

# ENGLISH PLUS

WITH  
ANSWER  
KEY

## PRACTICE WORKSHEETS



## STORIES

THE INTERLOPERS BY SAKI

## Stories | The Interlopers by Saki

### Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

#### Comprehension

The questions below refer to the selection "The Interlopers."

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The conflict between Gradwitz and Znaeym is over —
- what animals can be hunted in the forest
  - which of the two men has more money
  - which man owns a piece of land
  - clearing the field that borders the properties of the two men
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. At the beginning of the story, —
- both Gradwitz and Znaeym are in the forest
  - only Gradwitz is in the forest
  - only Znaeym is in the forest
  - no one is in the forest
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. When the two men meet, they —
- immediately begin to fight
  - trade insults
  - both run for help
  - are knocked down and pinned under a tree branch
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. As the men talk, —
- |                                       |  |
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| a. a storm begins to blow             | c. Gradwitz's men appear in the distance |
| b. they start to develop a friendship | d. Znaeym's men appear in the distance   |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Gradwitz and Znaeym agree to —
- |                             |                                      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| a. finish the hunt together | c. clear a small section of the land |
| b. call for help together   | d. settle their problems in court    |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. When the men see figures in the distance, the men assume that they —
- |                        |                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. will become friends | c. are going to be rescued       |
| b. will remain enemies | d. will have allies to help them |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. This story is *mainly* about a —
- |   |  |
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| a. pair of bitter enemies who settle a feud | c. hunting trip that ends unexpectedly       |
| b. storm that causes extensive damage       | d. wealthy family that protects its property |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The story's ending is a surprise because the reader —
- expects the figures to be men
  - expects the two men will not meet in the woods
  - expects the men to kill each other
  - has come to root for Gradwitz rather than Znaeym
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which term *best* describes the story's ending?
- |                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| a. Gory         | c. Joyful |
| b. Melodramatic | d. Ironic |

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Surprise endings are —
- a. rarely memorable
  - b. illogical and unexpected
  - c. logical but unexpected
  - d. a trick

### Literary Focus

*The questions below refer to the selection “The Interlopers.”*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The omniscient point of view can *best* be described as —
- a. all-knowing
  - b. philosophical
  - c. metaphorical
  - d. restricted
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The author selected this viewpoint to —
- a. avoid having to jump between each character’s mind
  - b. stir up sympathy for Gradwitz alone
  - c. see inside the minds of Gradwitz and Znaeym at the same time
  - d. give readers a limited vantage point to increase the story’s suspense
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The narrator’s voice is *best* described as —
- a. innocent and inexperienced
  - b. understanding and sympathetic
  - c. all-knowing and objective
  - d. cynical and sarcastic
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. What tone is created by the narrator’s voice in this story?
- a. Fearful and amazed
  - b. Ironic
  - c. Terrifying
  - d. Hostile

### Completion

*Complete each statement.*

### Vocabulary Development

*On the line provided, write the Vocabulary word that has the closest meaning to the italicized word or phrase in each sentence.*

**precipitous**

**acquiesced**

**marauders**

**languor**

**succor**

15. \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers provided *relief* to the victims.

16. \_\_\_\_\_ After noting the patient’s *weariness*, the doctor recommended a good night’s sleep.

17. \_\_\_\_\_ At the end of the trail, the men faced a *very steep* rock wall.

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18. \_\_\_\_\_ After considering Gradwitz’s offer, Znaeym *accepted*.

19. \_\_\_\_\_ The two men could band together to fight off any *plunderers* roaming in search of food.

**Short Answer**

**Constructed Response**

*The question below refers to the selection “The Interlopers.”*

20. Explain how the story would have changed if Saki had used the first-person point of view. On the lines provided, write a paragraph that explains your answer. Support your ideas with details from the story.

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### Answer Section

#### MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. B
5. B
6. C
7. C
8. A
9. D
10. C
11. A
12. C
13. C
14. B

#### COMPLETION

15. succor
16. languor
17. precipitous
18. acquiesced
19. marauders

#### SHORT ANSWER

20. *Responses will vary. A sample response follows:*

If Saki had used a first-person point of view, he would have severely limited what readers experience. With the first-person point of view, readers would have seen events either through Gradwitz's eyes or Znaeym's eyes but not both. While the first-person point of view would have helped maintain the story's suspense (as readers see all events through only one character's eyes), it also would have made it much harder for the author to trace the growing friendship between the two men equally.