

“Life Doesn’t Frighten Me” by Maya Angelou

Selection Test

Critical Reading

On the line, write the letter of the best answer.

- _____ 1. The speaker in “Life Doesn’t Frighten Me” describes her courage by
- a. listing things that would scare some people but do not bother her
 - b. telling a story about how she learned to overcome her fear
 - c. naming the things that she tells herself when she is tempted to be afraid
 - d. telling how fear feels, sounds, and tastes
- _____ 2. What is the “magic charm” owned by the speaker in “Life Doesn’t Frighten Me”?
- a. It is her love for her family.
 - b. It is a bracelet in the shape of a panther.
 - c. It is the word *boo*.
 - d. She does not say whether it is an object or an attitude.
- _____ 3. According to “Life Doesn’t Frighten Me”, what do Mother Goose, dragons, and kissy little girls have in common?
- a. They are beings that the speaker does not fear.
 - b. They are beings that only children fear.
 - c. They are imaginary beings.
 - d. They are beings that make the speaker laugh.
- _____ 4. Which word in the following sentence is a subordinating conjunction?

The speaker in “Life Doesn’t Frighten Me” is not afraid of anything because she has a magic charm that she keeps up her sleeve.

- a. in
 - b. that
 - c. because
 - d. has
- _____ 5. In “Life Doesn’t Frighten Me”, the speaker may be frightened in dreams because
- a. the speaker has nightmares
 - b. the creatures in dreams are scarier than the ones in real life
 - c. nighttime is scarier than daytime
 - d. the speaker is not in control when dreaming