



# The Ember Stone

Tick  the correct answer.

1. Why does Tag want to become an Owl of Valor?

- Because he wants to become the biggest and strongest owl in the camp.
- Because his magical forest is in danger and he wants to protect it as a brave warrior.

2. Why is protecting the firehawk an important job?

- Because the evil vulture Thorn wants to capture the firehawk to lead him to the powerful Ember Stone.
- Because the firehawk is a very weak bird that cannot survive the forest's cold winter weather.

3. What do the tiger bats and the prickly ants have in common with each other?

- They both serve as Thorn's spies and have bright orange eyes.
- They both live inside the hot volcano and can fly through dark clouds.

4. What happened to the other firehawks?

- They all flew away to a different world because Perodia became too hot to live in.
- They vanished after a massive storm and a great battle against the powerful vulture Thorn long ago.

## 5. How does Tag show that he is brave?

- He faces his fears by diving into a smoking volcano to look for the Ember Stone and staying to fight the tiger bats.
- He proves it by lifting the heaviest shield in front of Captain Maximus and Bod.

## 6. How do Tag, Skyla, and Blaze discover where the next piece of the Ember Stone is hidden?

- The old turtle Thaddeus tells them the exact coordinates before swimming away.
- They place the first stone piece on Grey's blank paper, which makes it glow and reveal a map.






## 7. What is the next destination for the three friends at the end of the story?

- The Crystal Caverns in the North
- The Ember Temple in the South



# The Crystal Caverns

## A. Match the word with the correct meaning.

- C 1. beak       a small nut from an oak tree
- D 2. slingshot       a loud, high, and sharp cry
- E 3. cavern       a bird's hard mouth
- A 4. acorn       a Y-shaped toy used to shoot small stones
- B 5. screech       a very large cave under the ground

## B. Tick the correct answer.

1. What was the first word that Blaze said?

- Run
- Fly

2. Why doesn't fire hurt Blaze?

- She can fly high.
- She was born in flame.

3. How do Tag and his friends melt the thick ice wall to escape?

- Blaze uses the last bit of her fire power to blast a hole in the wall.
- Blaze uses her beak to hold the hot, joined Ember Stone against the ice.






#### 4. What happens when Blaze screeches at the ice leopards?

- The ice leopards' icy teeth shatter into hundreds of tiny pieces, and they run away.
- The ice leopards become even angrier and snap at Tag's wings.



## The Whispering Oak

## A. Match the word with the correct meaning.

- D 1. nectar       an insect with a hard shell
- E 2. honeycomb       a field with green grass and flowers
- C 3. desert       a dry land with very little water and plants
- B 4. meadow       sweet liquid from flowers
- A 5. beetle       a structure made by bees to store honey

B. Tick  the correct answer.

1. Why don't the crag beetles follow Tag, Skyla, and Blaze outside the tunnel?

- Because they are afraid of Skyla's slingshot and Tag's sharp golden dagger.
- Because they do not like sunlight, just like Thorn's other spies, the tiger bats.

2. Why do the bears (Hank and Herbert) really need the honey?

- Because Thorn destroyed the hillside, and there is hardly any food left for them to eat.
- Because they want to give the sweet honey to Blaze as a special hatching gift.

3. Where do Tag and Skyla tell the grumblebees to go to find flowers and make honey?

To a magical meadow with flowers of every color and soft green grass

To Lullaby Lake on the eastern side of the map

4. How does Blaze get the piece of the Ember Stone out of the bears' cave?

She uses a long stick to roll the stone out while the bears watch.

She goes into the dark cave and hops back out holding the hot stone in her beak.





# Lullaby Lake

Tick  the correct answer.

1. Why do Tag and his friends fly around the Bubbling Bog rather than flying over it?

Because it would take too long.

Because the bubbles are poisonous.

2. Where do Tag and his friends decide to set up camp or the night?

Behind some willow trees at the edge of the lake

On a small island in the middle of the lake

3. How does Tag know that Stanley (the sloth) is NOT one of Thorn's spies?

Because Stanley sings a beautiful song.

