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## A Garden Friend

Have you seen a toad? If you have, you know they are neat. Their skin is damp and they have brown spots. They look cold and wet. But toads help us in the garden.

In the garden, bugs eat the flowers. Bugs also eat other plants. Toads hide during the day. They dislike the sun. They hide in holes. But at night, toads come out. They catch bugs and eat them. So toads help the plants and flowers. That is how toads help in the garden.

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1. During the day, toads
  - A. eat bugs.
  - B. hide.
  - C. come out.
  
2. What is true about bugs?
  - A. They eat toads.
  - B. They have skin.
  - C. They eat plants.
  
3. In the story, the word damp means
  - A. hot.
  - B. brown.
  - C. wet.

4. Toads help gardens by
  - A. eating bugs.
  - B. hiding in holes.
  - C. planting flowers.
  
5. Which of these is NOT true?
  - A. Toads look hot.
  - B. Toads catch bugs.
  - C. Toads help in the garden.
  
6. Toads come out at night because
  - A. they are cold.
  - B. there is no sun.
  - C. there are no bugs.
  
7. The story is about
  - A. growing a garden.
  - B. how bugs eat plants.
  - C. how toads help the garden.

### **A Walk in the Grass**

It was a pretty day. Turtle and Mouse were going for a walk in the grass. As they walked along, Turtle said to Mouse, "I am sorry. I am so slow." Mouse said, "That's all right. I don't mind slowing down to walk with you."

They walked a little farther, and they stopped under a big oak tree. An acorn fell on Turtle's shell.

Mouse said, "Oh, no! Did that acorn hurt you?"

"No," said Turtle. "My hard shell kept me safe. It's better that it fell on me and not on you."

They were both happy to have such a good friend.

8. The acorn came from the
  - A. grass.
  - B. turtle.
  - C. oak tree.
  
9. This story is about
  - A. Turtle and the oak tree.
  - B. Turtle and Mouse.
  - C. Mouse and the acorn.
  
10. The word that means the opposite of slow is
  - A. fast.
  - B. tired.
  - C. walk.
  
11. The word don't means
  - A. do.
  - B. did not.
  - C. do not.
  
12. The acorn fell on
  - A. Mouse.
  - B. Turtle.
  - C. the ground.

### Allowance

"Mom, may I have my allowance early?" Lee asked on Thursday. "I really need . . . Oh, well. I can wait until next week to buy a notebook."

13. Which word can be made into two words?
  - A. notebook
  - B. allowance
  - C. really
  
14. What is the opposite of early?
  - A. now
  - B. never
  - C. late
  
15. What happened in this story?
  - A. Lee forgot what she needed the money for.
  - B. Mom gave Lee her allowance early.
  - C. Lee changed her mind about asking for extra money.
  
16. When will Lee probably buy the notebook?
  - A. Thursday
  - B. next week
  - C. never

## Amy and Maria

Amy and Maria are in the first grade. They are best friends. They both love math. Amy's favorite color is blue. Maria likes green. Amy and Maria play soccer on the same team. Amy was born in the United States and learned to speak English as a child. Maria was born in Mexico and first learned Spanish. Amy and Maria both have baby brothers. Amy and Maria want to have a sleepover. They are going to ask their parents.

17. This story is about two girls who
  - A. speak Spanish.
  - B. have baby sisters.
  - C. are friends.
  
18. Amy and Maria are both in the
  - A. first grade.
  - B. third grade.
  - C. second grade.
  
19. Which word is the opposite of best?
  - A. last
  - B. good
  - C. worst
  
20. Maria's favorite color is
  - A. red.
  - B. blue.
  - C. green.
  
21. Amy and Maria both love
  - A. spelling.
  - B. math.

C. reading.

### Amy's Dream

This morning, Amy's mother woke her up. "Time to prepare for school, Amy!" her mother said.

"I had a dream!" Amy said. "It was about a red tree with blue leaves!"

"A red tree with blue leaves," said her mother. "I've never seen one of those!"

"It was not a real tree," said Amy. "It was a dream tree. In the dream, I sat in the tree. And the tree smelled like flowers."

"That sounds like a good dream," said her mother. "I wonder what my dream tree would be like? My tree might be purple. It might smell like popcorn!"

Amy laughed. "I'd like to sit in your dream tree, too!" said Amy.

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22. Which word can be made into two words?
- A. popcorn
  - B. prepare
  - C. morning
23. What did Amy's tree look like?
- A. red with green leaves
  - B. purple
  - C. red with blue leaves
24. What is this story about?
- A. Amy's dream
  - B. a red and green tree
  - C. a purple tree

25. Amy's mother wakes her up to
- A. hear about Amy's dream.
  - B. eat lunch.
  - C. go to school.
26. Amy's mother thought Amy's dream sounded
- A. pretty.
  - B. sad.
  - C. good.
27. Which of these things happened last?
- A. Amy had a dream.
  - B. Amy's mother woke her up.
  - C. Amy laughed.
28. In this story, it is time to
- A. get up.
  - B. go home.
  - C. go to sleep.
29. How is Amy's tree like her mother's tree?
- A. Both trees are purple.
  - B. Both trees smell good.
  - C. Both trees have leaves.
30. At the end of the story, Amy feels
- A. strong.
  - B. happy.
  - C. sad.
31. In this story, which is NOT true?
- A. Amy's tree smelled like popcorn.
  - B. It is time for school.
  - C. Amy had a dream.

32. Which word can be found in the word laughed?

A. laughing

B. laugh

C. laughs

33. What did Amy do in her dream?

A. She made popcorn.

B. She got up and went to school.

C. She sat in a tree.

34.

"I'd like to sit in your dream tree, too!" said Amy.

In this sentence, the word I'd means

A. I.

B. I had.

C. I would.



### Andy Visits the Dentist

Andy went to the dentist today. "Do you know how to brush?" the dentist asked. "Brush your teeth at least twice a day. Get every tooth. Brush the front of each tooth, and the back. And brush the tops of your teeth, too." Then the dentist showed Andy how to floss.

"Would you like a new toothbrush, Andy?" the dentist asked.

"Yes, thank you," said Andy. Andy chose the yellow one. Yellow is his favorite color!

35. What should Andy do after he brushes his teeth?
  - A. eat
  - B. floss
  - C. go to the dentist
  
36. Which word can be made into two words?
  - A. teeth
  - B. asked
  - C. toothbrush
  
37. The word asked comes from the smaller word
  - A. ask.
  - B. asks.
  - C. ked.
  
38. The dentist gave Andy
  - A. a toothbrush.
  - B. a lollipop.
  - C. floss.
  
39. Andy's favorite color is
  - A. blue.
  - B. yellow.
  - C. red.

### Anita's Checkup

Anita visits the doctor for a checkup. She sits in the waiting room. Then the nurse calls Anita's name. Anita climbs up onto a big table in the examining room. The doctor checks Anita's heartbeat. Before Anita leaves, she gets to pick a prize out of a prize box.

40. Anita visits the
- A. zoo.
  - B. doctor.
  - C. store.
41. What does Anita climb up onto after the nurse calls her name?
- A. table
  - B. chair
  - C. ladder
42. What happens FIRST in the story?
- A. Anita picks out a prize.
  - B. Anita climbs on the table.
  - C. Anita sits in the waiting room.
43. This story is MOSTLY about Anita
- A. playing with toys.
  - B. going to the doctor.
  - C. getting on a table.
44. Anita gets to pick a prize because she was
- A. good.
  - B. healthy.
  - C. bad.
45. Anita's mother was MOST LIKELY \_\_\_\_\_ with the way Anita acted for the doctor.
- A. upset

- B. happy
- C. sad

46. The opposite of before is

- A. up.
- B. on.
- C. after.

47. Anita gets to pick a prize out of

- A. a box.
- B. a bag.
- C. the doctor's pocket.

## Ann Strings Beads

Ann loves beads. She wants to make a necklace of beads. Ann will put beads on a string to make her necklace. She will use blue and red beads. Blue and red are her favorite colors.

When she has finished, she will tie a knot in the string so the beads won't come off. Then Ann will wear her necklace and show her friends. When she puts it on, it will look great!

48. The word finished comes from the word
- A. finish.
  - B. finishes.
  - C. finishing.
49. Why does Ann tie a knot in the string?
- A. to make it pretty
  - B. to keep the beads on
  - C. it was a mistake
50. What does Ann love?
- A. string
  - B. beads
  - C. knots
51. Ann wants to make a
- A. bead.
  - B. knot.
  - C. necklace.
52. What will Ann do last?
- A. tie a knot

- B. show her friends
- C. put on her necklace

### **Baby-Sitting**

Robert's parents were painting his room. Robert wanted to help. His father said, "Robert, you can help by watching the baby."

"I want to do real work," Robert said.

"It's real work to watch Lisa," said his mother.

So Robert watched Lisa. She liked to paint. She put her foot in a can of paint. Robert reached her just in time. He carried her to the bathtub. She poured out all the bubble bath. She tried to eat the bar of soap. Robert took her out of there. She ran right back to the paint.

"You were right, Mom," Robert said when his room was done.

