

The Tale of Custard the Dragon Previous Year Questions (with model answers)

Q1. Ogden Nash uses vivid imagery in 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' to appeal to the senses. Elaborate the imagery used for the Pirate. [CBSE 2024]

Ans. In "The Tale of Custard the Dragon," Ogden Nash vividly describes the pirate as having a black beard, a wooden leg, and holding pistols and a bright cutlass in his teeth. Nash's vivid descriptions create a clear mental picture of the menacing pirate climbing through Belinda's window, adding suspense and humor to the poem.

Q2. Describe how Custard the dragon fights with the Pirate. [CBSE 2023]

Ans. The other members of the family scrambled for safety when the pirate attacked, but Custard charged in to engage the intruder head on. The dragon snorted like an engine, charged at the pirate like a "robin at a worm," and swallowed him whole while the pirate fired his pistol in an attempt to defend himself from the beast. Custard gobbled every bit of him.

Q3. What did Custard look like? [CBSE 2023]

Ans. Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth, spikes on his back, and scales all over. His mouth was like a fireplace, and his nose looked like a chimney. The toenails were sharp like daggers. Despite his fierce appearance, Custard was known for being timid and scared, preferring safety over bravery in dangerous situations.

Q4. Describe the pirate in the 'Tale of Custard the Dragon'. [CBSE 2022]

Ans. The pirate gave off the impression of being a terrible and evil character who had come to hurt the animals. He had a wooden leg and a black beard. He had a little sword between his teeth and a handgun in his hand. He had a really menacing look on his face.

Q5. How was Belinda's behaviour with the dragon? [CBSE 2022]

Ans. Custard, Belinda's dragon, has the reputation of being a coward because he cried for not having a safe cage. He was brutally tickled by her. When Custard ate the pirate and saved everyone, Belinda's attitude toward the dragon changed.

Q6. How did Custard accept his cowardice and others' bravery? [CBSE 2020]

Ans. Custard accepted his cowardice by crying for a nice safe cage. However, he showed bravery by attacking the pirate when everyone else ran away. After defeating the pirate, Mustard said he would be twice as brave and Ink and Blink said they would be thrice as brave. To this, Custard agreed that everyone was braver than him, even though he had shown bravery by defeating the pirate.

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