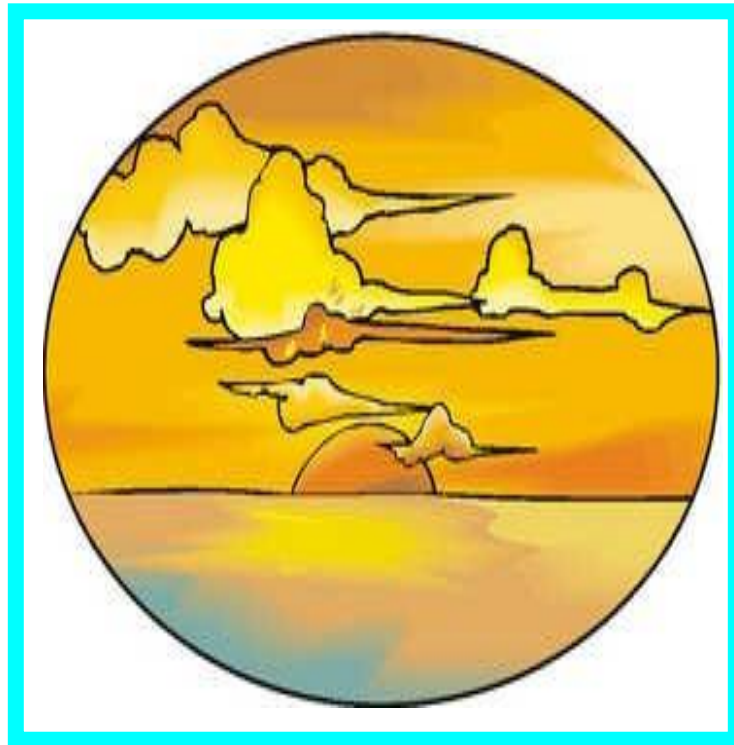


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Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank before each question.

- _____ 1. Until he was about four years old, James Henry Trotter (A) didn't speak a single word to anyone, (B) lived peacefully with his parents in a beautiful house by the sea, (C) had never seen the sea.
- _____ 2. One day, while they were in London, James' mother and father (A) disappeared in the London Zoo, (B) were taken away in broad daylight by a dark cloud, (C) were eaten by a rhinoceros which had escaped from the London Zoo.
- _____ 3. The suitcase that James carried contained (A) a pair of pajamas and a toothbrush, (B) his favorite books, (C) some papers with strange writing on them.
- _____ 4. Both Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker were (A) selfish, lazy, and cruel, (B) really rich, (C) interested only in their money.
- _____ 5. Right from the beginning, James' Aunts (A) put him to work in the garden, (B) beat him for almost no reason at all, (C) tried to force him to leave.
- _____ 6. Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker never (A) talked to or touched James, (B) called James by his real name, (C) left their ramshackle house on the hill.
- _____ 7. James lived with his aunts in a house on top of a high hill in the south of (A) Ireland (B) France, (C) England.
- _____ 8. Which of the following was **not** something James could see when he looked down from aunts' house on the hill? (A) the house where he used to live, (B) large cliffs and a small stream leading to the sea, (C) the woods and fields.
- _____ 9. James' Aunts never allowed him to (A) stay up past dark, (B) go anywhere in the house except his own room, (C) leave the garden.
- _____ 10. The only tree in the garden was (A) an ancient peach tree, (B) a twisted apple tree, (C) an oak tree with strange orange leaves.
- _____ 11. As time went on, James became sadder and sadder and more and more (A) angry, (B) determined to run away, (C) lonely.
- _____ 12. James' story really began after he had been living with his aunts for (A) a year, (B) three years, (C) five years.



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Write either **True** or **False** in the blank before each statement.

