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# Reading Comprehension for Kindy Kids



*Nice stories, easy to read, with thought-provoking questions.*

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THE ACTIVITIES IN THIS BOOK ADDRESS MANY OUTCOMES IN THE SYLLABUS

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# Teacher's Notes

These reading comprehension tasks are centred around topics of interest to children in the 4-6 year age group.

Some of the stories are short ('Anna's New Bike' has 40 words) while others are much longer ('The Ram and the Rainbow' has 157 words).

The passages are graded (in levels) according to how students are required to answer the questions and there are 10 stories for each level.

- Level 1 \*      ring the best answer or write the missing word on the letter spaces
- Level 2 \*\*     write the missing word on the line
- Level 3 \*\*\*    write the answer as a full sentence

## How to Present the Passages in this Book

There is no single 'correct' way to treat these comprehension exercises. Every class has students with a range of reading abilities and these passages are intended to accommodate that range.

There is nothing to say that the whole class need work on the same passage concurrently. The teacher may choose to give the more able readers 'The Ram and the Rainbow', intermediate readers could work on 'The Sun and the Moon' while 'Anna's Pup' could be given to those whose reading levels are not so advanced.

Alternatively, the teacher may choose to read a whole story to her class. If, say, 'The Apple and the Banana' was chosen, the lesson might go like this:

1. Teacher reads story to class
2. Teacher selects children to read story out aloud, one child reading one sentence at a time. All the boys in the class could read the Apple's talking parts while all the girls could 'be' the Banana.
3. Students write their answers on the page.

## Home Study

These comprehension tasks are also ideal for home study. Children may read out aloud to their parents, roles could be reversed, or both. Competent readers will enjoy the satisfaction of completing the sheets with independence. Those requiring assistance with some of the words and/or the questions will benefit from having a parent alongside for help and guidance.

### About the Author

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# Shelly the Snail

Shelly is a little snail.



She is called Shelly because her home is a shell.

Shelly slides very slowly along the ground.

One day she slid a long way...about 100 metres.

She got so tired that she had to have a long sleep.

Shelly slept for 10 hours. She dreamt she wasn't little any more.

She was huge!



## Questions.

1. Shelley's home is a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She slides along the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When Shelley got tired she had a \_\_\_\_\_ sleep.
4. For how many hours did Shelley sleep? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Shelley \_\_\_\_\_ she wasn't little any more.
6. Write a sentence to say how Shelley looks in her dream.

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# Anna's New Bike

Anna has a new bike.  
It is a shiny blue colour.

Anna's brother Tim also has  
a bike.  
Tim's bike is silver.



*Anna's bike*



*Tim's bike*



When Anna and Tim ride their bikes they  
always wear helmets.  
That's because they know about road safety.

## Questions.

1. What colour is Anna's new bike?    \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

2. What is the name of Anna's brother?    \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

3. What colour is Tim's bike?    \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

4. Anna and Tim always wear a \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ when  
they ride their bikes.

5. Anna and Tim know about \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ safety.

6. How is Anna's bike different from Tim's bike?

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# The Three Fish

These fish have names.

This is Finny.

Finny has beautiful long fins that help her swim fast.



This is Tayla.

Tayla's big tail moves from side to side and it helps her to go this way or that way.



This is Igor.

Igor has great big eyes. Igor's great big eyes help him to see where he is going and they also help him to see big scary fish!



## Questions.

1. Which fish has long fins? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which fish has great big eyes? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which fish has a big tail? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which of these fish would you most like to have as a pet?

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# Ben and Sally

Ben is a little boy. He is 5 years old.

Ben likes to play with his truck and toy cars. The cars can go very fast.

When Ben plays with his cars he makes a sound like this...  
"Vroom, vroom, vroom."



Ben has a sister. Her name is Sally and she is 4 years old.

Sally has a doll. The name of Sally's doll is Tammy.

Sally likes to dress Tammy in pretty clothes.



## Questions (put a ring around the best answers)

1. How old is Ben? Ben is 4 5 6
2. Ben likes to play with his truck and blocks dolls cars
3. How old is Sally? Sally is 4 5 6
4. What does Sally like to play with? her car her doll her dog
5. What is the name of Sally's doll? It is Tammy Emma Anna
6. Who dresses Tammy? Mother does Sally does Ben does

What does Ben do when he plays with his cars?

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# Sam and Mike's Bouncy Balls

Sam has a yellow ball.  
It is a bouncy, bouncy ball.

When Sam pats his ball to the ground it  
bounces right back up to his hand.

If Sam pats the ball softly it only bounces  
up a little bit.

If he pats it hard it bounces up high....about  
two metres!



Mike has a ball too.

Mike's ball is small and blue.

Mike likes to bounce his ball with both  
hands.