"Watching Lisa is real work!"

- 53. Lisa poured out all the bubble bath while she was being watched by her
  - A. father.
  - B. mother.
  - C. brother.
  
- 54. Which word can be made into two words?
  - A. bathtub
  - B. watched
  - C. paint
  
- 55. This story probably was taken from a book
  - A. of fairy tales.
  - B. about how to be a good parent.
  - C. of stories that could happen.
  
- 56. This story is mostly about
  - A. painting Robert's room.
  - B. bathing the baby.
  - C. watching Lisa.

57. What did Lisa do with the bar of soap?
- A. She tried to eat it.
  - B. She washed with it.
  - C. She put it in a can of paint.

## Baking Cookies

The children wanted to surprise Dad. They decided to bake cookies after lunch. They got the cookie mix off the shelf. Then they put the dough in a pan. They put the pan in the oven. Then they went outside to play. They forgot the cookies!

58. What will probably happen next?
- A. The cookies will burn.
  - B. Dad will come home early.
  - C. The cookies will be cooked just right.
59. The children went outside to play
- A. after they put the dough in a pan.
  - B. while the cookies were baking.
  - C. after they forgot about the cookies.
60. The passage mostly takes place in a
- A. kitchen.
  - B. school lunchroom.
  - C. restaurant.
61. The children decided to bake cookies
- A. when they put the cookie dough in the oven.
  - B. to surprise Dad.
  - C. when they went outside to play.

### Bill Makes Lunch

"Mom," Bill said. "Can I make our lunch?"

"That would be delightful," said Bill's mother. "I will sit at the table in case you need help."

Bill got two plates. He put a slice of bread on each plate. Then he put the cheese on the bread.

"What else can we eat?" Bill asked.

"Some fruit would be delicious," his mother said. Bill thought apples tasted good, too. So he washed two apples. He put an apple on each plate.

Then Bill poured milk in two glasses. And he got them each a napkin. He gave his mother a yellow napkin and he took a blue one.

"Lunch is ready!" Bill said. He put the plates on the table.

"This looks good, Bill!" said Bill's mother. "You are a very good cook!"

62. What is the story about?
- A. Bill makes lunch.
  - B. Bill learns to like apples.
  - C. Bill's mother eats lunch.
63. At the end of the story, how does Bill most likely feel?
- A. proud
  - B. sad
  - C. full
64. Which of these things happened last?
- A. Bill poured the milk.
  - B. Bill's mother sat down at the table.
  - C. Bill got two napkins.
65. Which small word can be found in the word washed?
- A. washing



- B. wash
- C. washes

66. Which of these things happened first?
- A. Bill put cheese on the bread.
  - B. Bill poured the milk.
  - C. Bill got two plates.
67. What will most likely happen next in this story?
- A. Bill will wash dishes.
  - B. Bill and Mom will eat lunch.
  - C. Bill will go out to play.
68. What color napkin did Bill use?
- A. yellow
  - B. blue
  - C. white
69. While Bill made lunch, his mother
- A. ate an apple.
  - B. got the napkins.
  - C. sat at the table.
70. The story makes us think Bill might like
- A. to go out and play.
  - B. oranges and grapes.
  - C. to make lunch again.
71. Which is NOT true?
- A. Bill made lunch for his mother.
  - B. Bill's mother poured the milk.
  - C. Bill put cheese on the bread.

## **Bird's Nest**

A bird built a nest in the loft of a barn. Every day the bird gathered sticks and grass from the ground. Every day the nest got bigger. Sometimes the bird sang a song when he worked. One day the bird did not leave the nest. It sat on the nest for a very long time. The bird warmed two blue eggs. All of a sudden the eggs cracked and two baby robins appeared.

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72. The bird sat on the nest to
- A. sing songs.
  - B. build a nest.
  - C. warm eggs.
73. The bird worked on the nest
- A. every day.
  - B. once a week.
  - C. once a month.
74. When the bird worked, she sometimes
- A. got a drink.
  - B. ate a worm.
  - C. sang a song.
75. The nest is in a
- A. tree.
  - B. barn.
  - C. bush.
76. The animal in the story is a
- A. cat.
  - B. bird.
  - C. dog.

77. Every day the bird gathered sticks and  
A. flowers.  
B. grass.  
C. stones.
78. Which color were the bird's eggs?  
A. blue  
B. white  
C. brown
79. How many babies were in the nest?  
A. two  
B. three  
C. four
80. Every day the nest got  
A. bigger.  
B. smaller.  
C. newer.
81. The bird made a nest to  
A. play in.  
B. hide in.  
C. put eggs in.
82. The word biggest has a smaller word in it. Which word below has the same small word in it?  
A. eggs  
B. bigger  
C. cracked

## Birdhouses

The carpenter makes beautiful birdhouses. First, he cuts the wood with a saw. He uses sandpaper to make the wood smooth. Next, he nails the wood boards together with his hammer. He picks out a pretty blue paint to color the house. He moves his paintbrush back and forth to cover the wood. He lets the birdhouse dry overnight. The last thing he does is glue on a hook to hang the birdhouse on a tree.

83. How many word parts are in the word paintbrush?
- A. 1
  - B. 2
  - C. 3

## Bonnie and Rocky

Bonnie got a little brown puppy for her birthday. She named it Rocky. She loved him very much. She taught him to do many tricks. She taught him to come when she whistled. She taught him to roll over. She also taught him to shake hands.

Bonnie was worried about Rocky. She could not teach Rocky to come when his name was called.

One day Bonnie and Rocky were playing on the lawn. Rocky was doing his tricks. He rolled over, then he shook hands. Suddenly, the dog saw a squirrel going up a tree. Rocky ran toward the squirrel. Bonnie jumped up and whistled.

84. Why did Bonnie whistle at the end of the story?
- A. She wanted the squirrel to run away.
  - B. She was happy and felt good about whistling.
  - C. She had trained Rocky to come when she whistled.

## Buying Drinks

Gina and Marcus cleaned their playroom. It was hard work and they were thirsty when they finished. They walked to the store. They wanted to buy cold drinks. Gina bought an orange drink. Marcus looked for a grape drink. The grape drinks were gone. Marcus got an orange drink too. The drinks were cold and sweet and tasted good after their hard work.

85. Gina and Marcus wanted drinks because they were thirsty from
- A. doing homework.
  - B. playing outside.
  - C. cleaning their playroom.
86. This story is about
- A. buying drinks.
  - B. having a friend.
  - C. walking to a store.
87. Marcus got an orange drink because
- A. the orange was colder than the grape.
  - B. the store was out of grape.
  - C. he changed his mind.
88. What kind of drink did Gina get?
- A. grape
  - B. apple
  - C. orange
89. What kind of drink did Marcus want?
- A. grape
  - B. apple
  - C. orange
90. Which word can be made into two different words?
- A. finished

- B. playroom
- C. orange

### **Cindy Goes to the Beach**

"For our vacation, we are going to the beach," said Cindy's father. "Would you like to invite a friend to go, too?"

"I want to ask my friend Sue," said Cindy. "What will we do at the beach?"

"We can swim in the water," said her father. "We can play in the sand. We can gather sea shells and rocks. Then we can put them in baskets."

"Will we drive the car to the beach?" Cindy asked her father.

"Yes," he said. "We will get to the beach in time for lunch."

"Then we can have a picnic on the beach," said Cindy. "Sue and I will pack a picnic lunch!"

"That will be fun!" said Cindy's father.

91. What is this story mostly about?
- A. swimming at the beach
  - B. what Cindy will do on vacation
  - C. friendship between Cindy and Sue

## Cocoa

For my seventh birthday, I got a puppy as a surprise. I was so excited! My Mom and Dad gave him to me. I loved him the moment I saw him. I decided to name him Cocoa because he was brown. One day, Cocoa and I were playing outside. I went inside to get Cocoa a treat, and when I came back Cocoa was gone! I couldn't find him. I was so scared. I ran inside and told my Mom. She smiled and told me to look in the kitchen. There was Cocoa. He had followed me inside! I was so happy to see Cocoa, and Cocoa was happy to get his treat.

92. When the boy got the puppy he was
  - A. sad.
  - B. angry.
  - C. surprised.
  
93. When the boy saw the puppy, he
  - A. loved him.
  - B. did not like him.
  - C. gave him away.
  
94. Which color was Cocoa?
  - A. white
  - B. brown
  - C. black
  
95. Which word can be made into two words?
  - A. outside
  - B. moment
  - C. surprise
  
96. Who gave Cocoa to the boy in the story?
  - A. Grandma
  - B. Uncle Bill
  - C. Mom and Dad



97. The boy thought Cocoa was lost. Where did the boy find him?
- A. in the kitchen
  - B. in the backyard
  - C. in the living room
98. How old was the boy when he got Cocoa?
- A. 5
  - B. 6
  - C. 7
99. The word couldn't means
- A. cannot.
  - B. did not.
  - C. could not.

**Colors**  
*by Denise Stallcup*

Red is

big smiles,  
stop lights,  
cherries,  
my bike.

Black is

my skin,  
my cat,  
my father's  
hat.

