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Barack Obama

Barack Obama was born in 1961 in Hawaii. He lived with his grandparents until he finished high school. He moved to New York to go to college. Barack always wanted to help people have better lives. He moved to Chicago and helped people learn about new jobs. He wanted to do more. He moved to Boston and studied to become a lawyer. When he finished, he moved back to Chicago. He soon became a member of the Illinois Senate and worked to create better laws in Illinois. In 2004, Barack Obama was elected to represent Illinois in the U.S. Senate. He spent 4 years as a U.S. Senator. Barack Obama was elected president of the United States in November 2008. In 2012, he was elected to serve a second term as President.

1. What was the author's purpose for writing this?

2. In what state was Obama born?

3. Where did Obama go to college?

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The Dolling family walked into their kitchen from the back door. The floor was covered in water! James didn't know why but he wanted to find out. James rolled up his pants, took off his socks and shoes, and started walking around. He walked to the sink and opened the cabinet. There wasn't any water in the cabinet so he knew it didn't come from there. He kept walking. He walked up to the fridge and opened it. There were no clues to tell him if the fridge was the problem. The last place he thought to look was the dishwasher. He saw the dishwasher had water dripping from the bottom. Was that the problem?

1. What was the problem in the story?

2. What was the source of the water?

3. If you wrote the end of this story, what would it be?

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Baboons

Baboons are large monkeys that can be found on the ground and in trees in Africa. They spend most of their time on the ground, but they sleep in high places, like trees. Baboons live and travel in very large groups called troops. Each troop has a male leader. This leader helps guard the group. Baboons have different calls they use to talk to each other. If a baboon is scared, their call sounds like a dog bark. A baboon can live to be about 30 years old in the wild.



A baboon in the wild.

1. In the text, what is a troop?

2. What does the caption in this text say?

3. In what continent are baboons found in nature?

4. Can any baboon be the troop leader?

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Blizzards

Lots of people like to play in the soft, white, fluffy snow that falls in winter. Watching it snow is beautiful.

Sometimes falling snow can be unsafe. Blizzards have strong winds, heavy snow, and cold air. The snow can blow so hard that it hides almost everything. Sometimes all you can see in front of you is snow. When this happens, it is called a whiteout. It is very dangerous to drive in a whiteout because you can't see the road or the cars in front of you. When there is a blizzard, people should stay inside and watch the snowfall where it is safe and warm.

1. What is it called when all you can see in front of you is snow?

2. What does the author want you to learn from this?

3. The author ends by saying that people should stay inside during a blizzard. What reasons does the author give?

4. What are signs of a blizzard?

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Sarah and Jake went out to ride their bikes. They rode all the way to the end of their block. When they got there, they saw a cat was lost. "Oh no," Jake said. "He's lost!" Sarah got off her bike and sat on the ground hoping the lost cat would come near her. He did! Sarah softly pet the lost cat until he started to purr. "Let's take him home," Sarah said. Jake walked both bikes home while Sarah held the cat. When they got home their mom called the animal shelter. Someone had just called and said they lost their cat. Sarah, Jake, and Mom drove to the shelter with the cat. The owner was there waiting. Jake and Sarah were so happy that the lost cat was able to go back home!

1. What is the problem in the story?

2. Who are the characters in the story?

3. How do the characters feel when they find the lost cat?

4. How do the characters feel at the end of the story?

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Australia is the largest country in the continent with the same name. The capital is Canberra, but the largest city is Sydney. The largest part of Australia is the desert known as the outback. Because of the climate, most people live in the southeast corner of the country. There are some animals that are native to the country, like koalas and the kangaroo.

Just like in the United States, there are three branches of government in Australia. One big difference, though, is that the Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II, is the ruler of Australia. Australia also has different states that make up the country.



The Australian flag

1. What is the main topic of this text?

2. What does the author want you to learn after reading?

3. What is the desert in Australia known as?

4. In what continent is Australia located?

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Frogs	Toads
Smooth or slimy skin	Dry, bumpy skin
Lives in wet places	Lives in dry places
Long, strong back legs (for leaping)	Shorter back legs (for walking)
Webbed feet	No webbing on feet
Lays eggs in groups	Lays eggs in long chains

1. What two animals is this table comparing?

2. How is a frog's skin different than a toad's?

3. Given where they live, why is it better that a frog has webbed feet?

4. What does the author want you to learn from this table?

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Who is in the picture?

What is happening in the picture?

Where are the characters?



Why are the characters doing what they are doing?

When is this taking place?



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1- Fiction

Today is Rosa's birthday. All she has ever wanted for her birthday is a red bicycle. Every day she walks by the bicycle shop on her way home from school. There is a red bicycle that sits in the front window of the shop. She thinks it's beautiful.

When her father gets home from work, he tells her that he has a surprise for her birthday. Rosa is excited! They walk to the bicycle shop, and there is her beautiful, red bicycle gleaming in the window. She almost can't believe it. She is getting the red bicycle for her birthday!

Her father pays for the bicycle. The salesman brings the bicycle to the street. Rosa's father lets her ride her new red bicycle all the way home. She gives her father a big hug and thanks him for her special gift. She is excited to ride it to school tomorrow!

What is this passage about?

- a) Today is Rosa's birthday.
- b) Rosa and her father go shopping all the time.
- c) Rosa got a bicycle for her birthday.
- d) Rosa's father likes to give her nice gifts.