- _____ 1. The old man, who appeared from the bushes where James was hiding, was tall, thin, and had long thick, black hair.
- _____ 2. The old man offered to show James something wonderful.
- _____ 3. James' curiosity kept him from being frightened of the old man.
- _____ 4. James thought the old man's breath smelled like air in an old cellar.
- _____ 5. According to the old man, the glowing, sparkling green things inside the white paper bag were magic leaves.
- _____ 6. James was instructed to add ten hairs from his own head before he drank the brew made from the bag of little green things.
- _____ 7. James told the old man about his terrible aunts and how horribly unhappy he was.
- _____ 8. The old man said James would never be miserable again after he drank the mixture made with the glowing green things.
- _____ 9. The green things could work their magic on James only.
- _____ 10. Before he disappeared into the bushes, the old man told James to hurry and use the magic.
- _____ 11. Aunt Sponge tripped James, causing him to fall and spill the tiny green things in the grass under the old peach tree.
- _____ 12. The green things vanished into the earth before James could capture any of them.
- _____ 13. In the soil, where the strange green things fell, lived earthworms, centipedes, and insects.
- _____ 14. Neither Aunt Sponge nor Aunt Spiker saw James' green treasure sink into the earth.
- _____ 15. Because of the accident under the peach tree, James lost all hope of a happier life.
- _____ 16. It was two days after James spilled the green things that a peach grew on the peach tree.
- _____ 17. James discovered the peach growing high in the tree.
- _____ 18. James knew the sudden appearance of the peach meant something peculiar was about to happen.
- _____ 19. Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker planned to divide the peach and eat it.
- _____ 20. As Aunt Sponge, Aunt Spiker, and James watched, the peach grew bigger and bigger.

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Write either **Yes** or **No** in the blank before each question,

- _____ 1. Did it take two hours for the peach to grow to the size of a melon?
- _____ 2. Were Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker terribly frightened because of the strange way the peach was growing?
- _____ 3. When the peach reached the size of a small house and touched the ground, did it stop growing?
- _____ 4. Did both Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker want to eat the giant peach right away?
- _____ 5. Once the news spread, did people from across the countryside come to look at the giant peach?
- _____ 6. Was James forced to sit at the gate all day and sell tickets to people who came to see the giant peach?
- _____ 7. Did James get the feeling, standing in the moonlight looking at the giant peach, that something stranger than ever was about to happen to him?
- _____ 8. Was the hole that James discovered in the side of the peach located near the top where it was attached to the limb?
- _____ 9. As he crawled through the tunnel toward the center of the giant peach, did James pause every few seconds to take a bite out of the wall?
- _____ 10. When James tried to run back into the tunnel, did he find the door locked?



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the Old-Green-Grasshopper
the Earthworm
the little green things
the Ladybug
James
Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker

Miss Spider
the Silkworm
hard bare boards
the Centipede
the Glow-Worm



From the list above, choose the name or phrase that fits each clue below and write it in the blank. **All** answers will be **used at least once**. **Some** answers will be **used more than once**.

- _____ 1. He thought the hungry creatures inside the peach stone were planning to eat him.
- _____ 2. He was as big as a large dog.
- _____ 3. It took him hours to take his boots off.
- _____ 4. She said James was one of them, and they were all in the same boat.
- _____ 5. He said Centipede lied about the actual number of legs he had.
- _____ 6. He was blind and had no legs.
- _____ 7. He was proud of being a pest.
- _____ 8. He thought of himself as a musician.
- _____ 9. Each of the giant creatures inside the peach stone had come into contact with these.
- _____ 10. At first, he was frightened of the giant creatures inside the peach stone.
- _____ 11. James had never heard them laugh.

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***Something to Think About . . .
Something to Write About . . .***



What possible experiences could have caused Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker to be so mean and horrible? What did their parents forget to teach them? What did they refuse to learn about how to treat other people?

When the strange little man appeared, James was *lonesome, bored, very sad, and abused*. Explain how the tiny green things in the bag that the little man gave to James eventually solved **each** of his problems.

- How were the little old man and Cinderella's fairy-godmother alike?
 - How did the magic for both James and Cinderella come with a warning?
 - How did each of them not follow instructions?
 - Explain how both of their adventures ended on a positive note in spite of their mistakes.
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If he had done exactly what the little old man told him to do instead of accidentally spilling the contents of the white bag, what kind of adventure do you think James would have had? In your opinion, would it have been as exciting as, or maybe even more exciting than, his ride in the giant peach? Add details to explain your thinking.