Because Stanley's eyes are brown.

4. According to Stanley, when do the nixies sing their song?

When they sense danger

When they feel happy

5. Why does King Nidus use strong magic on their piece of the Ember Stone?

To keep the stone from burning down the palace

To hide the stone from Thorn's spies

## 6. What does the word “lullaby” mean?

- A loud song to wake people up
- A soft, gentle song to help babies or people sleep



# The Shadowlands

## A. Match the word with the correct meaning.

- |          |           |   |  |
|----------|-----------|---|--|
| <u>A</u> | 1. sack   | A | a large bag made of strong cloth or paper                    |
| <u>D</u> | 2. locust | B | to walk with regular, regular steps like a soldier           |
| <u>B</u> | 3. march  | C | an underground passage                                       |
| <u>C</u> | 4. tunnel | D | a large insect that flies in large groups and destroys crops |
| <u>E</u> | 5. weapon | E | an object used in fighting or war (e.g., a gun, a sword)     |
| <u>F</u> | 6. dagger | F | a short knife used as a weapon                               |

## B. Tick the correct answer.

1. What animal is a great digger?

- A mole  
 A locust

2. Why does Thorn want to capture Blaze?

- To steal her weapons and trap her in a cage  
 To take her away and use her magical powers

3. Based on the text, Monty uses the underground tunnels for several reasons. Which of the following is NOT a way Monty uses the tunnels?

- To spy on Thorn
- To find the lost Ember Stone
- To help Tag, Skyla, and Blaze escape from the wolves

4. Why can't the moles reach Nova and the nixies?

- Because the moles cannot swim or go underwater.
- Because the nixies live too far away on Fire Island.

5. What gave Tag a feeling of hope when they reached the large clearing?

- The dark storm clouds and the sun had completely disappeared.
- All the creatures and the Owls of Valor were there, armed and ready to fight.





# The Battle for Perodia

Tick  the correct answer.

1. What did Tag pull out from his sack to call Nova the nixie?
  - A golden sword
  - A large, shiny pink shell
2. How do the nixies use their magic to protect Valor Wood, and where have the friends seen this magic before?
  - They create a magical dome of light, similar to the shield covering the Nixie Kingdom beneath Lullaby Lake.
  - They summon a massive rainstorm to put out fires, similar to the weather magic in the Crystal Caverns.
3. What are the three powers Blaze must learn to focus into the Ember Stone?
  - Fire bolts, the firehawk cry, and flaming wings
  - Super speed, camouflage, and flying through mountains
4. How did Grey, Blaze, Skyla, and Tag hide from the wolves and escape?
  - They flew high into the thick dark clouds.
  - They dived into a pile of leaves and disappeared.

**5. What is the only way the Ember Stone can become powerful enough to destroy The Shadow?**

- Blaze must focus all three of her firehawk powers into it at the same time.
- Grey must touch the stone with his magical golden sword.

**6. What shocking truth did Thorn reveal about Blaze's family?**

- Blaze is not the last firehawk.
- Blaze's family was captured by the Owls of Valor.

**7. How did Tag defeat Thorn after Thorn lost his magic and shadow?**






- Tag shot a giant fire bolt from his wings.
- Tag flew around Thorn faster and faster until Thorn became dizzy and fell over.





# The Cloud Kingdom

## A. Match the word with the correct meaning.







- B   1. portal       A a long, sharp tooth
- C   2. staircase       B a doorway or gate, especially a magical one
- E   3. stream       C a set of stairs inside or outside a building
- A   4. fang       D a stream of water dropping from a high place
- D   5. waterfall       E a small, narrow river

## B. True or False

- F   1. When they returned to Fire Island, two spider monkeys tried to steal their food again.
- F   2. When Tag looked back from the staircase, he could still see Fire Island through the portal.
- T   3. The air in the Cloud Kingdom smelled as sweet as sugar plums and candy.
- F   4. All the creatures living in the Cloud Kingdom are friendly.
- T   5. The water in the Cloud Kingdom's waterfall was not clear or blue, but had every color of the rainbow.