Blue is

oceans,  
spring skies,  
blueberry  
pies.

Green is

things  
that grow,  
the light  
for "Go!"

Colors fit

For a queen,  
Red and black,  
Blue and green.

100. Which word can be made into two words?
- A. follows
  - B. blueberry
  - C. oceans
101. This piece of writing is about
- A. the colors of things.
  - B. things a boy owns.
  - C. what colors a queen wears.
102. In this piece of writing, the word fit means
- A. good enough.
  - B. ordered.
  - C. the right size.
103. The word banana is not used because a banana is
- A. a fruit.
  - B. something that grows.
  - C. yellow.
104. The colors in this piece of writing are
- A. black, red, yellow, and green.
  - B. blueberry, red, black, and green.
  - C. red, green, blue, and black.
105. In this piece of writing, how many things are black?
- A. one
  - B. two
  - C. three
106. What things in "Colors" are red?
- A. cherries, smiles, stop lights, and a bike
  - B. a queen, smiles, a pie, and oceans
  - C. smiles, skies, cherries, and a cat

## **Crayons**

Crayons are made of wax and color. The wax is heated in pots. Then it is mixed with colors. The melted wax is poured into molds. The molds are the shape of crayons. When the wax cools, it gets hard. The hard crayons are sorted by color. Next, each crayon is wrapped in paper. The paper has the name of the color on it. Finally, boxes are filled with crayons of different colors.

107. The crayons are shaped in
- A. pots.
  - B. molds.
  - C. boxes.

Dear Ann,

How are you? Has it been raining there? I hope you had good weather for your picnic.

Your friend,  
Alice

108. Where did Ann go?

- A. on a picnic
- B. to a party
- C. for a ride

109. Who is writing to Ann?

- A. Jim
- B. Sara
- C. Alice

Dear Becky,

I would love to come and see your new baby sister!

Please let me know when I can visit.

Your friend,

Anna

110. Why does Anna want to visit Becky?
- A. to see Becky's sister
  - B. to talk to Becky's mom
  - C. to play with Becky's toys
111. The word that means the opposite of new is
- A. old.
  - B. big.
  - C. bad.
112. Becky has a new
- A. sister.
  - B. puppy.
  - C. brother.
113. How does Anna feel about visiting Becky?
- A. angry
  - B. happy
  - C. scared

Dear Hannah,

We loved having you stay with us. It was fun going to the zoo.  
Please come back and visit again soon!

Love,  
The Allens

114. Who did Hannah visit?
- A. the Allens
  - B. the Smiths
  - C. the Hansens
115. A word that means the opposite of stay is
- A. go.
  - B. play.
  - C. again.
116. Who wrote this passage?
- A. Hannah
  - B. the Allens
  - C. Hannah's mother
117. When Hannah visited, they went to the
- A. zoo.
  - B. park.
  - C. circus.
118. How would the Allens feel if Hannah came to visit again?
- A. sad
  - B. angry
  - C. happy

Dear Jack,

Thank you for the birthday present. I love the new soccer ball. My dad and I played with it all weekend.

Your friend,  
Jill

119. Jill and her dad

- A. wrote letters.
- B. had birthdays.
- C. played with a ball.

120. The word played comes from the word

- A. play.
- B. lay.
- C. ed.



Dear Laura,

Happy Birthday! I hope you had a great day. I'm sorry I could not come to your birthday party.

Your friend,

Jason

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121. Who had a birthday?
  - A. Peter
  - B. Laura
  - C. Jason
  
122. Which word is made up of two words?
  - A. party
  - B. happy
  - C. birthday
  
123. Jason had to miss the
  - A. school play.
  - B. camping trip.
  - C. birthday party.

Dear Stacey,

Thank you for bringing us cookies last week. We ate them all right away!

Your friend,

Katie

124. Which word has the same ending sound as right?
- A. rice
  - B. root
  - C. light
125. Bringing comes from the word
- A. ing.
  - B. bring.
  - C. brought.
126. When did Stacey bring cookies?
- A. last week
  - B. yesterday
  - C. last month
127. Fill in the blank in this sentence. Katie \_\_\_\_\_ the cookies.
- A. ate
  - B. saved
  - C. made

## Felix

My pet snake is named Felix. I found him in the grass in my backyard. He is green with small black dots on his back. Dad makes me keep the lid on the glass tank. Mom says Felix is a very neat pet. I think Felix is super!

128. Where was Felix found?
- A. in a glass tank
  - B. in the backyard
  - C. in the house
129. Felix is a
- A. snake.
  - B. little boy.
  - C. little boy's dad.
130. The boy keeps the lid on Felix's tank to keep
- A. bugs out.
  - B. Felix in.
  - C. it dark.
131. This story is about
- A. Mom.
  - B. Dad.
  - C. Felix.
132. The word super means
- A. good.
  - B. bad.
  - C. scary.

## Fireman

When there is a fire, a fireman must act quickly. First, he must attach the hose to the fire hydrant. Next, he unhooks the ladder from the fire truck. He puts on his mask to protect himself from the smoke. The fireman climbs the ladder to a window. He turns on the hose and pumps the water on the fire. After the fire is out, the fireman goes back to the station. He hangs the hoses up to dry. His last job is to clean the fire truck.

133. The fireman needs a \_\_\_\_\_ to protect himself from the smoke.
- A. hose
  - B. mask
  - C. ladder

### **First Day of School**

The first day of school is always new and exciting for Tasha. Tasha gets to use her new backpack and lunch box. In the morning, Tasha waits under the apple tree for the school bus to pick her up. At school, she meets her new teacher and friends. Tasha's classroom even has a pet hamster to play with.

134. Tasha likes the first day of school. She gets to use a new
- A. schoolbook.
  - B. lunch box.
  - C. pair of shoes.
135. The word that means something is not new is
- A. under.
  - B. pet.
  - C. old.
136. Who does Tasha meet at school?
- A. the bus driver
  - B. her new teacher
  - C. her grandfather
137. What kind of pet is in Tasha's classroom?
- A. puppy
  - B. rabbit
  - C. hamster
138. Where does Tasha wait for the school bus each morning?
- A. beside a streetlight
  - B. under an apple tree
  - C. in front of her house

139. Tasha thinks the first day of school is
- A. hard.
  - B. exciting.
  - C. funny.
140. Which small word can be found in the word meets?
- A. meet
  - B. met
  - C. meeting
141. Which word can be made into two smaller words?
- A. backpack
  - B. always
  - C. apple

### Getting Ready

Laurie and Kim were so excited! They ran and got out their sweaters. They ran out the front door of their house and went into the garage. Two rakes were hanging on the wall. They grabbed the rakes and went out into their yard. This was going to be fun!

142. What do the girls find in the garage?
- A. cats
  - B. rakes
  - C. cars
143. The word that means the opposite of the word front is
- A. top.
  - B. bottom.
  - C. back.
144. Laurie and Kim were going to wear
- A. sweaters.
  - B. hats.
  - C. raincoats.
145. Laurie and Kim were having a
- A. boring time.
  - B. fight.
  - C. fun time.
146. From the story you know that Laurie and Kim
- A. live in the same house.
  - B. are friends.
  - C. are strangers.

147. The story probably happens in the
- A. fall.
  - B. spring.
  - C. summer.

### **Going to the Ocean**

Today Tony and his friends are going to the ocean. They will look for seashells and listen to the waves. They will make big sand castles. They will play in the salty water. They will bury their toes in the wet sand. Tony and his friends will have a fun day.

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148. Tony and his friends will listen to
- A. the birds.
  - B. each other.
  - C. the waves.
149. What will Tony and his friends look for at the ocean?
- A. waves
  - B. sand castles
  - C. seashells
150. Tony and his friends are going to the
- A. park.
  - B. ocean.
  - C. school.
151. Tony and his friends will play
- A. at the park.
  - B. in the water.
  - C. in his room.
152. What will Tony and his friends bury in the sand?
- A. their toes
  - B. their hands



C. a surprise

153. Which word can be made into two words?

A. salty

B. seashells

C. listen

154. Which smaller word can be found in the word going?

A. go

B. goes

C. went

## Great Gram

Great Gram says things were different when she was a child. People kept food cold in a box with a big block of ice in it. The iceman brought the ice in a wagon pulled by a horse. Gram and her mother made butter and cheese. They took it to town in a horse and buggy. They went from house to house to sell it. They had to cook on a stove with a fire inside it—even in the summer. Things sure were different back then.

155. The wagon was
- A. pushed by the iceman.
  - B. pulled by a horse.
  - C. filled by Gram.
156. How did the iceman bring the ice?
- A. in a wagon
  - B. on a horse
  - C. in a truck
157. Which word from the story can be made into two different words?
- A. wagon
  - B. brought
  - C. iceman
158. Gram used a stove with a fire inside it
- A. only in the summer.
  - B. all year but summer.
  - C. all year long.
159. Gram and her mother sold butter and cheese
- A. in the supermarket.
  - B. from house to house.

