

The Coal Thief
Reading Quiz

1. The Coal Thief is set in the
 - a. 1820's
 - b. 1920's
 - c. 2020's
2. Why is Georgie so cold?
 - a. There's no wood to make a fire
 - b. There's no coal to heat the stove
 - c. The heater's broken
3. What kind of stove does Georgie have?
 - a. Potbelly stove
 - b. Gas stove
 - c. Electric stove
4. What's the name of Georgie's friend?
 - a. Henry
 - b. Harry
 - c. Harley
5. Georgie dresses in a funny hat and wears
 - a. Suspenders
 - b. A big belt
 - c. Leather vest

6. What time of year do you think the story takes place?
- a. In the summer
 - b. In winter
 - c. In the spring
7. What state does the train come from?
- a. California
 - b. New Mexico
 - c. Virginia
8. What is another name for coal?
- a. Black Gold
 - b. Super Rocks
 - c. Black Rocks
9. Why does Georgie have a hole in his shoe?
- a. He's probably poor
 - b. His shoes are very old.
 - c. Both a and b.
10. When Harley tell Georgie not to be a chicken, he's being a
- a. Friend
 - b. Bully
 - c. Helper
11. How does Georgie get off the coal train?
- a. Papa helps him
 - b. Climbs out
 - c. Harley helps him

12. What do they use to load up the stolen coal?

- a. Pickup truck
- b. Paper bag
- c. Wheelbarrow

13. Papa has an idea what to do with the stolen coal

- a. He helps Georgie put it back on the train
- b. He helps Georgie give it away to others
- c. He helps Georgie sell it in town

14. What is the name of the widow in the story?

- a. Widow Bolba
- b. Widow Mary
- c. Widow Kolbach

15. How does Georgie feel after dropping off coal on the porch?

- a. So warm it sends tingles to his toes
- b. So cold his fingertips turn blue
- c. So scared his teeth chatter

16. What does Georgie give away at the children's home?

- a. His shoes
- b. His hat
- c. His coat

17. Who is the last piece of coal for?

- a. Georgie's Aunt Peggy
- b. Georgie's mama
- c. Georgie

18. When Georgie gets home, Papa

- a. Stays and plays with him
- b. Has to go back to work
- c. Works on his truck

19. Papa calls Georgie

- a. His little coal thief
- b. His little coal buddy
- c. His little coal burglar

20. Harley bullies Georgie into stealing the coal. If someone is bullying you, you can

- a. Tell your parents
- b. Tell your teacher
- c. Both a and b