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Grade 2 Reading Comprehension Worksheet

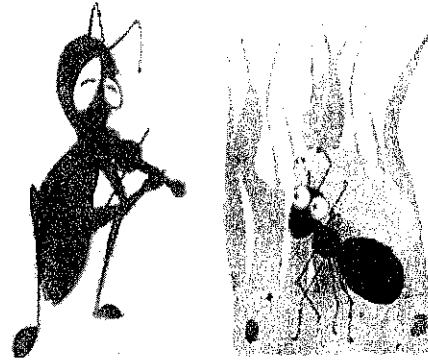
The Ant and the Grasshopper

By Aesop

Read the story below.

In a field one summer's day a Grasshopper was hopping and singing. An Ant passed by, bearing along with great toil an ear of corn. "Why not come and chat with me," said the Grasshopper. "I am helping to lay up food for the winter," said the Ant. "Why bother about winter?"

said the Grasshopper. But the Ant went on its way and continued its toil. When the winter came the Grasshopper had no food and found itself dying of hunger while it saw the ants distributing every day corn and grain from the stores they had collected in the summer. Then the Grasshopper knew: It is best to prepare for days of need.



Answer each question.

1. What was the Grasshopper doing?

2. "Why not come and chat with me." Who said that?

- a. Cat b. Dog c. Grasshopper

3. What did the Ant reply to the Grasshopper?

4. What did happen when the winter came?

5. How did the Ant spend the winter?

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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

A Gardener's Friend

What do ladybugs eat? Their main food is a tiny insect called an aphid. Most gardeners think of aphids as pests. These insects cause harm to plants by sucking out their juices. When people see ladybugs in their gardens, however, they are pleased.



1. Which sentence tells what most likely happens next?

- A. Gardeners will get rid of the ladybugs.
- B. The ladybugs will eat the aphids.
- C. The aphids will attack the ladybugs.

2. In this paragraph the word **pests** must mean

- A. troublemakers.
- B. plants.
- C. helpers.

3. How are ladybugs and aphids different?

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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

A Tale of Tails

Pigs are known for having curly tails. They're so cute! Experts say that you can tell how healthy a pig is by the curl of his tail. A pig with a curly tail is in good health. But a pig with a straight tail is not. Poor pig. A straight tail on a pig is a sign of illness. Farmers should take good care of their pigs so they don't get sick.



1. Write *fact* or *opinion* next to each sentence.

- _____ A. They're so cute!
- _____ B. Experts say that you can tell how healthy a pig is by the curl of its tail.
- _____ C. A straight tail on a pig is a sign of illness.

2. Which **sentence** is most likely true?

- A. Pigs like to wag their tails.
- B. Pigs always get sick.
- C. Farmers check their pigs' tails often.

3. What will a farmer most likely do if a pig's tail is straight?

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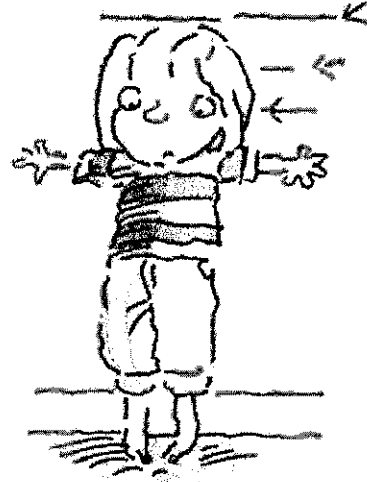
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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

A Mark on the Wall

Anna took off her shoes. She stood straight with her back against the wall. Anna's mother put the ruler on Anna's head and made a little mark on the wall. It was two inches above another mark. Next to the new mark, Anna's mother wrote the date. "Wow!" she said. "No wonder your jeans are too short."



1. Which sentence is most likely true?
 - A. Anna's mother is measuring Anna's head.
 - B. Anna's mother is mad at Anna.
 - C. Anna has grown two inches taller.
2. You can guess that the next mark will be
 - A. the same.
 - B. lower.
 - C. higher.
3. Most likely Anna's mother will
 - A. buy Anna new jeans.
 - B. give Anna old jeans.
 - C. make Anna stop growing.