C. from their own house.

160. How did Gram ride?

A. in a wagon

B. on a horse

C. in a buggy

### Haunted House

Annie and Rosa were walking home. It was just getting dark. They got to the big, gray house. They always hated walking by that house. It was old and empty. It had many broken windows. Everyone said it was haunted.

As they went by, they heard a strange noise. It sounded like a baby crying. They stopped and looked around but couldn't see anyone. The noise was coming from the house!

Rosa was very brave. She walked all the way up to the house. Suddenly Rosa began to laugh. She pointed to the roof and said, "Look, Annie, there's our ghost!"

Annie looked. The noise was coming from a scared little kitten. The kitten was stuck on the roof. "Sometimes things are not what they seem," Annie said.

161. What is this story about?

A. how sometimes things are not as they seem

B. how Annie and Rosa always hated walking by that house

C. how Rosa was very brave

162. When did this story take place?

A. early morning

B. noon time

C. late afternoon

163. What caused the strange noise?

A. a baby

B. a kitten

C. the wind

164. The word couldn't means
- A. could.
  - B. didn't.
  - C. could not.
165. The word crying comes from the word
- A. cry.
  - B. ing.
  - C. cried.
166. The windows of the house were
- A. broken.
  - B. open.
  - C. closed.
167. The old house was
- A. little.
  - B. full.
  - C. empty.
168. What kind of person is Rosa?
- A. sad
  - B. tired
  - C. brave

## Holidays

Connor is excited because Christmas is coming soon.

"I can't wait for Christmas," he says to Min. "Every year we put up a Christmas tree and open presents."

"We do not celebrate Christmas," says Min, "but our Chinese New Year is lots of fun."

Ricky listens to them, then says, "I do not know about those holidays, but I do know about Hanukkah. That is what my family celebrates every year in December."

"We celebrate Christmas," Carla says, "but we also celebrate a holiday called Kwanzaa."

"We celebrate Christmas, too," says Juan, "but my favorite holiday is Guadalupe Day."

"Wow," says Connor, "I never knew there were so many holidays!"

169. Carla celebrates
- A. Kwanzaa.
  - B. Hanukkah.
  - C. Chinese New Year.
170. The word can't means
- A. can.
  - B. don't.
  - C. cannot.
171. How are the children alike?

- A. They all have special holidays.
- B. They all get toys in December.
- C. None of them know about Hanukkah.

## Hummingbird

A hummingbird comes from eggs. A hummingbird egg is the size of a jelly bean. A hummingbird is born in a nest. The nest is the size of a walnut. A baby hummingbird is the size of a bee. When fully grown, a hummingbird is two inches long. It is as light as a penny. It is so light that it can stand on a blade of grass. The grass hardly bends!

172. A hummingbird comes from
- A. a jelly bean.
  - B. walnut.
  - C. an egg.
173. Which word can be made into two different words?
- A. hummingbird
  - B. jelly
  - C. inches
174. This story probably was written from a
- A. book of fairy tales.
  - B. book of poems.
  - C. bird book.
175. What is the main idea of this story?
- A. Everything about the hummingbird is small.
  - B. A baby hummingbird is the size of a jelly bean.
  - C. Hummingbirds are good flyers.

**Jack Be Nimble**  
Jack be nimble,  
Jack be quick,  
Jack jumped over  
The candlestick.

176. Which word can be made into two words?
- A. over
  - B. nimble
  - C. candlestick
177. Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word over?
- A. in
  - B. on
  - C. under
178. Who jumped over the candlestick?
- A. Jill
  - B. Jack
  - C. Nimble

## James and the Bicycle

James wanted a bicycle more than anything else in the world. He knew he would have to earn the money to buy it. His mother and father did not have the money to buy one for him.

One morning James tried to find a job. He walked past the corner gas station. He saw a big pile of oil cans in the parking lot behind the station. Mr. Brown owned the gas station. He found Mr. Brown greasing a car.

James asked, "May I clean up the cans behind your station?"

"You may, young man," answered Mr. Brown. "I have been worried about that lot. It is a mess."

After hours of hard work, James finished. Mr. Brown went out to see if James had done a good job. Then he paid James for his work. He smiled and said, "James, I want you to come back every Saturday. From now on you can keep that lot clean."

James smiled. "Great! Thanks, Mr. Brown. Now I can earn money for a new bicycle."

179. What did James find in a pile in the parking lot?

- A. cans
- B. rocks
- C. sticks

180. How long did James work that first day?

- A. a few minutes
- B. a few hours
- C. until midnight

181. Why did James stop to see Mr. Brown about a job?



- A. He wanted to waste time.
- B. He wanted to earn money.
- C. His mother sent him to the store.

### **Jesse's Picture**

Jesse is going to get his picture taken. He puts on his blue shirt with buttons. He combs his hair. He practices smiling in the mirror. He wears his new shoes that click as he walks. The photographer tells Jesse to say "Cheese!" Jesse makes a funny face.

182. What does the photographer tell Jesse to say?
- A. "Hello!"
  - B. "Cheese!"
  - C. "Hurray!"
183. This story is mostly about Jesse
- A. getting his picture taken.
  - B. buying a new shirt.
  - C. eating some cheese.
184. Jesse's new shoes
- A. squeak.
  - B. crunch.
  - C. click.
185. What does Jesse do LAST in the story?
- A. He combs his hair.
  - B. He makes a funny face.
  - C. He puts on his shirt.

## Let's Go on a Hike

Have you ever been on a hike? A hike is a long walk. Sometimes a hike is in a park or a forest.

On a hike you may be distant from other people. So be sure you are safe. First, you should always take an adult with you. You should have a map that tells you where you are going. The map should tell you how far you will be hiking.

You should wear good shoes. You should take plenty of water to drink. And you should tell other people that you are going on the hike. That way, they can watch for you. They can make sure you are safe.

Hikes are fun! But safe hikes are the most fun of all.

186. You should bring water
- A. to give to plants.
  - B. to wash your face.
  - C. for you to drink.
187. The story makes hikes sound like they are
- A. not very much fun.
  - B. only for adults.
  - C. fun if you are safe.
188. Which word means the opposite of plenty?
- A. a lot
  - B. a cup
  - C. a little

189. Take an adult with you on a hike to
- A. be safe.
  - B. show you rocks.
  - C. have fun.
190. This story is about
- A. why maps are important.
  - B. where to take a hike.
  - C. safe ways to take a hike.
191. Tell other people you are going on a hike
- A. so they can come too.
  - B. to be safe.
  - C. so they can carry water.
192. Which of these is NOT true?
- A. You should take a map on your hike.
  - B. You should go alone.
  - C. Your map should tell you where you are.
193. What word does the word hiking come from?
- A. hike
  - B. hikes
  - C. hiked

### **Meg at the Zoo**

Meg and her family have been at the zoo all day. They saw almost every animal there. They saw the monkeys first, then the bears. Those were Meg's favorite. They saw giraffes and zebras, elephants and eagles, foxes and otters. They even saw some bats! The only animal they didn't see was the rhinoceros. His pen is on the other side of the zoo. Meg has a sore on her foot from walking so much. Meg's baby brother is starting to cry and rub his eyes. Meg's father and mother are yawning.

194. What animals did Meg like best?
- A. foxes and otters
  - B. elephants and bats
  - C. monkeys and bears
195. Which sentence about Meg's brother is true?
- A. He is crying.
  - B. He is yawning.
  - C. He has a sore.
196. Meg and her family did NOT see the
- A. rhinoceros.
  - B. otters.
  - C. bats.
197. Everyone in Meg's family
- A. wants to see the rhinoceros.
  - B. is starting to cry and rub their eyes.
  - C. is tired from being out all day.

198. Where will Meg and her family most likely go next?
- A. back home
  - B. to a restaurant
  - C. to see the rhinoceros

### **Mother Kangaroo**

A mother kangaroo carries her babies in her pouch. A baby kangaroo is called a joey. A joey is very tiny when it is born—only about the size of a jelly bean. The tiny joey remains in its mother's pouch where it drinks milk and grows stronger for six months. When the joey leaves the pouch, it has to be able to keep up with mom and the mob. Kangaroos live in groups called mobs. Kangaroos can hop as fast as forty miles per hour so it is not always easy to keep up with the mob! Tired and hungry joeys often hop headfirst back into mom's pouch for a snack, a nap, or a ride.

199. Which of these is NOT true?
- A. Joeys are very large when they are born.
  - B. Baby kangaroos are called joeys.
  - C. Kangaroos can hop forty miles per hour.
200. When the tired joey returns to mom's pouch, he probably feels
- A. ready to play.
  - B. too old to return to his mother.
  - C. glad to take a rest.
201. Which of the following happens FIRST?
- A. The joey leaves the pouch.
  - B. A joey is born.
  - C. The joey runs with the mob.
202. In this story, the word snack means
- A. game.
  - B. meal.
  - C. song.

