

# THE TALE OF CUSTARD THE DRAGON

**Que).** The dragon, custard was considered a coward. The humble dragon proved his bravery in adversity. Analyse that certain qualities like bravery and courage are situational and spontaneous. Express your views with reference to the poem.

Ans). – the dragon was truly brave  
Showed courage when required  
Fights the pirate and doesn't run away  
In adversity stands like a fighter  
Never boasted of his qualities but knew his potential

**Que).** Do you think that one should be made fun of because of their preferences and choices in life? Explain in the context of Custard, the dragon.

Ans). – No , it is not right to make fun of anyone  
On basis of color, gender, religion, choices and preferences  
Custard wanted to live in comfort and safety  
He never boasted of his qualities  
When others made fun of him , he accepted it  
When it was his time , he got out of his comfort zone  
He helped save his friends from the pirate

**Que).** Everyone believed that the Custard was a coward; but when an opportunity came he showed exemplary courage. Based on your reading of the poem, write a paragraph on the topic: 'Courage is of Mind, not of Muscle'

Ans). 'Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear'  
Courage is not merely a show of power  
It is the ability to overcome fear  
Just physical strength is not everything  
The mind is from where the real power gets generated  
Determination is the key to success

**Que).** Do you find The Tale of Custard the Dragon to be a serious or a light-hearted poem? Give reasons to support your answer.

Ans). The Tale of Custard the Dragon is a light-hearted poem.  
The names of pets are rhyming  
All pets except the dragon are cowards  
But at the slightest danger they all run away  
Ironically the cowardice dragon came to the rescue of Belinda  
At the end as well the dragon however accepts that he isn't brave

**Que).** Is there a hidden message that the poet is wishing to convey or do you think that entertainment is the sole purpose of writing this poem?

Ans). There is a hidden message that the poet is wishing to convey  
Entertainment is not the sole purpose of the poem

Courage is not boasting about it all the time

Courage is stepping up to the task at hand

**Que). Name the poetic device used in the line "And the little yellow dog was sharp as mustard"**

- a) Oxymoron
- b) metaphor
- c) Assonance
- d) Simile

Ans). Simile

**Que). What all does the dragon possess?**

- a) big sharp teeth
- b) spikes on top of him
- c) sharp toes
- d) All of the above

Ans). All of the above

**Q). Name the poetic device used in the line "mouth like a fireplace"**

- a) Oxymoron
- b) metaphor
- c) Assonance
- d) Simile

A). Simile