

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Would You Like Your Salad With Worms, or Without?

“There’s a worm on my salad,” Olympia said. Mike peered at the wriggling,	13
green worm. Mama made a <i>tsk</i> sound as she took the salad away.	26
Olympia and her brother had been doing chores all morning, and she was hungry.	40
“I’ll eat that one,” she said. “I just don’t want the worm.”	52
Mike snickered. Mama made a little <i>o</i> with her mouth and tossed the salad into a	68
bucket for the hogs to eat later.	75
Olympia’s stomach growled. After what seemed like a long time, Mama set a	88
fresh salad down. The new lettuce looked clean and fresh, but a ladybug walked out	103
from beneath a leaf. Mike saw it and started to speak, but Olympia shook her head.	119
She let the ladybug walk onto her fork, and then flicked it to the floor. Quickly, she	136
ate her salad.	139

Answer the questions below.

1 Why did the author begin the story with the sentence, “There’s a worm on my salad”?

- A** to introduce the theme of the story
- B** to make the story sound serious
- C** to tell readers the story takes place on a farm
- D** to grab the readers’ attention quickly

2 What did Olympia do after seeing the ladybug?

- F** She told her mother about it.
- G** She removed it and ate the salad anyway.
- H** She tossed out the salad immediately.
- J** She gave it to her brother.

3 What was the main reason the author wrote this story?

- A** to describe life on a family farm
- B** to give facts about eating fresh vegetables
- C** to entertain readers with a story about a very hungry girl
- D** to persuade readers that insects and worms are harmless

4 “Would You Like Your Salad With Worms, or Without?” is an unusual title. Why do you think the author chose it?

Answers may vary. Possible response: The author probably chose this title to let readers know it is a funny story and not a serious one.