
SECOND GRADE-READING (READ2_3)

Fireman

When there is a fire, a fireman must act quickly. First, he must attach the hose to the fire hydrant. Next, he unhooks the ladder from the fire truck. He puts on his mask to protect himself from the smoke. The fireman climbs the ladder to a window. He turns on the hose and pumps the water on the fire. After the fire is out, the fireman goes back to the station. He hangs the hoses up to dry. His last job is to clean the fire truck.

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1. What is the SECOND thing a fireman does when there is a fire?
- A. He puts on his mask.
 - B. He attaches the hose to the hydrant.
 - C. He unhooks the ladder from the truck.

2.

When there is a fire, a fireman must act quickly.

Which word means the opposite of the word quickly?

- A. wisely
 - B. slowly
 - C. swiftly
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3. The hose is hooked up to the
- A. ladder.
 - B. faucet.
 - C. hydrant.

Collecting Box Tops

All the students in Lilly's school are collecting box tops. The more box tops they collect, the bigger prizes they get. They could get T-shirts. The biggest prize of all is new playground equipment for the whole school. They could get new basketballs. They could even get a new swing set.

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4. What is the biggest prize?
- A. new basketballs
 - B. a new swing set
 - C. new playground equipment
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5. There are _____ kinds of prizes.
- A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 4
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6. How many students at Lilly's school are collecting box tops?
- A. all of them
 - B. only Lilly
 - C. Lilly and her friends
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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.

7. Peter stood in line with his mom and dad to
- A. get popcorn.
 - B. ride the elephant.
 - C. buy their tickets.
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8. Peter went to the circus with his
- A. class.
 - B. friends.
 - C. parents.

9. 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.

Annie's Day at School

When Annie went to school on Friday, she was very sad. She did not like the boy sitting next to her at school, and he always made fun of her. She had bright red hair, and he thought that it was funny looking. When it was the afternoon, though, Annie became happy. She knew it would soon be time to go home. Her family and friends all loved her pretty red hair, and the boy from class would be far away.

10. When did Annie's feelings change from sad to happy?

- A. at lunchtime
- B. in the morning
- C. in the afternoon

11. This story happens on

- A. Monday.
- B. Wednesday.
- C. Friday.

12. The boy Annie does not like sits

- A. next to her.
- B. behind her.
- C. in front of her.

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!

13. In this story the word odd means

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

14. In this story, the word spotting means

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

15. In this story, the word escaped means

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

Baker

A baker has a lot of fun when baking a cake. First, the baker warms up the oven. Next, he greases the pan so the cake does not stick. He cracks two eggs against the bowl. Then he measures the flour and sugar. He mixes all the ingredients together. Lastly, he pours the batter into the pan. After the cake cooks, the baker slices it into twelve pieces.

16. According to the story, a baker _____ making a cake.

- A. enjoys
- B. dislikes
- C. is bored when

17. To make a cake, the baker needs

- A. eggs, sugar, and milk.
- B. eggs, flour, and sugar.
- C. sugar, eggs, and butter.

18.

First, the baker warms up the oven.

The word baker is

- A. a thing.
- B. a place.
- C. a person.

Tyrone and Rachel

Tyrone and Rachel went to a restaurant. At the restaurant, they ordered french fries first. Then they had cheeseburgers. Rachel had ice cream next. Tyrone felt sick so he didn't eat anymore. When Rachel finished her ice cream, they went home.

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19. This story is MAINLY about how
- A. Tyrone was sick.
 - B. Rachel ate ice cream.
 - C. Tyrone and Rachel went to a restaurant.

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20. Which word is the base word of the word ORDERED?
- A. order
 - B. orders
 - C. ordering

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21. What did Rachel eat after her cheeseburger?
- A. ice cream
 - B. french fries
 - C. nothing

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22. How many word parts are in the word RESTAURANT?
- A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 4

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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23. Maria's parents said, _____ when she asked for a dog.
- A. "No"
 - B. "Maybe"
 - C. "Yes"

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

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

25. When the dog saw Maria, it

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

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(Answer Key)

1. He unhooks the ladder from the truck.
2. slowly
3. hydrant.
4. new playground equipment
5. 4
6. all of them
7. buy their tickets.
8. parents.
9. Lions and tigers jumped through hoops.
10. in the afternoon
11. Friday.
12. next to her.
13. strange.
14. seeing.
15. ran away.
16. enjoys
17. eggs, flour, and sugar.
18. a person.
19. Tyrone and Rachel went to a restaurant.
20. order
21. ice cream
22. 3
23. "Maybe"
24. downstairs
25. licked her hand.