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# Ohio Achievement Assessments



## Reading Student Test Booklet

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### **Selection 3: Mr. Lucky Straw**

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**Directions:**

Today you will be taking the Ohio Grade 3 Reading Achievement Assessment. The test consists of vocabulary questions and reading selections followed by questions about each reading selection. Three different types of questions appear on this test: multiple choice, short answer and extended response.

There are several important things to remember:

1. Read each reading selection carefully. You may look back at the reading selection as often as necessary. You may underline or mark parts of any selection.
2. Read each question carefully. Think about what is being asked. Look carefully at graphs or diagrams because they will help you understand the question. Then, choose or write the answer you think is best.
3. Use only a #2 pencil to answer questions on this test.

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4. For multiple-choice questions, fill in the circle next to your answer choice. Mark only one answer for each question. If you change your answer, make sure you erase your old answer completely. Do not cross out or make any marks on the other choices.
5. For constructed-response questions, write your answer neatly, clearly and only in the space provided. Answers written outside of the space provided will not be scored.
6. If you do not know the answer to a question, skip it and go on to the next question. If you have time, go back to the questions you skipped and try to answer them before turning in your Student Test Booklet.
7. Check over your work when you are finished.

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**Directions: Carefully read each question. Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.**

1. Greg tried to close his **bulging** suitcase but couldn't. He had to take out some clothes to get it to shut properly.

What does the word **bulging** mean in this sentence?

- A. too heavy
- B. too weak
- C. too full



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4. What word is a synonym for **begin**?
- A. follow
  - B. start
  - C. continue



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5. Please **raise** your hand before you speak.

**raise** (rāz)      v. 1. to lift  
                         v. 2. to collect  
                         v. 3. to grow

Which definition of **raise** is used in the sentence above?

- A. to lift
- B. to collect
- C. to grow

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Directions: Read the selection.

## Mr. Lucky Straw

Florence Sakade



Once upon a time, long ago, there was a young man named Shobei who lived in a farm village in Japan.

One day on his way home from working in the fields he tripped on a stone and tumbled over and over on the ground. When he stopped tumbling he discovered that he had caught a piece of straw up in his hand.

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“Well, well,” he said, “a piece of straw is a worthless thing, but it seems I was meant to pick this one up, so I won’t throw it away.”

As he went walking along, holding the straw in his hand, a dragonfly came flying in circles around his head.

“What a pest!” he said, “I’ll show this dragonfly not to bother me!” So he caught the dragonfly and tied the straw around its tail.

He went on walking, holding the dragonfly, and presently met a woman walking with her little boy.

When the little boy saw the dragonfly, he wanted it very badly. “Mother, please get me that dragonfly,” he said. “Please, please, *please!*”

“Here, little boy, I’ll give you the dragonfly,” Shobei said, handing the boy the straw.

To express her **appreciation**, the boy’s mother gave Shobei three of the oranges she was carrying.

Shobei thanked her and went on his way. Before long he met a **peddler** who was so thirsty that he was almost fainting. There was no water anywhere near. Shobei felt very sorry for the peddler and gave him all the oranges, so he could drink the juice.

The peddler was very grateful, and in exchange he gave Shobei three pieces of cloth.

Shobei went on his way, carrying the cloth, and met a princess riding in a fine carriage guarded by many attendants.

The princess looked out of the carriage at Shobei and said, "Oh, what pretty cloth you have there. Please let me have it."

Shobei gave the princess the cloth and, to thank him, she gave him a large sum of money.

Shobei took the money and bought many fields with it. He divided the fields up among the people of his village. Thus everyone had a piece of land of his own. They worked very hard in their fields. The village became very **prosperous** and many new barns and



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storehouses were built. Everyone was amazed when they remembered that all this wealth came from the little straw which Shobei had happened to pick up.

Shobei became the most important man in the village. Everyone respected him greatly. And as long as he lived they called him “Mr. Lucky Straw.”

### Word Bank

**appreciation** — thankfulness

**peddler** — someone who travels from place  
to place selling things

**prosperous** — rich

**Directions: Use the selection to answer questions 20 – 29.**

20. What would be another good title for this selection?
- A. The Peddler's Reward
  - B. Shobei's Friends
  - C. The Giving Man
21. Why does Shobei buy land with the money he receives from the princess?
- A. to gain the respect of the princess
  - B. to help the people in his village
  - C. to become rich and important



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22. This sentence is from the selection.

“‘Well, well,’ he said, ‘a piece of straw is a **worthless** thing, but it seems I was meant to pick this one up, so I won’t throw it away.’”

How does the suffix **-less** change the meaning of **worth**?

- A. changes the meaning to “a lot of worth”
- B. changes the meaning to “without worth”
- C. changes the meaning to “the same worth”

23. Where does this story probably take place?

- A. on a road
- B. in a market
- C. by a stream

24. This sentence is from the selection.

“One day on his way home from working in the fields he tripped on a stone and tumbled over and over on the ground.”