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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

Meet Mercury

Can you name the planets in our solar system? Mercury is **one** of them. Like the other planets, Mercury moves in a path around the Sun. Mercury travels faster than the other planets. It speeds along at about 107,000 miles an hour. Mercury is the planet closest to the Sun. Its days are very hot, and its nights are very cold. There is no water on Mercury.



1. The main idea of the paragraph is
 - A. the lack of water on Mercury.
 - B. the planets in the solar system.
 - C. what the planet Mercury is like.

2. A detail that tells more about the main idea is
 - A. the speed at which Mercury travels around the Sun.
 - B. the names of the other planets in the solar system.
 - C. how fast other planets in the solar system travel.

3. Write one way that Mercury differs from other planets.

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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

Ellen's Saturday

When Ellen wakes up on Saturday, there is snow on the ground. Ellen races through her breakfast. Then she pulls on a hat, jacket, and gloves. Her boots are not in the closet, so she runs outside in her sneakers. She joins her friends to go sledding.



1. Which sentence tells what most likely happens next?

- A. Ellen's feet will get cold and wet.
- B. Ellen will lose her sled on the hill.
- C. Ellen's friends will take off their boots.

2. You can tell that Ellen loves

- A. breakfast.
- B. snow.
- C. boots.

3. In this paragraph, the word races means

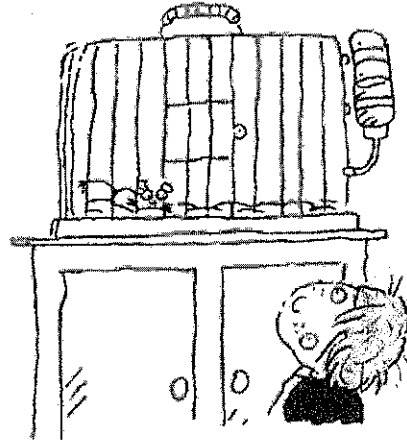
- A. rushes.
- B. drags.
- C. runs.

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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

School Zoo

Many classrooms have pets. This is the best way for students to learn about animals. But classroom pets need a place to go during the summer. In Plano, Texas, the schools have a mini-zoo. Teachers can borrow pets for the school months. When summer comes, they return the pets to the zoo. Schools in other towns should follow this example.



1. Write *fact* or *opinion* next to each sentence.

- _____ A. This is the best way for students to learn about animals.
- _____ B. In Plano, Texas, the schools have a mini-zoo.
- _____ C. Schools in other towns should follow this example.

2. You can guess that

- A. the pets dislike being in the classroom.
- B. there is no school in the summer.
- C. the zoo closes in the summer.

3. In this paragraph, the word **borrow** means

- A. have forever.
- B. have for awhile.
- C. pay money for.

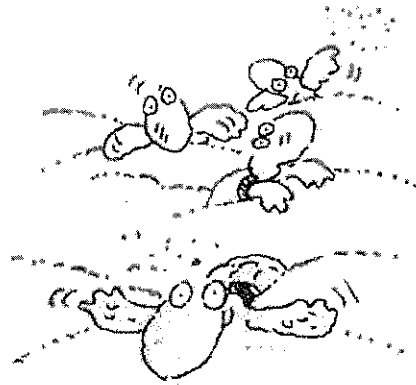
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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

Birds and Turtles

Mother birds lay eggs in nests where they are safe. Little birds hatch from the eggs. They cheep and cheep until their parents bring them food. Turtles lay eggs, too. Mother turtles lay their eggs in the sand where the eggs will be safe. But mother turtles cover the eggs and leave. When it is time, small turtles hatch from the eggs. They dig their way up and learn to find food on their own.



1. How are birds and turtles alike?
 - A. They have hard shells.
 - B. The young hatch from eggs.
 - C. The mothers leave the eggs.
2. How are birds and turtles different?
 - A. Bird parents feed their young.
 - B. They lay eggs in safe places.
 - C. The young need food to eat.
3. In this paragraph, the word **hatch** means
 - A. opening on a roof.
 - B. make a plan.
 - C. come out of.

