

Name _____

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.**A Helping Hand**

“Howdy, neighbor,” said the rabbit, as he hopped over to the birdhouse. “My name is Carl.”

“My name is Kevin, and I’m pleased to meet you,” said the bird.

“You sure have your hands full with this old birdhouse. No one has lived in it for many, many years,” said Carl.

“Well, I am a woodpecker, so I should have it fixed in no time,” Kevin said as he flew inside. For the next several weeks, Kevin worked day and night. But each time he fixed something, another thing would break.

One day there was a knock on Kevin’s door. Kevin opened it and saw ten other rabbits with Carl. “We came to assist, neighbor,” Carl said. They worked for a week. When they were finished, the house was beautiful. As Kevin thanked them, Carl said, “That is what friends are for.”

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 How did the author show that the rabbit was friendly?

- The rabbit came over to talk with his new neighbor.
- The rabbit brought some food to his new neighbor.
- The rabbit shared his home with his new neighbor.

2 Why did the author write this story?

- to show what a woodpecker looks like
- to teach a lesson about friends
- to tell about a funny thing that happened

3 What is Kevin?

- a bluebird
- a handy person
- a woodpecker

4 At the beginning of the story, how did the author show that Carl and Kevin did NOT know each other?

5 Why did the author have the rabbits help Kevin fix his house?

Common Core State Standards

Questions 1, 3: Literature 3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges. Questions 2, 4, 5: Literature 1. Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.