



READING COMPREHENSION

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WHAT IS READING COMPREHENSION?

- The ability to process written text and understand its meaning.
- 2 skills: word reading and language comprehension
- Reading comprehension requires actively decoding the meaning of a text.

HOW TO IDENTIFY THE MAIN IDEA IN A TEXT

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbO3IRXT0ww>

NEW VOCABULARY WORDS

- Comprehension
- Analyze
- Context
- Recognize
- Structure
- Construct

• فہم

• پھیل

• گہم

• کھگہگہ

• بنی ٹل

• کھنڈ

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ACTIVITY 1

WORD PUZZLE

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U H L E O O U T U O Z Z C D V
I P E N M E A N I N G A F E F
H B N T P C S V U T A N V F W
C L U E R O V U N E A A R U D
T W T N E N T K D X C L L X R
X W R C H S R N E T E Y S T L
D I E E E T S B R M G Z T L S
O N C S N R T I S N Y E R X K
M Q O V S U O M T P O S U N I
H C G N I C R Q A Z L M C I L
N W N N O T Y P N F U G T K L
D V I O N K U N D Q Z J U S T
S S Z R S M T W O N T V R H I
B U E K X U N Q L C K B E N A

COMPREHENSION
UNDERSTAND
ANALYZE
SENTENCES
STORY
CONTEXT
CLUE
SKILL
RECOGNIZE
MEANING
CONSTRUCT
STRUCTURE

READING COMPREHENSION TOOLS AND PRACTICE

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXeyNGCrKn0&list=PLvJNSf-7NfrOgZFQJjxknppCoycx9gz5J&index=5>

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ACTIVITY 2

READING COMPREHENSION

Finding the Main Idea

Read each paragraph and choose the main idea.

Although many people think a koala is a bear, it is not. The koala is a type of mammal called a marsupial. A kangaroo is also a marsupial. These mammals carry their babies in a pouch. The kangaroo's pouch is on her stomach, but the koala's pouch is on her back. Both feed their babies milk and keep them secure in their pouch until they are strong enough to survive on their own.

The main idea of the paragraph is:

- a. The koala is not a bear.
- b. The kangaroo is nothing like the koala.
- c. The kangaroo and koala are mostly alike but have some differences.
- d. The kangaroo and koala are exactly alike.

Lucy would never get her room clean. It looked like a tornado had hit it. She couldn't believe how much damage her friends had done. They pull everything out and didn't put anything back. Glue was spilled all over her rug, and fingernail polish was spilled on her new bedspread. They had even wiped their chocolate covered fingers on her curtains. Wow! What a mess.

The main idea of the paragraph is:

- a. There is glue on the rug.
- b. Lucy's friends are messy.
- c. A tornado hit the house.
- d. Lucy's friends ate chocolate.

Tim and his family went fishing today. They stopped on the way to the lake and bought all of their favorite snacks. When they got to the lake, they ate and then started fishing. Tim caught four fish, and his brother caught three. They laughed and gave each other a high-five every time they caught a fish. The whole family had a great time. Maybe they would go fishing again soon.

The main idea of the paragraph is:

- a. Tim caught four fish.
- b. He ate his favorite snack.
- c. The family had a great time.
- d. They ate fish for supper.



The Solar System

The solar system was formed approximately 4.6 billion years ago by the collapse of a giant molecular cloud. The mass at its center collected to form the Sun and a flat disk of dust around it. This eventually formed the planets and other bodies of the solar system. Eight planets orbit or revolve around, the sun. The planets and the sun are parts of our solar system. The sun is a star. It is a giant ball of hot gas. Mercury is the closest planet to the sun. It has mountains, cliffs, and plains. Venus is the hottest planet. It can reach up to 850 degrees. That is hot enough to melt a rocket ship! Earth is our home. It is the only planet that has the oxygen and water that people, animals, and plants need to live. Mars is a cold planet. It is sometimes called the Red Planet because it has reddish soil. Jupiter is the largest planet. It is made of thick gases. If you tried to land a rocket ship, you would sink into the planet! Saturn is the second-largest planet. Like Jupiter, it is made mostly of gases. Its rings are made up of rock, ice, and dust. Uranus is cold and windy. It was the first planet to be discovered with a telescope, in 1781. Neptune is called the Blue Planet. It is the coldest planet because it is farthest from the sun. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune are gas planets. They all have rings. Only Saturn's rings are thick enough to be seen easily from Earth. 99.86% of the solar system's mass is found in the Sun. The majority of the remaining 0.14% is contained within the eight planets.