# The Silver Swamp

## A. Match the word with the correct meaning.







- |              |            |   |   |
|--------------|------------|---|---|
| <u>  D  </u> | 1. swamp   |  A | a large bird that eats dead animals                     |
| <u>  E  </u> | 2. raft    |  B | the main thick stem of a tree                           |
| <u>  C  </u> | 3. toad    |  C | a small animal that looks like a large frog             |
| <u>  B  </u> | 4. trunk   |  D | a very wet area of land                                 |
| <u>  F  </u> | 5. nest    |  E | a simple flat boat made of pieces of wood tied together |
| <u>  A  </u> | 6. vulture |  F | a home built by birds to lay eggs in                    |

## B. True or False

- T   1. The two dark figures Tag and Skyla saw in the swamp were actually their own reflections.
- F   2. Skyla and Tag were attacked by toads in the swamp.
- F   3. The croco-dragon was finally defeated by Blaze's firehawk cry.
- F   4. Claw tricked Tag and Blaze, and the magic pool made Skyla permanently worse.
- T   5. Claw told the friends that they should travel West to find the Golden Temple the next day.

# The Ember Stone

## A. Match the word with the correct meaning.

- |              |              |   |  |
|--------------|--------------|---|--|
| <u>  B  </u> | 1. beware    |  A | a formal event held on a special occasion      |
| <u>  F  </u> | 2. hatch     |  B | to be careful of something dangerous           |
| <u>  C  </u> | 3. vision    |  C | something that you see in your mind or a dream |
| <u>  A  </u> | 4. ceremony  |  D | a sudden bursting with a loud noise            |
| <u>  E  </u> | 5. pebble    |  E | a small, smooth, round stone                   |
| <u>  D  </u> | 6. explosion |  F | to come out of an egg                          |

## B. Tick the correct answer.

1. Why had they better go to the Golden Temple on foot?

- Because the jungle is very overgrown and they won't be able to see the temple from the sky.
- Because not everyone of them can fly.

2. Who is Talia?

- Blaze's mother
- Enemy of the firehawks

3. Among the firehawks, who has the most wonderful voice?

- Maya
- Melody







#### 4. Talia gave Tag a gift, what was it?

- A golden slingshot
- A glass bottle filled with green liquid



# The Secret Maze

## A. Match the word with the correct meaning.

- |          |              |  |
|----------|--------------|--|
| <u>A</u> | 1. clue      |  a sign or some information that helps you find the answer  |
| <u>D</u> | 2. scroll    |  a complicated system of paths where it is easy to get lost |
| <u>B</u> | 3. maze      |  any living thing that is not a plant                       |
| <u>C</u> | 4. creature  |  a long roll of paper with magic pictures or writing on it  |
| <u>E</u> | 5. enemy     |  a person or animal that hates you or wants to hurt you    |
| <u>F</u> | 6. adventure |  an exciting and dangerous experience                     |

## B. Tick the correct answer.

- What special power does the first firehawk egg have?
  - Its shell repaired itself after hatching and it can open a permanent portal between lands.
  - It can turn into ash and eat all the shadows in Perodia.
- Who is Claw, the friend who traveled with Tag, Skyla, and Blaze?
  - He is actually their enemy, Thorn, with an evil grin.
  - He is a nice vulture who wants to help them protect Valor Wood.

