

The Lost Mitten

It was a cold winter day. Nora and her dad walked to the park. Nora made a snowman with a carrot nose. When it was time to go home, Nora looked at her hands. One red mitten was gone! She and Dad looked all around. At last, Dad saw something red on the snowman. Nora had put her mitten on the snowman's hand!

1. What season is it?

- a) winter b) summer c) spring

2. What did Nora make at the park?

- a) a snowman b) a sand castle c) a kite

3. What color was the mitten?

- a) red b) blue c) green

4. Where did they find the mitten?

5. Why do you think Nora forgot where her mitten was?

The Class Fish

Room 4 has a goldfish named Bubbles. Every week, a different student gets to feed him. This week it is Omar's turn. Omar gives Bubbles a tiny pinch of food. "Not too much," says Ms. Lee. "Fish can get sick if they eat too much." Bubbles swims up and gobbles the food. Omar smiles. He likes his new job.

1. What is the fish's name?
a) Bubbles b) Goldie c) Finn
2. Whose turn is it to feed the fish?
a) Omar's b) Ms. Lee's c) Room 4's
3. How much food does Omar give?
a) a tiny pinch b) a big cup c) a whole box
4. Why should Omar not give too much food?

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5. How does Omar feel about his job? How do you know?
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Grandma's Garden

Every summer, Ruby visits her grandma on the farm. Grandma has a big garden. It has tall corn, red tomatoes and long green beans. Ruby helps pull weeds and water the plants. At the end of the day, they pick beans for dinner. Ruby thinks food tastes better when you grow it yourself.

1. When does Ruby visit her grandma?
a) every summer b) every winter c) every Monday
2. Name two things that grow in the garden.

3. What does Ruby help do?
a) pull weeds and water b) cook and bake c) feed the cows
4. What do they pick for dinner?
a) beans b) corn c) apples
5. Does Ruby like working in the garden? How do you know?

The Sack Race

Today is field day at school. Jack and Ava are in the sack race. They hop and hop. Jack falls down near the end. Ava stops and helps him up. They cross the finish line together. They do not win, but everyone cheers for them.

1. What day is it at school?

- a) field day b) picture day c) pajama day

2. What race are Jack and Ava in?

- a) the sack race b) the egg race c) the swim race

3. Who falls down?

- a) Jack b) Ava c) the teacher

4. What does Ava do when Jack falls?

5. Why does everyone cheer even though they did not win?

The Night Sky

At night, Eli and his mom sit on the back steps. They look up at the sky. The moon is round and bright. Eli tries to count the stars, but there are too many! Mom points to a group of stars that looks like a big spoon. Eli yawns. It is time for bed.

1. Where do Eli and his mom sit?

- a) on the back steps b) in the car c) on the roof

2. What shape is the moon?

- a) round b) thin c) square

3. Why can't Eli count the stars?

4. What do the stars Mom points to look like?

- a) a big spoon b) a fish c) a hat

5. How does Eli feel at the end? What clue tells you?

A New Friend

Maya was new at school. At recess she stood by the fence alone. A girl named Jo walked over. "Do you want to play tag?" Jo asked. Maya nodded. They ran and laughed until the bell rang. The next day, Maya was not alone at recess anymore.

1. Who was new at school?

- a) Maya b) Jo c) the teacher

2. Where did Maya stand at recess?

- a) by the fence b) on the slide c) by the door

3. What game did they play?

- a) tag b) hopscotch c) catch

4. When did they stop playing?

5. How do you think Maya felt before Jo came over?

The Lemonade Stand

Luis and his sister set up a lemonade stand. They made a sign that said 50 cents a cup. It was a hot day, so lots of people stopped. By lunchtime, the jug was empty. They counted their coins. They had five dollars! They used the money to buy a gift for their mom.

1. What did Luis and his sister sell?

- a) lemonade b) cookies c) flowers

2. How much was one cup?

- a) 50 cents b) one dollar c) 10 cents

3. Why did lots of people stop?

4. What did they buy with the money?

5. They made five dollars. How many cups did they sell?

Muddy Max

Max is a brown puppy. He loves to dig in the yard. One day he dug a big hole and got mud all over his fur. Dad said, "Max needs a bath!" Max did not like the bath. He shook and shook, and water went everywhere. Now Dad needed a towel, too!

1. What kind of animal is Max?

- a) a puppy b) a kitten c) a pig

2. What does Max love to do?

- a) dig in the yard b) chase cars c) sleep all day

3. What got all over Max's fur?

- a) mud b) paint c) sand

4. What happened when Max shook?

5. Why did Dad need a towel?

1st grade reading comprehension — answer key

The Lost Mitten

1. a) winter
2. a) a snowman
3. a) red
4. On the snowman's hand.
5. She was busy building the snowman and did not notice she left it there. (inference; accept reasonable answers)

The Class Fish

1. a) Bubbles
2. a) Omar's
3. a) a tiny pinch
4. Fish can get sick if they eat too much.
5. Happy or proud. He smiles and likes his new job. (inference; accept reasonable answers)

Grandma's Garden

1. a) every summer
2. Any two of: corn, tomatoes, green beans.
3. a) pull weeds and water
4. a) beans
5. Yes. She helps every summer and thinks food tastes better when you grow it. (inference; accept reasonable answers)

The Sack Race

1. a) field day
2. a) the sack race
3. a) Jack
4. She stops and helps him up.
5. Because Ava was kind and helped her friend finish. (inference; accept reasonable answers)

The Night Sky

1. a) on the back steps
2. a) round
3. There are too many.
4. a) a big spoon
5. Sleepy or tired. He yawns. (inference; accept reasonable answers)

1st grade reading comprehension — answer key

A New Friend

1. a) Maya
2. a) by the fence
3. a) tag
4. When the bell rang.
5. Lonely, shy or sad. (inference; accept reasonable answers)

The Lemonade Stand

1. a) lemonade
2. a) 50 cents
3. It was a hot day.
4. A gift for their mom.
5. 10 cups (10 x 50 cents = 5 dollars). (inference; accept reasonable answers)

Muddy Max

1. a) a puppy
2. a) dig in the yard
3. a) mud
4. Water went everywhere.
5. Max shook water all over him, so Dad got wet. (inference; accept reasonable answers)