** demonstrate in this story?

- Y. pride
- R. intelligence
- Z. stubbornness
- G. physical strength

(Who says the answers always have to go A, B, C, D? Certainly not the dudes at Freaky Dude Books.)

4. Which best describes the author's likely attitude toward Buck?

- A. He thinks Buck has great potential to run for President.
- B. He thinks Buck has no positive qualities and is worthy of contempt.
- C. He thinks Buck has good intentions but is terrible at fulfilling them.
- D. He thinks Buck should work in a hospital since he goes there so often.

5. Who had the most common sense?

- A. Buck
- B. Uncle Billy
- C. the rock

6. How realistic is the story?

- A. It is totally realistic. All of it could actually happen.
- B. It is sort of realistic. Many of the events could happen, but not all of them.
- C. It is quite unrealistic. Most or all of the events would never happen.
- D. Everything in the story is impossible. Not one word of it could ever happen.

7. *Buck Barkley*, *Betty Barkley*, *Billy Barkley*, and *The Barkley Brothers* are all examples of which literary device?

- A. alliteration
- B. metaphor
- C. onomatopoeia
- D. personification

8. Which medium would be best for showing Buck's adventures?

- A. a movie
- B. a staged play
- C. a music video
- D. a dance performance

9. Put the following events in chronological order. Put a 1 by the event that occurred first, a 2 by the event that happened second, and so forth.

- ___ The Barkley Boys, in an act insane, tangle with a passenger plane.
- ___ Buck can't go to the pros after losing a battle with his underclothes.
- ___ Buck and Billy get quite a shock when they meet face to face with a giant rock.
- ___ Because of a door, Buck sprawls on the floor.
- ___ Amy's problem does stop because of a gumdrop.
- ___ Buck used to make quite a racket when he chopped down a tree with his Nature Boy hatchet.
- ___ Buck's wife delivered a whale of a zinger when she mixed up the sides of Buck's index finger.

10. Which piece of advice would probably help Buck the most?

- A. Keep up the good work, Buck!
- B. Buck, if you believe it, you can achieve it.
- C. Buck, if you need some good advice, don't ask yourself.
- D. You're doing great, honey. I can see that you're trying your best.

11. Please describe yet another strategy Buck would think up to get out Amy's tooth. Present your plan so that it actually could be attempted even it is seems ridiculous. Then describe what the result for poor ol' Buck would be.

12. On the back of this page, draw a sketch of what Buck looked like by the end of the story. You can concentrate on showing his head only or you can show him from head to waist or you can show his whole awesome self. Take your pick, but be sure to make the picture look as handsome as Buck. (No stick figures or snowmen-type people please. You're not in the second grade.)