Why does the author use the phrase “tumbled over and over”?

- A. to help the reader hear what it sounded like when Shobei fell
- B. to help the reader picture what is happening to Shobei
- C. to help the reader understand how Shobei felt



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25. Use two details from the selection to explain how Shobei became the most respected person in the village.

<p><b>a.</b> _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>b.</b> _____</p> <p>_____</p>

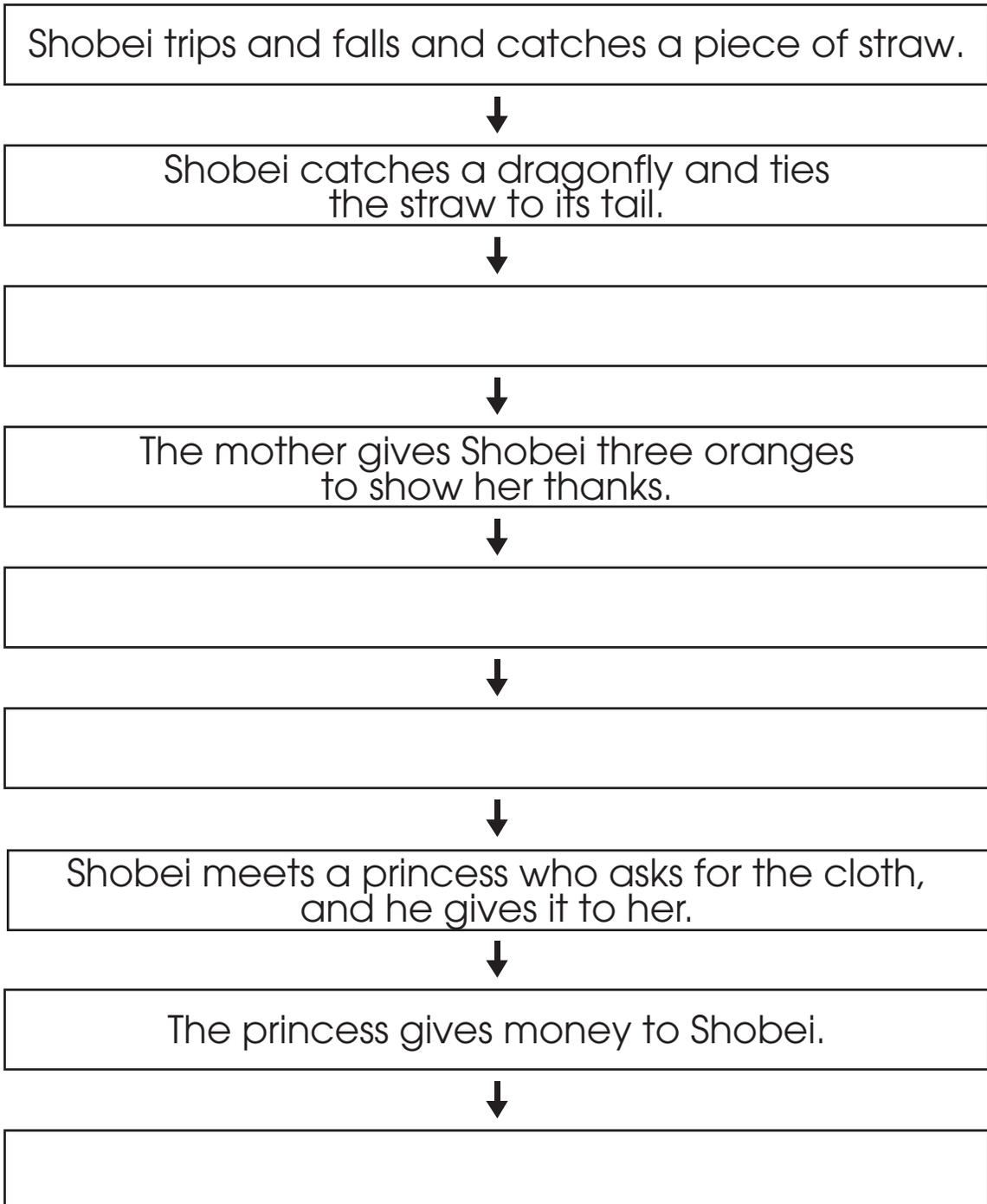
26. Which word describes the mother in this selection?
- A. rich
  - B. thirsty
  - C. thankful
27. Why does Shobei tie a piece of straw to the dragonfly?
- A. to show people that he can catch a dragonfly
  - B. to make the dragonfly stop bothering him
  - C. to keep the dragonfly as a pet



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28. There are four missing plot events in the chart below. Complete the chart by writing each missing event in its correct box.



29. This sentence is from the selection.

“To **express** her appreciation, the boy’s mother gave Shobei three of the oranges she was carrying.”

What does **express** mean in the sentence?

- A. gain
- B. show
- C. speed

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