Q1. The _____ was formed 4.6 billion years ago.

Ans.

Q2. The planets orbit or revolve around what?

Ans.

Q3. The sun is a _____ ball of hot _____.

Ans.

Q4. What is the hottest planet in our solar system?

Ans.

Q5. What planet has rings that are visible to us?

Ans.

Street Party

Will's blog

One day my dad said, "Why don't we have a Street party?" This means that the street is closed so cars can't use it, and people put tables and chairs out in the street, then have a party! Dad said there was one in 1977 and still remembers it well. Everyone loved it! I couldn't believe that since 1977 they never had another one. If it was so good, why not do it again?

We started to organize it, together with some other people. I helped to make the web page, so everyone on the street knew about the party and could post their old photos from the party in 1977. There were some pictures of my dad when he was a kid, together with his friends, who have moved away from the street now. It was interesting to see that the buildings on the street haven't changed at all!

My mum was a bit worried about the party. "But a lot of people on the street don't really know each other", she said. "What if they don't have anything to talk about?" I just said, "Relax, Mum. It'll be great."

So, what was the party like? It was fantastic! My friends and I really liked speaking to an old lady called Louisa. She's 89 and was telling us about when she and her friends were our age. So now I always chat to her when I see her on the street. I didn't know who she was before, so I'm glad we had the party.

1 Why was Will surprised?

- A His father wanted to have a street party.
- B There hasn't been a street party for a long time.
- C Many people remembered the last street party.

2 What did the photos from 1977 show?

- A The street still looks the same now.
- B There are more children living in the street now.
- C The same people still live on the street now.

3 Why was Will's mother worried?

- A She thought that the party was too expensive.
- B She thought that people might not come to the party.
- C She thought that the guests might not talk to each other.

4 Will and his friends enjoyed

- A hearing Louisa's stories
- B meeting Louisa's friends.
- C telling Louisa about their lives.

5 What is the best title for the article?

- A Why I love street parties
- B The street party we had
- C How to have a street party



Read the passage and answer the questions below.

Our Friendly Neighbours

My name is Maria and I live in Mumbai with my grandparents, parents, and my naughty younger brother. Our neighbours are the Naiks, who live in the penthouse. They have a pet, the friendly Beagle, named Oliver. Mr Naik always takes Oliver for a walk in the morning and comes back with little goodies for my brother and me. Mrs Naik is a great cook and whenever they cook anything the aroma floods our house and all of us keep dreaming what it is. Their children are married and live outside Mumbai.

One day, my mom was unwell and had to be hospitalised for a few days, my dad was wondering how to manage food for us. The Naiks came home and told my parents not to worry and they will manage our kitchen. Everyday, they used to come to our house in the morning by 6. 30 am and make our breakfast & lunch, which was always something different and tasty. They used to cook dinner at their home and send it to us. My grandparents also love their cooking.

My dad told me that time, it is a great virtue to help one another at times of need which I will always remember thanks to the Naiks.

1. How many people are there in Maria's house?

2. Where were the Naiks living?

3. Who was hospitalised and what was the issue because of that?

4. What did Maria learn from this incident?

5. Write down 3 good qualities you think one should have.

Reading Comprehension: Who Made the First Chewing Gum?