3. What did Tag trade with Thorn to get the firehawk egg back?

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A golden slingshot

4. Who became the new “Owls of Valor” and received golden medals from Grey?

Tag and Skylar

Tag and Blaze



## The Underland

## A. Match the word with the correct meaning.

- |          |            |   |   |
|----------|------------|---|---|
| <u>E</u> | 1. mission | A | to go around an area to check that it is safe |
| <u>B</u> | 2. bully   | B | someone who hurts or frightens weaker people  |
| <u>A</u> | 3. patrol  | C | the outside or top layer of something         |
| <u>C</u> | 4. surface | D | a person who fights in a battle or war        |
| <u>D</u> | 5. warrior | E | an important job that someone is given to do  |

B. Tick  the correct answer.

- Why didn't Skyla like Bod, another Owl of Valor?
  - Because Bod didn't choose her as his partner.
  - Because Bod had stepped on her tail the first day of training.
- What did Grey give Skyla before they entered the Underland?
  - A magical lantern
  - A long sword
- What is Skull's evil plan?
  - He wants to go to the land above, get everything he wants, and become the king of Perodia.
  - He wants to stay in the dark Underland forever and protect Blaze's family.

4. Why were Tag and Skyla sad when the portal was closed for good?

- Because their friend Bod was still left alone in the Underland.
- Because they lost the magical Ember Stone again.







5. What did Tag and Skyla see in the sky at the end of the story?

- A beautiful rainbow with yellow butterflies
- A very dark cloud with lightning, which meant The Shadow had returned



# The Shadow Returns

## A. Match the word with the correct meaning.

- |              |              |   |   |
|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| <u>  C  </u> | 1. innocent  |  A   | to catch a person or an animal and not let them go                |
| <u>  A  </u> | 2. capture   |  B   | a door, gate, or opening where you can go into a place            |
| <u>  D  </u> | 3. trap (n.) |  C   | when you did not do anything wrong                                |
| <u>  E  </u> | 4. slug      |  D   | a thing used to catch animals or enemies                          |
| <u>  F  </u> | 5. burrow    |  E   | a small, slow animal that looks like a snail but has no shell     |
| <u>  B  </u> | 6. entrance  |  F | a hole or tunnel in the ground made by animals to live or hide in |

## B. Tick the correct answer.

1. Why couldn't Maximus and the Owls of Valor find and rescue Tag's team?

Because The Shadow's dark cloud hid them from the Owls of Valor.

Because the Owls of Valor forgot the way to the cave.

2. What did Tag do at the last second before giving the Ember Stone to Skull?

He used a golden slingshot to hit Skull's head.

He threw the stone to Blaze to create a magical portal.

**3. What are the rats planning to do by tunneling beneath their cavern?**

- They want to find another way to break through into Perodia.
- They want to build a better living place for Skull and his rats.

**4. How did they fix the Ember Stone's magic and close the hole?**

- Tag used a big rock to block the hole.
- Grey, Blaze, and Claw joined together and shot their magic into the stone.



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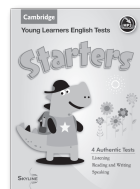
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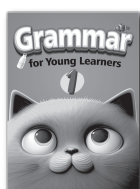
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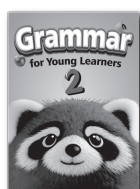
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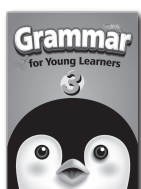
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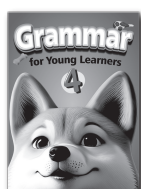
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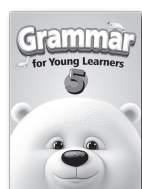
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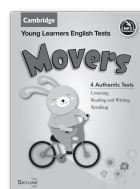
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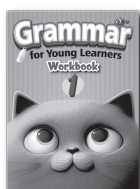
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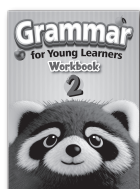
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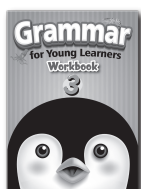
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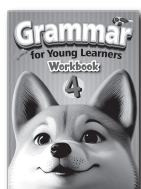
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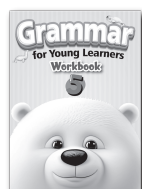
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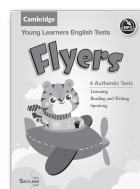
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