
SECOND GRADE-READING (READ2_2)

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.

"Maybe," her parents said.

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!"

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1. Maria's parents said, _____ when she asked for a dog.

- A. "No"
- B. "Maybe"
- C. "Yes"

2. Which word from the story is two words put together to make one word?

- A. early
- B. present
- C. downstairs

3. When the dog saw Maria, it

- A. wagged its tail.
- B. licked her face.
- C. licked her hand.

All About John

John was tall and skinny. He was very smart. He played basketball with his friends. He liked baseball too. He did his homework in the afternoon. Then he'd talk with his very tall and skinny parents.

4. John was

- A. tall, skinny, and smart.
- B. short, skinny, and smart.
- C. tall, skinny, and silly.

5. What sport did John play?

- A. softball
- B. basketball
- C. football

6. When did John do his homework?

- A. every morning
- B. every afternoon
- C. every Saturday

7. How are John and his parents alike?

- A. They all do homework.
 - B. They all play basketball.
 - C. They are all tall and skinny.
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Jenny and the Kangaroos

Jenny always took the path through the park on her way home from school.

One afternoon, she heard an odd noise in the bushes at the side of the path.

"Thump! Thump!" She heard it again! The bushes were shaking. It must be something very big, Jenny thought. Jenny froze in the middle of the path.

Just then a large, furry, brown animal hopped onto the path. The strange animal sat on its huge hind legs like a rabbit. But it was much bigger than a rabbit. In fact, it was much bigger than a large dog. The animal held its front paws together as if it were praying or begging. Suddenly another brown, furry animal hopped onto the path. When they saw Jenny, both animals hopped back into the bushes.

The furry creatures reminded Jenny of a picture she had seen in her science book. She raced home and began to hunt through the pages of her science book.

Kangaroo! They were kangaroos!

Jenny ran to tell her mom. But Jenny's mom just laughed and said, "Jenny, kangaroos do not live in the wild here. They only live in Australia, a country very far from here. It must have been your imagination!"

That night when Jenny's mom was reading the paper, she saw the news.

Two kangaroos had escaped from the zoo. Anyone spotting them was asked to call the zoo!

8. In this story the word odd means

- A. loud.
- B. strange.
- C. frightening.

9. In this story, the word spotting means

- A. catching.
- B. meeting.
- C. seeing.

10. In this story, the word escaped means

- A. ran away.
- B. moved.
- C. jumped.

Peter Goes to the Circus

Peter went to the circus. He was very excited. He had waited for a long time to see the circus. He stood in line with his mom and dad. They got their tickets and went inside. Just as they sat down, music started playing. The circus was starting!

First there were lions and tigers that jumped through hoops. They were a little scary. Then there were acrobats on swings high up in the air. After the acrobats, there were funny clowns with red noses. There was even a man riding a big, gray elephant!

Mom liked the acrobats swinging high above the ground. Dad liked the fierce lions and tigers. Peter liked the clowns the best because they made him laugh. They all had a lot of fun at the circus.

11. Peter stood in line with his mom and dad to

- A. get popcorn.
- B. ride the elephant.
- C. buy their tickets.

12. Peter went to the circus with his

- A. class.
- B. friends.
- C. parents.

13. When the circus started, what happened first?

- A. Clowns made people laugh.
- B. A man rode a big, gray elephant.
- C. Lions and tigers jumped through hoops.

The Garden

Katie planted a garden outside. First she dug holes for the seeds. Then she planted the seeds in the ground. She planted corn, beans, and carrots. She covered the seeds with dirt and watered the seeds so they would grow.

Katie watched the places where she had planted seeds. In a few days, she saw little green plants. Her garden was starting to grow! After that, she watered the little plants every day so they would grow into big plants.

14. What was the FIRST thing Katie did to make her garden?

- A. She planted the seeds.
- B. She watered the seeds.
- C. She dug holes for the seeds.

15. What did Katie do right after she dug holes for the seeds?

- A. She watered the seeds.
- B. She covered the seeds with dirt.
- C. She put the seeds in the ground.

16. Katie _____ the plants after they began to grow.

- A. ate
- B. picked
- C. watered

Rita and Rena

Rita and Rena went to town.
One went up,
The other went down.
Each had a list marked "Where to Go."
One was fast,
The other was slow.
Each had a purse with coins inside.
One was thin,
The other was wide.
Each had a bag to hold her stuff.
One was smooth,
The other was rough.
Most contrary sisters I've ever seen!
Rita was nice,
But Rena was mean.

17. Where did Rita and Rena go?

- A. to town
- B. to school
- C. to the park

18.

Most contrary sisters I've ever seen!

In this sentence, the word I've means

- A. I am.
- B. I will.
- C. I have.

19. Which word has the same ending sound as the word STUFF?

- A. rough
- B. slow
- C. wide

20. How were Rita and Rena alike?

- A. They both were slow.
- B. They both were mean.
- C. They both went to town.

I Smell Smoke

by Debra J. Blenus

I smell smoke!

Get down on the floor!

I smell smoke!

How hot is the door?

I smell smoke!

Crawl down the hall!

I smell smoke!

Stay by the wall!

I smell smoke!

Quick! Go outside!

I smell smoke!

"Help! Help!" I cry.

I smell smoke!

Dad's cooking tonight!

If you smell smoke, get out safe, like me!

21. Which word sounds like HALL?

- A. smell
- B. ball
- C. ham

22. How many parts are in the word TONIGHT?

- A. one
- B. two
- C. three

23. In "I Smell Smoke," the girl wants to go

- A. outside.
- B. inside.
- C. by the wall.

24. What is Dad doing in the poem?

- A. cooking supper
- B. running outside
- C. putting out the fire

25. People who do not see well see things

- A. clearly.
- B. fuzzy.
- C. near.

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(Answer Key)

1. "Maybe"
2. downstairs
3. licked her hand.
4. tall, skinny, and smart.
5. basketball
6. every afternoon
7. They are all tall and skinny.
8. strange.
9. seeing.
10. ran away.
11. buy their tickets.
12. parents.
13. Lions and tigers jumped through hoops.
14. She dug holes for the seeds.
15. She put the seeds in the ground.
16. watered
17. to town
18. I have.
19. rough
20. They both went to town.
21. ball
22. two
23. outside.
24. cooking supper
25. fuzzy.