

Mr. Brown Washes His Underwear

On Saturday Mr. Brown washed his dirty clothes. He washed his socks, his shirts, and his underwear. Then he hung them to dry in the backyard. He hung the underwear in the apple tree. When the wind blew, the underwear waved its arms and kicked its legs. It looked like a dancing ghost. After supper that night, Mrs. Brown looked out the window. "There is a man in the apple tree," she told Mr. Brown. "Don't worry," he said. "I will scare him away." Mr. Brown went into the yard. He called out, "Who are you? What do you want?" Nobody answered. He called out again, "Who are you? What do you want?" Again nobody answered. Mr. Brown got angry. "You are very rude not to answer me," he shouted. But still there was no answer. So Mr. Brown picked a ripe tomato and he threw it at the man in the tree. Then he threw another- and another and another. "That will show you!" he shouted. The next morning he went outside to get his clothes. When he got to the apple tree, he was very surprised. His underwear was covered with squashed tomatoes, and it was dripping tomato juice. "I am really lucky I wasn't wearing that underwear," Mr. Brown said to himself.

- 1. What most likely would have happened if Mr. Brown hadn't hung its underwear on the apple tree?**
 - A. He would have gotten mad
 - B. He would have finished his supper.
 - C. He wouldn't have been scared.
 - D. He wouldn't have had such a good time
- 2. What is Mr. Brown most likely to do next time he wants to dry his clothes?**
 - A. Put them on the peach tree instead.
 - B. Refrain from throwing tomatoes.
 - C. Make sure he remembers where he hung them so he won't get scared.
 - D. Make sure to have enough tomatoes.
- 3. What would have happened if the ghost had answer Mr. Brown?**
 - A. He wouldn't have gotten mad.
 - B. He would have finished his supper in peace.
 - C. He would have made some smores.
 - D. He would have been even more scared.
- 4. Did Mr. Brown realize he had soiled his own underwear?**
 - A. You can infer he did, and was happy to have worn another pair.
 - B. You can infer he didn't, and though someone else had soiled it.
 - C. He was surprised to find his underwear in such condition
 - D. He was determined to chase any ghost that would ever come to his house.
- 5. What would have happened if he had thrown rocks instead of tomatoes?**
 - A. He would have broken a window.
 - B. He would have killed the ghost.
 - C. He would have run out of rocks.
 - D. He would have killed someone else.