203. In this story, the word remains means
- A. plays.
  - B. grows.
  - C. stays.
204. Which of the following happens LAST?
- A. The mother kangaroo carries the joey in her pouch.
  - B. The joey learns to keep up with the mob.
  - C. The joey stays in the pouch for the first six months.
205. A joey doesn't usually leave the pouch until
- A. it is six months old.
  - B. it can run faster than its mother.
  - C. a new joey is born.
206. A new baby kangaroo
- A. has to keep up with the mob.
  - B. is only as big as a jelly bean.
  - C. can hop forty miles per hour.
207. What is this story about?
- A. Baby kangaroos need milk and sleep.
  - B. Baby kangaroos are soon too large to live in the pouch.
  - C. A pouch is home to a baby kangaroo.

**My Dog, Pace**  
by Denise Stallcup

I play ball  
With my dog, Pace.  
If I throw,  
He will chase.  
Pace brings the ball  
Back, and then  
He hopes I'll throw  
The ball again!

208. The word brings comes from the word  
A. bring.  
B. bringing.  
C. ring.
209. After he brings the ball back, the dog hopes his owner will  
A. feed him.  
B. take him for a walk.  
C. throw the ball again.
210. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ the ball.  
A. chews  
B. rolls  
C. chases
211. The dog's name is  
A. He.  
B. Pace.

C. Back.

212. What do they play with?  
A. a ball  
B. a stick  
C. a bone

### My Pet Mouse

My pet mouse doesn't bark. He doesn't scratch like a cat. He doesn't eat much. He washes himself every day. Best of all, he fits inside my pocket. He loves to hide in my pocket. He goes everywhere with me.

213. The word doesn't means  
A. does.  
B. does not.  
C. didn't.
214. How often does the mouse get clean?  
A. every day  
B. once a week  
C. once a month
215. What is this story about?  
A. how to take care of a pet mouse  
B. why a mouse is a good pet  
C. why mice are clean
216. The mouse does not eat much because he  
A. does not like his food.  
B. does not get hungry.  
C. is very small.
217. Which sentence about the owner is true?  
A. He hates the mouse.  
B. He is scared of the mouse.



C. He likes the mouse.

218. The mouse in the story is small enough to
- A. bark like a dog.
  - B. scratch like a cat.
  - C. hide in a pocket.

### Our Vacation

Every summer, our family goes on vacation. We always go to the beach. Before we leave for vacation, we get up very early and pack our suitcases in the car. My sister always packs way too many clothes. When everyone is ready to go, we climb into the car and get on the highway. It takes three hours to get to the beach. When we get to the beach, we are so excited. We can hardly wait to feel the sand between our toes. Mom and Dad unpack all of our stuff so that my sister and I can go for a swim. Afterwards, we all go out to dinner for seafood. I love shrimp. During our week at the beach, we go swimming, we go shopping, we visit the aquarium, and we play lots of games. We have so much fun that when it is time to go home, no one wants to leave. Once we are back at home, we miss the beach, but we know we will go back next year.

219. What does the family do before they leave for the beach?
- A. eat dinner
  - B. pack the car
  - C. watch television

## Peanuts

A peanut is not a nut at all. It is a member of the pea family. Peanuts need a warm place to grow. The peanut plant dies if there is a frost. Loose, sandy soil is needed to grow peanuts. First the plant grows to about two feet high. Then the stem bends over. Little seeds that look like nuts drop into the ground. These seeds ripen under the soil. The seeds become peanuts.

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220. A peanut is a member of the
- A. flower family.
  - B. nut family.
  - C. pea family.
221. What is this story mostly about?
- A. peanuts
  - B. peas
  - C. soil
222. The peanut plant dies if
- A. it gets warm.
  - B. the stem bends over.
  - C. there is frost.
223. How tall does the peanut plant grow?
- A. two feet
  - B. two inches
  - C. three feet
224. The seeds drop to the ground
- A. before the plant is ready.

- B. when the stem bends over.
- C. after they have become peanuts.

## Picnic

The Scott family was at Thorn Park. They were having a big picnic. Aunts, uncles, and cousins were there. Everybody was happy to see each other.

Henry wanted to play ball with Pete. Some of the little children wanted to play, too.

"Why don't just you and I play?" said Henry. "We can have more fun without a bunch of little kids. They're no fun."

"Let's play with them for a while," said Pete. "Then our folks will have some time to talk to each other. After a while our folks can watch the little kids. Then you and I can play ball together."

- 225. The story took place in a
  - A. home.
  - B. park.
  - C. school.
  
- 226. The family was having a
  - A. birthday party.
  - B. picnic.
  - C. field trip.
  
- 227. What kind of person is Pete in this story?
  - A. kind
  - B. selfish
  - C. lonely
  
- 228. What kind of person is Henry in this story?
  - A. shy
  - B. selfish

C. caring

229. The word they're means

A. they.

B. there.

C. they are.

### Piñatas

Have you ever seen a piñata? Piñatas are made from many things. They are made from boxes, bags, and paper. They are always colorful. They are usually in the shape of an animal. You might see a green horse, a red donkey, or a blue elephant. The best part about piñatas is that they are filled with candy and toys.

The first piñata was made in the country of Spain. The piñata game is over four hundred years old. Children from all around the world like to play with piñatas.

When children hit a piñata with a stick, it breaks open. Children wear blindfolds when trying to hit the piñata. This makes the game even more fun. When the piñata breaks open, children can gather up the candy to eat and the toys to play with.

The piñata game is always fun to play!

230. What do you need to break open a piñata?

A. a hammer

B. a box

C. a stick

231. The first piñata was made in

A. Spain.

B. Mexico.

C. America.

232. The author thinks the piñata game is

- A. boring.
- B. fun.
- C. hard.

233. What does the author think is BEST about piñatas?
- A. They are filled with candy and toys.
  - B. You can hit them with a stick.
  - C. They are usually shaped like an animal.

### **Rabbits**

A rabbit is a small animal. A rabbit has soft fur and a little fluffy tail. A rabbit has long ears and long back legs. It can jump very far. A rabbit can hop very fast.

Rabbits live in holes in the ground. Baby rabbits are called kits. Rabbits eat leaves and flowers.

Sometimes children have rabbits as pets. You can buy a pet rabbit at a pet store.

234. This writing is about
- A. rabbits flying.
  - B. ducks and geese.
  - C. what rabbits are like.
235. What are baby rabbits called?
- A. kits
  - B. puppies
  - C. ducklings
236. Where do rabbits live?
- A. in trees
  - B. under ground
  - C. on mountains

### **Raindrops**

The raindrops fall  
drip, drop, drip, drop  
onto the rooftops  
trip, trop, trip, trop  
through the gutters  
swish, swash, swish, swash  
and into a mud puddle  
squish, squash, squish, squash  
where I sit  
criss cross

237. Which word can be made into two words?
- A. drip
  - B. raindrops
  - C. gutters

### Robbie and Ashley

Robbie asked Ashley to help him. He was making a cake. It was their mother's birthday and it was their uncle's birthday. Robbie likes chocolate. Ashley likes lemon. What kind of cake will they make?

238. Which word can be made into two words?

- A. birthday
- B. uncle
- C. chocolate

239.

He was making a cake.

What does making mean?

- A. eating
- B. buying
- C. cooking

240. In this story, the children do not know

- A. which cake to make.
- B. how to make a cake.
- C. how to eat a cake.

241. The story is MOSTLY about

- A. lemon cake being the best kind.
- B. cooking being fun and easy.
- C. children making birthday cakes.

## Running Dogs

The day was hot and sunny. The dogs ran to the lake. They were racing. First the brown dog was winning. Then the gray dog was winning. The dogs ran faster. They jumped into the lake together and went for a swim.

242. What is this story about?
- A. a hot day
  - B. a dog race
  - C. a cool lake
243. The story is happening during the
- A. fall.
  - B. winter.
  - C. summer.
244. Which word means the opposite of first?
- A. win
  - B. race
  - C. last
245. How many dogs were running in this story?
- A. one
  - B. two
  - C. three
246. The word jumped comes from the word
- A. jumps.
  - B. jumping.



C. jump.

### **Sammy and Nip**

Sammy and Nip are two cats. They are friends.

Sammy is a white cat. He is white all over. Nip has black fur, and her paws are gray. Sammy and Nip like to play. One cat hides. The other is the hunter. Sammy likes to hide in the snow. Since Sammy is white, Nip cannot find Sammy in the snow.

Nip likes to hide at night. Nip is black, so Sammy cannot find Nip when it is dark.

When one cat finds the other, both cats howl! They run and race until they are tired. Then they clean their paws. And then they hide and hunt again!

247. What do the cats do first when one cat finds the other?
- A. run
  - B. howl
  - C. hide
248. How are Sammy and Nip the same?
- A. Both are black.
  - B. Both hide in the snow.
  - C. Both are cats.
249. Which of these is NOT true?
- A. Sammy and Nip are sisters.
  - B. Nip has black fur.
  - C. Sammy hides in the snow.

## Seeds that Move

Most plants grow from seeds. Trees grow from seeds, too. But do you know how a seed sprouts in a new place? How do seeds move?

Some seeds fly on the wind. They are small and the wind carries them.

Some seeds stick to animals. They cling to animal fur. The animal goes to a new place. When the seed falls off it has a new home.

And the birds move seeds. They eat seeds. Then they fly to a new place and drop the seeds they ate.

