

Extract from the book **The Wizard of Oz** by **L. Frank Baum**

*“What makes you a coward?” asked Dorothy, looking at the great beast in wonder, for he was as big as a small horse.*

*“It’s a mystery,” replied the Lion. “I suppose I was born that way. All the other animals in the forest naturally expect me to be brave, for the Lion is everywhere thought to be the King of Beasts. I learned that if I roared very loudly every living thing was frightened and got out of my way. Whenever I’ve met a man I’ve been awfully scared; but just roared at him, and he has always run away as fast as he could go. If the elephants and tigers and the bears had ever tried to fight me, I should have run myself — I’m such a coward; but just as soon as they hear me roar they all try to get away from me, and of course I let them go.”*

*“But that isn’t right. The King of Beasts shouldn’t be a coward,” said the Scarecrow.*

*“I know it,” returned the Lion, wiping a tear from his eye with the tip of his tail.” “It is my great sorrow, and makes my life very unhappy. But whenever there is danger my heart begins to beat fast.”*

*“Perhaps you have heart disease,” said the Tin Woodman.*

*“It may be,” said the Lion.*

*“If you have,” continued the Tin Woodman, “you ought to be glad, for it proves you have a heart. For my part, I have no heart; so I cannot have heart disease.”*

*“Perhaps,” said the Lion thoughtfully, “if I had no heart I should not be a coward.”*

*“Have you brains?” asked the Scarecrow.*

*“I suppose so. I’ve never looked to see,” replied the Lion.*

*“I’m going to the Great Oz to ask him to give me some,” remarked the Scarecrow, “for my head is stuffed with straw.”*

*“And I am going to ask him to give me a heart,” said the Woodman.*

*“And I am going to ask him to send Toto and me back to Kansas,” added Dorothy.*

*“Do you think Oz could give me courage?” asked the Cowardly Lion.*

*“Just as easily as he could give me brains,” said the Scarecrow.*

*“Or give me a heart,” said the Tin Woodman.*

*“Or send me back to Kansas,” said Dorothy.*

*“Then, if you don’t mind, I’ll go with you,” said the Lion, “for my life is simply unbearable without a bit of courage.”*

## Comprehension: READING AND VIEWING

Refer to the extract from the book **The Wizard of Oz** by **L. Frank Baum**

**Answer the following questions, based on the story, in full sentences.**

1. Why does the Cowardly Lion decide to go to the great Oz? (1)

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2. What, does the Lion say, is the reason for him being so 'cowardly'. (2)

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3. What does the Scarecrow suggest as the cause of the Lion's cowardly behaviour? (1)

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4. What do you think makes the Great Oz so 'Great'? (2)

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5. Why are the words, 'Scarecrow', 'Tin Woodman' and 'Lion' written with capital letters?(2)

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6. What, according to the Tin Woodman, proves that the Lion has a heart? (1)

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7. There are two reasons, in the passage, that makes it seem strange that Lion is cowardly. Write down these two reasons. (2)

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8. What does the Lion do to fool others into believing he is brave? (1)

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9. Why does the Lion think it would be good to not have a heart? (1)

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10. What funny thing does the Lion say about his brains? Explain why this is funny. (1)

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11. How do you know that the Lion was quite large? (1)

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**TOTAL: [25]**

## LANGUAGE STRUCTURE AND USE

### 1. VOCABULARY/DICTIONARY WORK

1.1) Arrange the following words in alphabetical order.

courage, coward, courteous, conspicuous, continued. (1)

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1.2) Define of the following words: [5]

Courage - \_\_\_\_\_

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(1)

Coward - \_\_\_\_\_

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(1)

Remarked - \_\_\_\_\_

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(1)

Asked - \_\_\_\_\_

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(1)

### 2. PARTS OF SPEECH

Read the following sentences and identify the following parts of speech. Write each part of speech in the table provided.

*"I am going to ask him to send Toto and me back to Kansas," added Dorothy.*

<i>Proper Noun (3)</i>	<i>Pronoun (3)</i>	<i>Verb (3)</i>	<i>Preposition (1)</i>

[10]

### 3.PUNCTUATION

Rewrite the following paragraph by adding in the missing punctuation and capital letters. You must add in inverted commas, commas and full stops. Each punctuation mark/capital letter counts  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mark; you must make 20 corrections.

congratulate me i am going to oz to get my brains at last when i return i shall be as  
other men are announced scarecrow

i have always liked you as you were said dorothy simply

it is kind of you to like a scarecrow he replied

[10]

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