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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

A Smart Fish



Fred was a very smart fish. He lived in a peaceful river. Nothing much happened there unless people came around.

Then Fred had to be alert.

A yummy worm might mean a trap.

If Fred wasn't careful, he could end up as someone's supper.

He had seen it happen to many careless fish.

1. In this paragraph, the word **alert** must mean

- A. watchful.
- B. careless.
- C. sleepy.

2. You can guess that a worm Fred saw might be

- A. on a fishing pole.
- B. in the ground.
- C. on a water lily.

3. If Fred saw a worm, you can predict he would

- A. eat it quickly.
- B. swim away.
- C. try to save it.

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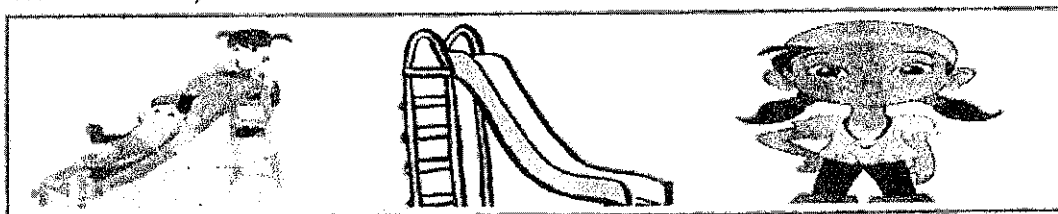
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Polly Helps a Friend

By Susan A. Candela

Read the story below.



Polly pedaled her bicycle as Mother trotted alongside her. They were on their way to the park for outing. Polly's big blue bag was slung over Mother's shoulder. Polly loved the slide; she ran over to the slide. The slide was cold today. On what was maybe her twelfth trip, a sound shot into the air, "Oh, thank you!" "Who said that?" Polly asked, "I did." Polly jumped and spun around. "Thank you for getting off," "My back aches really badly today," answered the silver slide. It was fine when I was young, but I've grown so old and weary. I love the children, especially you Polly, Can you help me, Polly?" I know all I need is a little rest. Polly thought for some time. "I've got it," Polly pulled out a red crayon. She then snatched up a drawing paper. She wrote something on the paper. She tucked and taped and finished. This will work! Polly really had done a good thing. "Mother, why can't I go on the slide?" "You must stay off the slide for a few days son; the sign says, "WET PAINT."

Answer each question.

1. Where were Polly and her Mother going to?

2. On which trip did Polly hear the sound?

- a. Eighth trip b. Tenth trip c. Twelfth trip

3. "Thank you for getting off." Who said that?
a. Grass b. Slide c. Swing
4. What did the slide say to Polly?

5. Did Polly help the slide? How?

6. What did Polly write on the drawing paper?

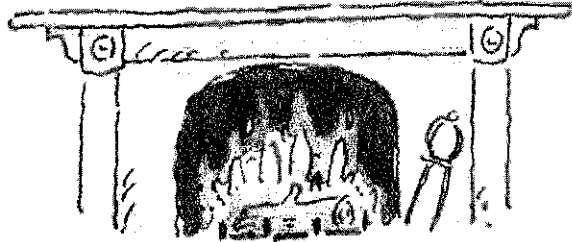
7. Do you go to park with your Mum and Dad?

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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

Rob's Job

The Dells had a big fireplace. On snowy winter days they often lit a fire. Rob's job was to make sure there was plenty of wood to burn. He would take his sled to the woodshed. There he loaded logs onto the sled. Then he would haul the wood back to the house and bring it in to burn.



- In this paragraph, the word **haul** must mean
 - A. chop.
 - B. pull.
 - C. burn.
- The main idea of this paragraph is
 - A. why Rob had a sled.
 - B. snowy winter days.
 - C. getting wood for a fireplace.
- How do you think the Dells feel about their fireplace?