Seeds travel to a new home to grow! The wind, animals, and birds help.

250. Which of these is NOT true?

- A. Seeds fall off animals.
- B. Seeds cannot move.
- C. Birds drop seeds.

251. The wind can carry seeds that are

- A. sticky.
- B. eaten.
- C. small.

252. Seeds move by

- A. wind, animals, and rain.
- B. wind, animals, and birds.
- C. animals, wind, and snow.

253. Animals carry seeds in their

- A. teeth.
- B. fur.

C. ears.

### Shopping

Lunch was over. Mother asked Tom to go to the store. She said, "I need some things to make your favorite cookies." Tom was glad to help. He hurried off.

First he asked for flour. Then he asked for some sugar. Next he told the clerk that he would take three cans of cake icing. "This is a big load. How will I ever get it home?" asked Tom.

"That is easy," said the clerk. "You can use one of these boxes!"

254. This passage is a
- A. fairy tale.
  - B. poem.
  - C. story that could happen.
255. The word boxes comes from the word
- A. box.
  - B. ox.
  - C. oxes.
256. Tom was glad to help his mother because
- A. she asked him to help.
  - B. she was going to make his favorite cookies.
  - C. he liked the clerk at the store.
257. This passage is mostly about
- A. shopping.
  - B. boxes.

C. cookies.

258. What did Tom probably do next?

A. eat the cookies

B. buy some sugar

C. put the food in the box

### **Speak Up!**

*By John Lockyer*

"What's the weather like up there?" asked the spider.

"Speak up!" said the giraffe.

"I can't hear you!"

The spider climbed onto the bird.

"What's the weather like up there?" asked the spider.

"Speak up!" said the giraffe. "I can't hear you!"

The spider and the bird climbed onto the cat.

"What's the weather like up there?" asked the spider.

"Speak up!" said the giraffe. "I can't hear you!"

The spider, the bird, and the cat climbed onto the dog.

"What's the weather like up there?" asked the spider.

"Speak up!" said the giraffe. "I can't hear you!"

259. The tallest animal in this story is the

A. giraffe.

B. dog.

C. spider.

260. The word asked comes from the word

A. as

B. ask

C. asks

261. The word what's means

A. what is.

B. speak up.

C. hats.

262. This story is mostly about a

- A. cat.
- B. bird.
- C. spider.

263. The spider climbs on the bird because he wants to

- A. get a free ride.
- B. be the tallest one.
- C. help the giraffe hear him.

## The Birthday Dog

Maria wanted a dog for her birthday.

"Maybe," her parents said.

"I will take care of the dog and feed it," Maria said.

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On her birthday, Maria woke up early. She heard a noise from downstairs. It sounded like a dog barking. She ran downstairs.

There was a little dog! The dog was white with brown spots. It ran to Maria and licked her hand. Maria was very happy.

"I will name him Spot," she said. "He is the best birthday present ever!"

264. Which word CANNOT be made into two different words?
- A. barking
  - B. birthday
  - C. downstairs

## The Cave

Jody and Chris were best friends. But they were very different. One day they were walking through the woods. They saw a cave. They never had noticed it before. Jody wanted to explore it. Chris said they had better not.

265. This story probably was taken from a book
- A. of fairy tales.
  - B. of stories that could happen.
  - C. that tells how to do things.
266. What is this story about?
- A. how Jody and Chris were best friends
  - B. how people can be different
  - C. how Jody and Chris found a cave
267. What kind of person is Chris in this story?
- A. kind
  - B. careful
  - C. sad

268. This story takes place
- A. in the woods.
  - B. at the beach.
  - C. on a boat.

### **The Dancing Frog**

One summer day, a frog named Fred was sitting on a rock in his pond. He looked across the pond and saw a new frog. This frog was dancing from lily pad to lily pad. He was having a lot of fun all by himself.

Fred left his rock and swam over to meet the dancing frog. "Would you teach me how to dance?" he asked.

Dan, the dancing frog, said he would be glad to teach his new friend how to dance. It was easy!

The two new friends spent the afternoon dancing together all around the pond.

269. The word dancing comes from which smaller word?
- A. dance
  - B. dances
  - C. dancer
270. Where was Fred sitting when he saw the new frog?
- A. on a lily pad
  - B. on a rock



C. in the water

271. This story happens in the  
A. winter.  
B. spring.  
C. summer.
272. In this story, Fred does not know how to  
A. hop.  
B. swim.  
C. dance.
273. What could be real in this story?  
A. a frog talking  
B. a frog with a name  
C. a frog sitting on a rock
274. Who teaches Fred to dance?  
A. Dan  
B. Fred  
C. Mary
275. What tells this story is make-believe?  
A. lily pads  
B. frogs dancing  
C. frogs swimming

**The Horrible Urktar of Or**  
*by Brian Cutting*

Beyond the stars, there is a planet.

And on that planet, there is a house.

And in that house, there is a room.

And in that room, there is a dark, dark cupboard.

And in that dark, dark cupboard, there is the **Horrible Urktar of Or**.

Now, one day, a boy named Tim landed his spaceship on that planet.

He walked across to that house and he went into that room.

He looked in that dark, dark cupboard, and he saw the Horrible Urktar of Or.

"Who are you?" asked Tim.

"I'm the Horrible Urktar of Or, and I'm going to eat you up!"

"You're not going to eat me up," said Tim.

And he ran, as fast as he could, to his spaceship.

276. Which word means the opposite of light?

- A. day
- B. fast
- C. dark

277. The planet that Tim visited is

- A. near the Sun.
- B. beyond the stars.
- C. near the Moon.

278. How does Tim most likely feel when Urktar threatens him?

- A. happy
- B. sad
- C. scared

279. What did Tim ask Urktar?

- A. "Where am I?"
- B. "Who are you?"
- C. "How can I get home?"

280. Tim \_\_\_\_\_ to the house.

- A. ran
- B. walked
- C. jumped

281. What did the Horrible Urktar of Or want to do?

- A. eat Tim up
- B. ride in the spaceship
- C. get out of the cupboard

282. The word fast means

- A. nice.
- B. slow.
- C. quick.

283. The Horrible Urktar of Or is

- A. in a closet.
- B. in a cupboard.

C. under the bed.

284. Where did Tim run?  
A. to his spaceship  
B. to his father  
C. across the street

### The Owl's Eyes

The owl has very big eyes. Its big eyes let in a lot of light. This helps the owl see at night. The owl hunts at night. Most birds hunt for food during the day.

Many birds have one eye on each side of their heads. They look with one eye at a time. The owl's eyes are on the front of its head. It looks with both eyes at the same time.

285. The word helps comes from the word  
A. help.  
B. helper.  
C. helping.
286. The owl's big eyes let in  
A. no light.  
B. a little light.  
C. a lot of light.

## **The Prince and The Boat**

### **Story 1**

A handsome prince was riding his horse in the woods. He saw a dragon. The dragon was chasing a beautiful princess. The prince chased the dragon away. The prince and the princess were then married.

### **Story 2**

Mary was taking a boat ride on a lake. The boat tipped over. Mary could not swim. A young man jumped into the water. He saved her.

287. What is Story 1?
- A. a play
  - B. a fairy tale
  - C. a story that could happen
288. What kind of person was the prince in Story 1?
- A. brave
  - B. lazy
  - C. foolish

289. If Story 2 ends like Story 1, what would happen next in Story 2?
- A. A prince would kill a dragon.
  - B. The young man would become a prince.
  - C. Mary and the young man would get married.
290. The prince first saw the dragon chasing the princess
- A. in the woods.
  - B. in a boat.
  - C. on a lake.
291. Why did the boat in Story 2 tip over?
- A. A bad storm made the water rough.
  - B. A giant dragon made a big splash.
  - C. The story does not say.
292. The prince chased the dragon away because he
- A. did not like the dragon.
  - B. wanted to save the princess.
  - C. wanted to marry the princess.

### **The Storm**

Pat was watching television at home. Outside, the sky began to grow dark. Then there was thunder and lightning and lots of wind. A power line was blown down. The lights in the house went out.

293. What was Pat doing when the lights went out?
- A. watching television
  - B. playing outside
  - C. hiding from the storm

### **The Turtle's House**

The turtle's house is on his back—  
He carries it about.  
He never goes away from home,  
But simply in and out.  
So if he wants to be alone,  
He knows just where to hide.  
In go the legs, the head, the tail—  
The turtle is safe inside!

294. What part of the turtle's body is NOT mentioned?
- A. eyes
  - B. legs
  - C. head



### Three Little Foxes

Three little foxes ran in a race. They were all supposed to follow the track. The track went over a hill. Then it went through a stream. It passed under a bridge and led into the woods.

Two of the foxes followed the rules. They ran on the track from start to finish. The third fox jumped into a fast boat on the stream. The boat took him to the bridge. There he jumped out. Then he ran to the finish line and won the race. The other two foxes came to the finish line much later.

295. How many foxes followed the rules?
- A. 1
  - B. 2
  - C. 3
296. The word jumped comes from which word?
- A. jumps
  - B. jumping
  - C. jump
297. The word that means the opposite of the word under is

- A. in.
- B. down.
- C. over.

