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MONKEYING AROUND

It was Fred's birthday. Every year on his birthday, Fred goes to the zoo with his uncle.

"Where shall we start this year?" Fred asked his uncle.

"Let's get ice cream," his uncle said. He was Fred's favorite uncle.

"Now what do you say?" Fred's uncle asked him. "Where should we go now?"

"Let's look at the monkeys," Fred said.

Fred went up to a monkey cage. He held his ice cream up to the bars. "Want some, little monkey?" Fred asked.

"Don't tease the monkeys," his uncle said.

"I'm only playing," Fred said.

The monkey came closer. It reached for the ice cream. Fred moved a little closer. Suddenly, the monkey jumped over and took hold of Fred's hand!

"Help!" Fred yelled, dropping his ice cream. "A monkey has me!"

"I told you not to tease them," his uncle said to Fred.

"I will trade you my ice cream for this boy," Fred's uncle said to the monkey. He held his ice cream out to the monkey. The monkey let go of Fred.

"Be glad it didn't hurt you," his uncle said. "Always be nice to animals, Fred."

"I'm sorry," said Fred. "I'll listen next time." He was shaking.

"I know you will," said his uncle. "Now, should we buy some more ice cream?"

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Answer the questions about *MONKEYING AROUND*

1. Why does Fred go to the zoo with his uncle?
   a. It is his uncle's birthday.
   b. It is the monkey's birthday.
   c. It is Fred's birthday.
   d. All of the above.

2. What does Fred do with the monkey?
   a. He pets it.
   b. He teases it.
   c. He scares it.
   d. He grabs it.

3. What does the monkey do to Fred?
   a. It steals his ice cream.
   b. It grabs Fred.
   c. It grabs Fred's favorite uncle.
   d. It does nothing to Fred.

4. How does Fred's uncle make the monkey let go of Fred?
   a. He offers it his ice cream.
   b. He yells at the monkey.
   c. He claps his hands.
   d. He does nothing. Fred lives at the monkey house now.

5. Did Fred learn a lesson about teasing animals? Why do you think so?

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Answers for *MONKEYING AROUND*

1. c
2. b
3. b
4. a
5. Answers will vary.