If Mike's ball hits a little stone or stick it  
bounces away from him.

Then he runs and gets it and starts bouncing  
again.



## Questions (put a ring around the best answers)

1. Sam's ball can bounce up      one metre      two metres      three metres
2. What colour is Sam's ball?      yellow      blue      red
3. Sam pats his ball with      one hand      both hands      a bat
4. Mike's ball is      small      big      very big
5. Sometimes Mike's ball hits a stick or      sand      grass      stone

What do you like to play with at home?

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# Lin Lin from China

Lots and lots of people live in China....more than one billion!  
People who live in China are called Chinese.



In China there is a very long wall. It is the biggest and longest wall in the whole world....more than three thousand kilometres long! It is called The Great Wall of China.

Lin Lin comes from China.  
Lin Lin's mother and father took her to see  
The Great Wall of China.  
They walked along the top of it for a little way.



## Questions.

1. What are people who live in China called? .....
2. In China there is a very long .....
3. The wall is the longest in the whole .....
4. It is called The Great Wall of .....
5. Lin Lin saw the Wall with her mother and .....
6. What did Lin Lin do when she was at the Wall?

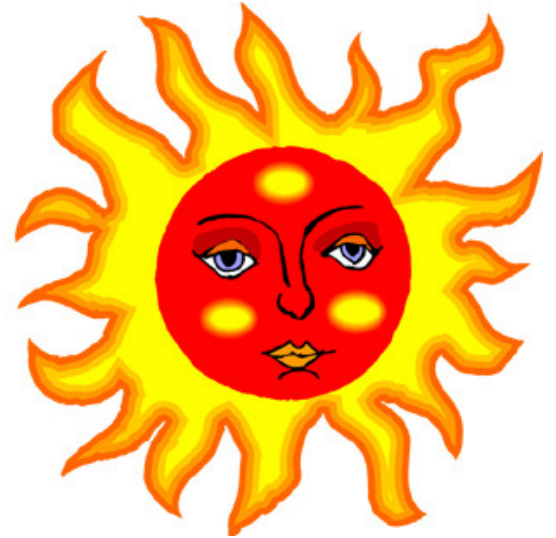
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# The Sun and the Moon

One day the sun said to the moon,  
“I shine in the day so the people  
on Earth can see.”

“I give energy to all the plants and  
animals.

It takes Earth a whole year to go  
around me.”



The moon said, “I am sometimes in the sky  
in the day time and I am sometimes in the  
sky at night.”

“I have lots of mountains and I also have  
big craters.

I make the tides in the sea.

It takes me one month to go around Earth.”

## Questions.

1. The sun gives energy to animals and .....
2. What goes around the sun in one year? .....
3. What is in the sky in the day or the night? .....
4. The moon has craters and .....
5. What makes the tides in the sea? .....
6. How long does the moon take to go around Earth?  
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# The Fox and the Rabbit

One day in the forest a fox chased after a rabbit.

The rabbit hid behind a tree and the fox kept running.



“Where are you rabbit?” called the fox, “I want to be your friend.”

The rabbit knew that this was one of the fox’s tricks so he called, “I’m over here next to the bee hive.”

The hungry fox raced to the bee hive but there was no rabbit....only a big swarm of bees.

The fox sped off as fast as he could, with the bees buzzing right behind him.



## Questions.

1. Who hid behind a tree? .....
2. Who was hungry? .....
3. Was the rabbit next to the beehive? .....
4. What was at the beehive? .....
5. What did the fox do when it got to the bee hive? .....
6. What did the bees do? .....

# Andy, the Ant with Five Legs

Once there was an ant named Andy.

Andy had five legs...  
one-two-three-four-five.

All the other ants had six legs...  
one-two-three-four-five-six.



One day Blacky Ant said to Andy, “Why do you have only five legs?”

Andy said, “Well, I was sitting on a rock when a boy trod on one of my legs and it came off.”

“Oh,” said Blacky, “did it hurt?”

Andy said, “It only hurt a little bit and the boy said sorry.”

## Questions (answer in whole sentences)

1. How many legs do ants have?

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2. Which ant had five legs?

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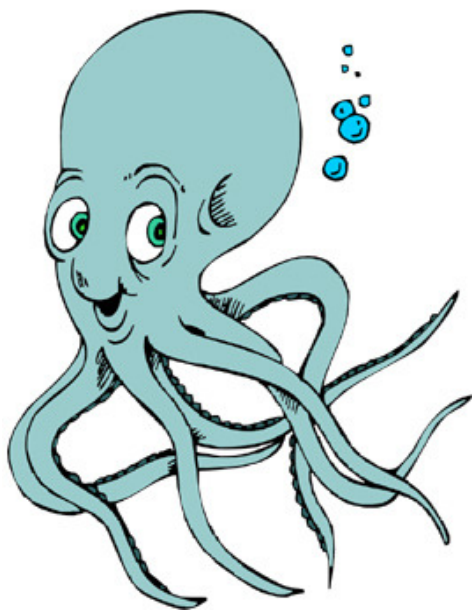
3. Which ant spoke to Andy?

