

Nursery Rhyme Origins and Figures

Nursery Rhymes · Practice Test · 18 Questions

1. In the rhyme 'Sing a Song of Sixpence', how many blackbirds were baked in a pie?

- A) Four
- B) Twenty-four
- C) Twelve
- D) Forty

2. The nursery rhyme 'Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary' is often historically associated with which Queen of England?

- A) Mary I
- B) Anne Boleyn
- C) Elizabeth I
- D) Victoria

3. In which year was the first known printed version of 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' published in 'The Taylor Sisters' book?

- A) 1806
- B) 1798
- C) 1820
- D) 1850

4. According to the rhyme 'One, Two, Buckle My Shoe', what action corresponds to the number five?

- A) Lay them straight
- B) Pick up sticks
- C) Shut the door
- D) Close the gate

5. In 'The House That Jack Built', who was the first person mentioned as having built the house?

- A) Jack
- B) A farmer
- C) A priest
- D) A maiden

6. The rhyme 'London Bridge is Falling Down' is theorized by some historians to refer to the burning of London Bridge by Olaf II of Norway in which year?

- A) 1014
- B) 1209
- C) 1450
- D) 1666

7. In the rhyme 'Three Blind Mice', what action did the farmer's wife take with a carving knife?

- A) She chased them
- B) She cut off their tails
- C) She baked them in a pie
- D) She locked the pantry

8. How many shillings are traditionally referenced in the nursery rhyme 'Lavender's Blue'?

- A) Six
- B) Eight
- C) Twelve
- D) Twenty

9. What is the numerical value mentioned in the opening line of 'Ten Little Monkeys jumping on the bed'?

- A) Five
- B) Eight
- C) Ten
- D) Twelve

10. In the rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty', what specific structure is he sitting on?

- A) A fence
- B) A wall
- C) A bridge
- D) A stool

11. The character 'Little Bo Peep' lost how many sheep according to the traditional verses?

- A) Ten
- B) Twenty
- C) She did not specify
- D) A hundred

12. In the rhyme 'Doctor Foster went to Gloucester', what happened to him in a puddle?

- A) He lost his shoe
- B) He fell in up to his middle
- C) He caught a cold
- D) He ruined his hat

13. 'Hey Diddle Diddle' mentions a cow jumping over what celestial object?

- A) The Sun
- B) The North Star
- C) The Moon
- D) A comet

14. In the rhyme 'Five Little Ducks', how many ducks went out one day?

- A) Three
- B) Four
- C) Five
- D) Six

15. The rhyme 'Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man' specifically mentions marking the cake with what letter?

- A) A
- B) B
- C) P
- D) M

16. In 'Old Mother Hubbard', what did the lady find in the cupboard when she went to fetch her dog a bone?

- A) A loaf of bread
- B) A piece of cheese
- C) Nothing
- D) A bowl of milk

17. According to the rhyme 'Monday's Child', what is the destiny of a child born on a Wednesday?

- A) Full of woe
- B) Full of grace
- C) Loving and giving
- D) Bonny and blithe

18. In the rhyme 'Georgie Porgie', what did the boy do that made the girls cry?

- A) Stole their toys
- B) Kissed the girls
- C) Pulled their hair
- D) Ran away