Rosa thought the bicycle was

- a) ordinary
- b) pretty
- c) ugly
- d) fast

Rosa and her father went shopping

- a) before her father went to work
- b) when her father came home from work
- c) on Friday morning
- d) after dinner

The bicycle Rosa wanted was

- a) in the shop window
- b) outside
- c) in the showroom
- d) on a rack

Rosa got to ride her bicycle

- a) after dinner.
- b) all the way home.
- c) the next day.
- d) after they cleaned it.

2-3 Fiction - Emmitt Smith

My name is John and I'd like to tell you about a great football player. Last summer, my dad took me to the Football Hall of Fame in Ohio. It is a history museum about football. Each year, a few of the best football players become part of the Hall of Fame. One of those players is Emmitt Smith, my dad's favorite player. He had the most rushing yards ever in the National Football League (NFL) when he played for the Dallas Cowboys. He also led his team to three championships.

I wanted to know more about Emmitt, so when we got home I looked him up. I learned that In 2004, Emmitt retired from playing football. He is such a good athlete that two years later he was on the show "Dancing with the Stars" and even became the champion of that, too! Even though he won, he said he was most proud that he could be on a family show like that. Today he keeps busy raising his family and doing charitable events.

Now, Emmitt Smith is my favorite player, too. He was not only a great player but a great person, as well. My dad has a football card with Emmitt Smith's picture on it, so maybe someday he will give it to me!

1. What is this passage about?

- a) The Football Hall of Fame
- b) The Dallas Cowboys
- c) Emmitt Smith
- d) John's father

2. Who owns the football card?

- a) Emmitt Smith
- b) The Football Hall of Fame
- c) John
- d) John's father

3. What happened last summer?

- a) Emmitt Smith played football.
- b) John's father got a football card.
- c) John went to the Football Hall of Fame.
- d) Emmitt Smith went to the Football Hall of Fame.

4. Which of these is true about the Football Hall of Fame?

- a) It is a store that sells football cards.
- b) It is a museum about the history of football.
- c) It is where people go to watch football games.
- d) It is in Dallas, Texas.

5. How does John feel about Emmitt Smith?

- a) He thinks Emmitt is very funny.
- b) He thinks Emmitt was one of the best baseball players ever.
- c) He admires Emmitt as a player and as a person.
- d) He thinks Emmitt would be a good artist.

6. Who is Emmitt Smith?

- a) A person who writes about football.
- b) A person who collects football cards.
- c) A famous football player.
- d) A good friend of John's father.

Tom and Tucker's Treasure

Two boys, named Tom and Tucker, walked down a dirt path on a cool April morning. It was Saturday and the two friends were thinking about the hole in the ground that they saw last week. Tom had discovered it as they were coming home from fishing in Mr. Terkel's pond.

Tom said when he looked way down into the hole he could see a box that was shiny. Tucker could not see anything except rocks and dirt.

Now, they had more time and wanted to see to where the hole went. Tucker's dad worked on the railroad and he had several gadgets in his shed that Tucker borrowed. Tom laughed that Tucker said "borrowed" because they had not asked if they could borrow them.

From the shed, they took a flashlight, a lantern, a pickaxe, a small shovel, and about fifty feet of heavy rope. When they got to the spot, they grinned with excitement. Tucker said, "Tom, do you think it's a treasure box full of gold?"

Tom didn't say anything but picked up the pickaxe and started to shift the rocks and dirt away. As the boys took turns with the pickaxe and shovel, the opening began to widen. They were now able to squeeze through and climb down into the hole.

Tucker shined the flashlight and Tom shouted, "You were right! There is a box down here!"

They quickly brushed the soil away and realized that it was not a box but a mahogany trunk. The trunk would not open for the lock was rusted shut. Tom struck the latch with the pickaxe and the rusted metal shattered in several pieces.

Barely able to contain their excitement, they pried open the top only to discover that it was a collection of shirts and sweaters. At first they were disappointed, but then laughed at their discovery. The best part of the adventure, said Tom, was the adventure itself. To **commemorate** this moment they promised each other to wear one of the discovered shirts on all of their future adventures.

1. In the end, how did Tom and Tucker feel about their adventure?

- A. Disappointed
 - B. Happy
 - C. Mad
 - D. Sad
2. What did Tom and Tucker hope to find in the box?
- A. Shirts and sweaters
 - B. A flashlight
 - C. Tools
 - D. Gold
3. According to the story, what were some of the items that Tom and Tucker carried with them?
- A. A treasure box, a fishing pole, and a lantern
 - B. A flashlight, a lantern, and some rocks
 - C. A flashlight, a shovel, and rope
 - D. Rope, a pickaxe, and a fishing pole
4. From where did the boys get their supplies for their adventure?
- A. Tucker's dad's shed
 - B. Tom's dad's shed
 - C. They found them on the dirt path
 - D. From the box in the hole
5. Besides going on adventures, what other activities do Tommy and Tucker like to do?
- A. Clean the shed
 - B. They don't do any other activities.
 - C. Fish
 - D. Ride bikes
6. In the last sentence, what is another word that can be used for **commemorate**?
- A. Forget
 - B. Remember
 - C. Adventure
 - D. Community

Answer Key:

- 1. B
- 2. D