Read the following passage and then complete the tasks below:



We all enjoy a good chew now and then, but did you know that chewing gum was first made by the Indians? The chewing gum that was bought and sold in America in the nineteenth century was originally made by the Maya Indian tribe. The ancient Maya chewed a substance called chicle, taken from the sapodilla tree, as a way to quench thirst or fight hunger. It is extracted from the tree, where Farmers make a cut in the trunk of the tree and the liquid that comes out is collected and

then dried. Then the gum goes through another process by adding different flavours to make the gum taste better. At that time, only kids and single women were allowed to chew it in public. Married women and widows could chew it privately to freshen their breath, while men could chew it in secret to clean their teeth. Chewing gum was then brought to Europe at the beginning of the twentieth century and it soon became an instant hit. Due to the huge demand, chewing gum was produced in factories, using the same method as the Maya tribe did. These days, chewing gum is flavoured in countless flavours, most common are mint or strawberry. It is sold and enjoyed everywhere and it is bought by both young and old alike.

Answer the following in full sentences:

1. Which tribe made the first chewing gum? _____
2. What is 'chicle'? _____
3. In the beginning, who was allowed to chew gum in public? _____
4. Where is modern gum made? _____

Circle (True) or (False). And then correct all mistakes:

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| 1. Chewing gum has been around for years. | True | False |
| 2. It was used to stop hunger and thirst. | True | False |
| 3. Everyone could chew gum in public. | True | False |
| 4. Factories have a different way to make chewing gum. | True | False |
| 5. All ages enjoy eating Chewing gum. | True | False |

Discussion: Do you like eating chewing gum? If yes, which flavour do you like?



**AS WE READ THIS
TOGETHER, THINK
ABOUT...**

1. Why were dolphins chosen to help the Navy?
2. What qualities do dolphins have that make them a good choice?

<https://sn4.scholastic.com/issues/2019-20/090219/dolphins-on-duty.html?language=english#On%20Level>

The School Play

Story By: Judie Eberhardt

The end of the school year was coming quickly. Rick was so excited because it was time for the school play tryouts. This year's play was called *Mystery at the Lighthouse*. Rick was hoping to get the lead part of Joe who lives at the lighthouse. Joe tries to solve the mystery of the lights that go on and off by themselves.

After school, all those who wanted to try out for the play met in the gym at 3:30. Rick and his friend, Kevin, sat and waited for their turn to read for the play. The next day the parts were posted on the wall outside of the gym. Kevin got a part in the play. He was going to be one of the men who helped out at the lighthouse. But, Rick did not see his name. He felt funny inside. Rick was sure he would get the part. "I can't understand why I'm not in the play," said Rick to his Mom. "Rick, it just means that someone was a little better than you." "You shouldn't give up just because of this one time." "Look at all the other things you're good at," said Mom. "You're great with art and drawing and a super soccer player." "I guess," said Rick as he went to his room.

The next day at school Mr. Carter, the art teacher, asked Rick if he would be interested in doing some drawing and painting for the play. "I know how good you are with art," said Mr. Carter. "We sure could use the help drawing with the different scenes in the play." "Really?" asked Rick. "You want me to help draw for the play?" "I sure do," said Mr. Carter. Rick was so happy about being part of the play after all. Mom said, "See, Mr. Carter knows how good you are in art." Rick stayed after school each day for the next week and drew a big lighthouse and painted it. He also drew some boats in the water and painted those too. He was so excited the night of the play. He watched from the side of the stage as his friend, Kevin, said his part of the play. At the end of the show, Mr. Carter called all the students onto the stage that helped with the artwork, lights, and moving things around on stage. Rick felt proud of his work. He thought, *I think I like doing the artwork better. It was so much fun!*



QUESTIONS

1. Why was Rick excited for the end of the school year?
2. What is the lead part in the play?
3. Where do students who want to try out for the play need to meet?
4. Why did Rick not see his name on the list outside of the gym?
5. What part did Rick end up getting for the play?
6. What is the message of the story?

NOW YOU KNOW HOW TO...

- Find the main idea in a written text
- Understand words in a context
- Process the meaning of a story