298. The foxes were supposed to
- A. jump into the boat.
  - B. run over the bridge.
  - C. follow the track.
299. How many foxes ran in the race?
- A. 2
  - B. 3
  - C. 4
300. What kind of boat is in this story?
- A. fast
  - B. big
  - C. blue
301. A good title for this story would be
- A. "The Fox Race."
  - B. "The Fox Boat."
  - C. "The Two Foxes."

## **Tiger Jane and the Dark Tunnel**

Tiger Jane was Sarah's cat. Sarah called her Tiger Jane because she had orange stripes just like a tiger.

One day Tiger Jane and Sarah went for a walk. They came to a dark tunnel made

of bushes and Sarah ran right through it. Tiger Jane was afraid to go in. It was very dark in there.

Then Sarah called her name and this made Tiger Jane feel brave. She raced through the tunnel to Sarah.

Sarah took Tiger Jane back home to get a snack.

302. The word called comes from what word?

- A. calling
- B. caller
- C. call

303.

"She raced through the tunnel to Sarah."

The word raced means she

- A. moved fast.
- B. moved slow.
- C. was pulled.

304.

"Tiger Jane was Sarah's cat."

In this sentence, the word Sarah's means

- A. Sarah belongs to Tiger Jane.
  - B. Sarah is.
  - C. Tiger Jane belongs to Sarah.
305. The tunnel was made of
- A. bushes.
  - B. rocks.
  - C. dirt.
306. What is the first thing Sarah and Tiger Jane did in the story?
- A. go fishing
  - B. take a walk
  - C. have a snack
307. Who went through the tunnel first?
- A. Sarah
  - B. the bushes
  - C. Tiger Jane
308. Tiger Jane felt brave because of
- A. tigers.
  - B. Sarah.
  - C. the tunnel.
309. How did Tiger Jane feel about the dark tunnel?
- A. sad
  - B. afraid

C. surprised

310. Sarah named her cat Tiger Jane, because she had
- A. orange stripes.
  - B. four feet.
  - C. a long tail.

### **Tom and His Grandfather**

The plane landed at the airport. As the people were getting off the plane, Tom saw his grandfather. He ran as fast as he could to greet him and give him a big hug. Tom was happy to see his grandfather. Tom, his mom and dad, and his grandfather got the bags. Then they took the bus to the parking lot. In the car, Tom told his grandfather he had a surprise for him at home. It had four legs, whiskers, paws, and a pink tongue. Tom and his grandfather both really love animals.

311. Which would be the best title for this passage?
- A. "Picking up Grandfather"
  - B. "Flying on an Airplane"
  - C. "Taking Mom to the Airport"
312. How did Tom feel when he saw his grandfather?
- A. sad
  - B. happy
  - C. surprised

313.

He ran as fast as he could to greet him and give him a big hug.

Which word means the same as fast?

- A. slowly
- B. happily
- C. quickly

### **Tosha**

Tosha is taking a trip on a plane. While she waits in the airport, she looks around. There are so many people, and they are all different! One man has long silver sideburns that hang down below his ears. Another has on a beautiful white hat twisted around his head. There is a woman with a little girl. They are both wearing long, brightly colored dresses that wrap around their waists. A family sits nearby. The little girls wear dresses with aprons and little white hats cover the buns in their hair. They look friendly. Tosha wants to talk to them. Then, one of the little girls smiles at her.

314. How many people are wearing brightly colored dresses?
- A. one
  - B. two
  - C. three
315. The word that means the opposite of the word below is
- A. above.
  - B. inside.
  - C. on.
316. The word colored comes from the word

- A. lore.
- B. colors.
- C. color.

## Trucks

Many kinds of trucks are on the roads. Trucks carry big things from one place to another. Trucks also carry little things. The milk you drink and the car you ride in might both have been carried on a truck!

Big trucks carry rocks so people can make roads. They carry wood so people can build houses.

Some trucks carry food from farms to the city. They carry cows and pigs to the market. Farmers use trucks to help them carry hay to the barn.

The next time you see a truck, think about what is inside. You may be surprised!

317. Trucks help the people in the city by bringing them
- A. cows.
  - B. hay.
  - C. food.
318. This story is about trucks that
- A. carry things.
  - B. break down.

C. can move quickly.

319. The author told us that trucks help build roads because they

A. drive the people to work.

B. carry the road signs.

C. carry the rocks.

320. The author told us that farmers use trucks

A. to carry rocks.

B. to carry hay.

C. to carry milk.

## Two Sisters

My sister and I get along very well. We share a room, and we love to spend time together. We both enjoy playing outside. We really like climbing the monkey bars. My sister likes to swing, but I like the slide. We also like going to school. My sister is in third grade, and I am in first. After school, we both like to have cookies and milk for snack. We also like to listen to music. I am learning to play the piano, and my sister is learning to play the flute. When we grow up, we want to be teachers.

321. This story is about sisters

A. liking each other.

B. playing music.

C. going to school.

322. The word really means

A. should.

B. do not.

C. very much.



323. When do the sisters like cookies and milk?
- A. before school
  - B. for lunch
  - C. after school

### Butterfly

Have you ever seen a beautiful butterfly? You may have seen one on a summer day. The butterfly has large, colorful wings. It has to go through many changes to look that way.

The butterfly begins its life as an egg. Soon the egg opens and a caterpillar crawls out. The caterpillar eats plants and grows quickly. Next the caterpillar makes a hard covering around its body called a chrysalis. While inside, the caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly! When it comes out of the chrysalis, the butterfly opens its wings and flies away.

324. Which happens FIRST?
- A. The caterpillar makes a chrysalis.
  - B. The butterfly flies away.
  - C. The egg opens to let the caterpillar out.
325. How does a caterpillar move?
- A. It flies.
  - B. It crawls.
  - C. It walks.

326. Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word quickly?
- A. slowly
  - B. fast
  - C. tall
327. This passage is
- A. pretend.
  - B. real.
  - C. a poem.
328. According to the passage, which comes FIRST?
- A. butterfly
  - B. caterpillar
  - C. chrysalis
329. This passage is about
- A. animals.
  - B. sea life.
  - C. butterflies.

## Winter

Snow fell one cold winter night. The next morning the children made a snowman. At noon they went home for lunch. While the children were eating, the sun melted the snow, and the snowman turned to water. But in the afternoon, it grew cold again, and the water turned to ice. The next day the children skated on the ice.

330. Which happened FIRST?
- A. Water turned to ice.
  - B. The snow melted.
  - C. Snow fell one night.
331. This story is mostly about
- A. skating.
  - B. winter.
  - C. snowmen.
332. This is mostly about
- A. skating.
  - B. winter.

C. snowmen.

### Water Slide

Twisting and turning  
Down I fly  
Laughing and splashing  
I love the water slide!  
The bright orange tube  
The warm afternoon sky  
Don't forget to wave to Mamma  
As you pass her by!  
Splash!  
I melt into the water  
And hop out of the pool  
"Just one more time, Mamma!"  
I say as I head up the stairs once more.

333. What is the child doing at the beginning?
- A. waving to Mamma
  - B. going down the slide
  - C. hopping out of the pool
334. Which word means the opposite of new?

- A. old
- B. nice
- C. broken

335. What is the child most likely about to do at the end?
- A. go home
  - B. go back down the slide
  - C. splash her friend
336. Which sentence BEST says how the child feels about the water slide?
- A. The child likes it.
  - B. The child does not like it.
  - C. The child loves it.

### **Summer Vacation**

The first thing Paula did on her summer vacation was take a swimming class at the pool. Paula got a medal at the end of her class because she was a good swimmer. Her brother, Max, earned a medal, too. The best part of the class was when the teacher let Paula and Max jump off the diving board. Paula and Max had a great time at their swimming class.

Another thing Paula liked was going to the zoo. She and her family stayed all day and saw all kinds of animals. They saw a show where the seals did lots of tricks. Paula's favorite animals at the zoo were the monkeys and the elephants. Paula and her family had a great summer day at the zoo.

337. What did Paula do FIRST on her summer vacation?
- A. She went to the zoo.
  - B. She took a swimming class.
  - C. She earned a medal.
338. Which animals did lots of tricks?
- A. monkeys
  - B. elephants
  - C. seals
339. Which sentence is true?

- A. Paula liked going to the zoo.
- B. Paula saw a dolphin show.
- C. Paula did not like to dive.

340. This passage is about a girl who

- A. needs a swimming class.
- B. enjoys her summer vacation.
- C. wants to go to the zoo.

341. Which word is made by putting two words together?

- A. swimming
- B. teacher
- C. everybody

342. Which word is the opposite of cool?

- A. cold
- B. warm
- C. sunny

343. What does the word several mean in the sentence?

Several people were watching the game.

- A. one
- B. two
- C. many

Dear Rebecca,

I miss you. Do you like your new home? You are a good friend. I am glad we can write letters. Troy sits next to me now in school. He says hello.

I have a new pet at home. It is a bird. He is named Milo. He likes to sing songs. He eats food from my hands. He sleeps in a cage.

Do you like your new school? When will you come back to visit? Ms. Eduardo says that maybe you will come in the spring. I will be happy if you come.

Write back soon. Come and see Milo!

Your friend,  
Maria

344. What is this about?

- A. life without Troy
- B. life without Rebecca
- C. life without Ms. Eduardo

345. Which word could you add to skate to make a compound word?

skate + \_\_\_\_\_

- A. park
- B. race
- C. board

346. How does Maria feel about Rebecca moving?

- A. sad
- B. mad
- C. happy

347. Which word is made by putting two words together?

- A. morning
- B. afternoon
- C. night

348. Use the correct word to complete the sentence.

The duck \_\_\_\_\_ to its ducklings.

- A. called
- B. call
- C. calling

349. Choose the word that means the opposite of quiet.

A whisper is quiet.

- A. soft
- B. loud
- C. hard

350. Which is the correct word ending for the underlined word?

Last night, Carl play with his new toys.

- A. ed
- B. s
- C. ing



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351. Paula feels
- A. sleepy.
  - B. sad.
  - C. happy.

Dear Mike,

How is school? Mom told me that your school is very hard. She calls it a college. I hope you are doing your homework. Did you make new friends? When I started at my new school I was scared. After a few days it was fun. I made new friends. Are your teachers nice? My teachers are funny.

Bring me a shirt with your school's name on it. I have a shirt for you with my school's name on it. We can trade.

Your brother,  
Blaine

352. To whom is Blaine writing this letter?
- A. his brother
  - B. his mother
  - C. his friend
353. In your reading, which of these words was made by putting two words together?
- A. started
  - B. homework
  - C. teachers

354. What does Blaine want from Mike?
- A. a letter
  - B. a friend
  - C. a shirt

### **Parts of a Tree**

A tree has four parts. The roots are under the ground. The trunk stands tall above the ground. All trees have branches that look like arms coming out from the trunk. Trees also have leaves which grow out of the branches.

355. Which word means more than one?
- A. branch
  - B. trunk
  - C. leaves
356. How many parts does a tree have?
- A. 2
  - B. 3
  - C. 4
357. Which could be another title?
- A. Why Leaves Turn Colors
  - B. Animals That Live in Trees
  - C. A Tree Has Many Parts

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Dear Uncle Ted,

Guess what! I got a new blue bike with green stripes. It can go very fast and it has a horn.

When I come to see you this summer, may I bring my new bike? Dad says it is okay. I will bring a helmet to wear.

I ride the bike to the store with Dad to buy ice cream. After the long ride, the ice cream tastes cold and good. Then we ride home again.

I can't wait to see the farm. Do you have any new animals? Does Goldie the goat still eat everything? I will have to keep my new bike safe from her!

I will write again soon.

Love,  
Emilio

358. What is this passage mostly about?
- A. the goat
  - B. a new bike
  - C. eating ice cream

359. How does Emilio feel about visiting Uncle Ted?
- A. angry
  - B. unhappy
  - C. excited
360. Who wrote this passage?
- A. Goldie
  - B. Emilio
  - C. Uncle Ted
361. What makes up the word can't?
- A. can it
  - B. cannot
  - C. can to

### **Molly and Jessica**

Molly ran home from school. She wanted to tell her dad about her new friend, Jessica. Jessica had just come to Molly's school.

Jessica did not talk like Molly. Jessica used her hands to talk! This way of talking is called sign language. You make signs with your hands. In just one day, Molly learned how to spell her name and how to say "friend" with her hands.

Molly and her class learned new words each day. They learned how to count up to 20. They also learned the ABC's in sign language. They learned that many words can be made with only one sign.

Molly and Jessica became good friends. By the end of the school year, Molly had learned a new way of talking.

362. What did Jessica use to talk?
- A. her mouth
  - B. her hands
  - C. her eyes
363. How did Molly feel about this new way of talking?
- A. sad
  - B. mad
  - C. glad

364. Which is the contraction for did not?
- A. did't
  - B. d'dnot
  - C. didn't
365. What is sign language?
- A. a way of talking with your hands
  - B. words on signs for cars
  - C. writing words
366. Who did Molly tell about her new friend?
- A. her mom
  - B. her dad
  - C. her teacher

### **Jacob's Field Trip**

Jacob's class went to the fire station on a field trip. A firefighter talked to the class about what to do if there was a fire in their home. She told the class how to check a smoke alarm and told them never to play with matches.

The firefighter showed Jacob's class how to crawl out of a building that was filled with smoke. They also learned how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothes caught on fire. Jacob really learned a lot about fire safety.

The firefighter also showed the class the clothes that they wear when they fight a fire. Jacob and his classmates got to sit on the fire truck and see how it works to fight a fire.

Jacob had a great time on his field trip. The firefighter even gave Jacob's class hats, stickers, and pencils. Jacob can't wait to visit the fire station again.

367. Which of these words is a compound word?
- A. matches
  - B. firefighter
  - C. safety

### **Andrew Remembers**

Andrew was getting ready for school. Suddenly he remembered something. "I need to bring three things to school," he thought. "What are those three things?"

The first thing Andrew needed was in the kitchen. What was it? Andrew looked. He saw a cookie. He saw a cake. He saw his lunch. Did he need the cookie or cake? No! He needed his lunch.

The second thing was in his room. What was it? Andrew looked. He saw a bed. He saw a pillow. He saw a school book. Did he need his bed or pillow? No! He needed his school book.

Now Andrew needed one last thing. He needed something for Show and Tell. He saw his dog. He saw his turtle. He saw his seashell. Should he bring his dog or his turtle? No! He should bring his seashell.

Andrew got his lunch, his book, and his seashell. Now he was ready for school.

368. Where did Andrew look for the FIRST thing he needed?

- A. in his room
- B. in the living room
- C. in the kitchen

369. Andrew is
- A. angry.
  - B. careful.
  - C. playful.
370. What time of day does the story take place?
- A. in the morning
  - B. at night
  - C. in the afternoon
371. What is one pet Andrew does NOT have?
- A. dog
  - B. snail
  - C. turtle
372. Which word can be made into two words?
- A. seashell
  - B. cookie
  - C. remembered
373. What is this about?
- A. Andrew's school day
  - B. Andrew coming home from school
  - C. Andrew finding things for school
374. What is this story about?
- A. Andrew's school day
  - B. Andrew coming home from school
  - C. Andrew finding things for school



## Pigs

When you think of a pig, you may think they are dirty. Pigs like to lie in the mud. But pigs are very clean animals. They stay in the mud only when it is hot. The mud keeps them cool.

Some people say that pigs are lazy. But pigs can run quickly on their little feet.

We use pigs for many things. They give us food. Their hair is used in brushes.

375. Which words have the same meaning?

- A. cannot - can't
- B. does - don't
- C. could - won't

376. This story is about

- A. mud.
- B. pigs.
- C. hot weather.

### **Bake Sale**

My friend Judy and I went to our school's bake sale. My mom was selling brownies, and Judy's dad was selling cookies. We loved the smell of the baked goods. All the parents were working very hard to raise money for the library. All the money will help to pay for many new books. I am proud that my mom helped out with the bake sale.

377. Who is selling cookies?
- A. Judy's mom
  - B. Judy's aunt
  - C. Judy's dad
378. What will they buy with the bake sale money?
- A. brownies
  - B. books
  - C. cookies
379. At the end the child is
- A. sad.
  - B. mad.
  - C. happy.

380. This is about a child who
- A. is selling brownies.
  - B. is making money.
  - C. is proud of mom.

### Reading is Everywhere

Reading is not just for books! Reading is one of the best things you can learn to do. Reading will help you go places, learn things, play games, and eat.

You read while you walk, ride a bus, or drive a car. There are signs everywhere telling you which way to go. Reading can even help you find things in stores.

Reading will help you to put a bike or toy together. How many games can you think of that make you read? At a grocery store and a restaurant, you can read to get what you want.

Reading is everywhere!

381. Which word shows more than one of something?
- A. books
  - B. bike
  - C. toy
382. The author says that reading can help you find things
- A. under your bed.
  - B. in stores.
  - C. at the park.

383. What should you read to help you find your way if you are lost?  
A. books  
B. magazines  
C. street signs
384. The author tells us that reading can help you find things  
A. under your bed  
B. in stores  
C. at the park
385. It is important for everyone to learn how to  
A. play a game  
B. ride a bike  
C. read
386. The author tells you that reading will help you  
A. paint your bike  
B. put your bike together  
C. wash your bike
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B. ride a bike.  
C. read.
388. The author says that reading will help you  
A. paint your bike.  
B. put your bike together.  
C. wash your bike.
389. What would you read to help you find your way if you were lost?  
A. books  
B. magazines  
C. street signs
390. The author tells you that reading will help you  
A. paint your bike.

- B. put your bike together.
- C. wash your bike.

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- A. learning to read.
- B. putting your bike together.
- C. reading signs.

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- B. putting your bike together.
- C. reading signs.

394. Which word means more than one?

- A. books
- B. bike
- C. toy

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- B. putting your bike together
- C. reading signs