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4. Was Andy sitting on a log or on a rock?

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# Olly the Octopus and Freda the Fish



Olly was always happy but Freda was always sad.

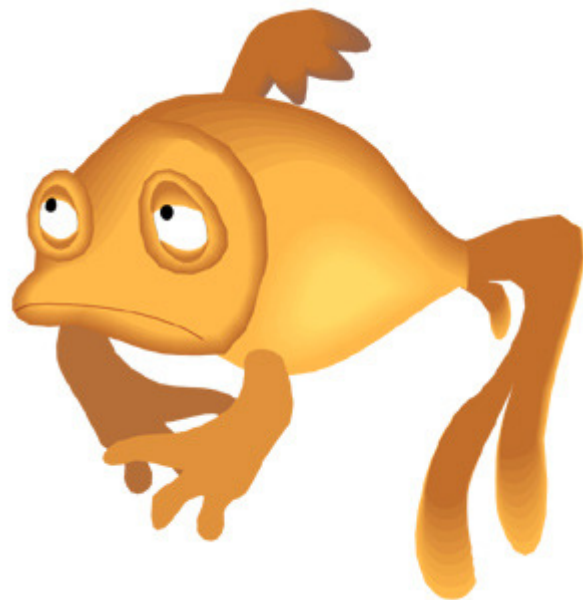
One day Olly said to Freda, “Why do you look so sad?”

Freda said, “I’m sad because you have lots of arms and I don’t.”

“Oh,” said Olly, “don’t be sad, just be happy with what you do have...nice fins and a tail to help you swim well.”

Freda swam away and came back the next day.

“Olly,” said Freda, “you are right. A big fish was chasing after me and I swam away very fast. I am lucky to have my fins and tail.”



## Questions (answer in sentences)

1. Why was Freda sad?

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2. What can Freda do well with her fins and tail?

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3. What chased after Freda?

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# The Christmas Bone

Patch got a bone for Christmas. He found it in the morning in a Christmas stocking...right outside his kennel.

This is the first time Patch has got a bone for Christmas. Every other year he's got a bowl of doggy sweets.

Patch is going to take his Christmas bone to the back garden and hide it.

Do you think he will take the bone out of the stocking? Maybe he will, maybe he won't.



## Questions (*answer in sentences*)

1. Where did Patch find his Christmas bone?

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2. What did Patch get for Christmas every other year?

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3. Where is Patch going to take his Christmas bone?

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4. Do you think Patch will take his bone out of the stocking?

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# Jeddi and his Wallaby

Long ago, far away in the outback, lived Jeddi, a young aboriginal boy.

Jeddi and his father were out hunting one day when they saw a wallaby lying on the ground.

Jeddi said, "It's hurt Dad."

"Yes it is," said Jeddi's father, "shall we help it?"

"Yes," said Jeddi.



Jeddi and his father took the wallaby back to their camp in the desert. Each day they gave the wallaby some food to eat and some water to drink.

After about three weeks the wallaby was well again.

Jeddi said to the wallaby, "Now you are better...you are free to hop away and go back to the other wallabies."

Do you think the wallaby hopped away?

No, it stayed with Jeddi and became his pet.

## Questions

1. Where did Jeddi live? .....
2. Who was Jeddi hunting with? .....
3. Where did they take the wallaby? .....
4. What did they give it to drink? .....
5. How long did it take to get better? .....
6. Why do you think the wallaby wanted to stay with Jeddi?



# The Wishing Frog

A frog lives in my back garden.

I hear it a lot.

It goes, “na-deep, na-deep ....na-deep na-deep.”

I haven't seen it much...only three times.

When I go outside it stops croaking.



Mum told me to make a wish every time I see it.

When I hear it tonight I'm going to creep outside on my tiptoes so it won't know I'm coming.

Then, if I see it I'm going to close my eyes and wish for....?

**Questions** (answer in whole sentences) Pretend you're the writer.

1. Where does the frog live?

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2. What sound does the frog make?

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3. What does the frog do when you go outside?

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4. Tonight the frog won't know you're coming. Why not?

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5. If you see the frog tonight what will you wish for?

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# Anna's Pup

Anna has a little pup.  
The pup's name is Rollo.

Rollo is white with brown spots.

Anna gave Rollo a toy bone to  
play with.

When Anna throws the bone Rollo  
runs to get it as fast as he can.

Rollo brings the bone to Anna and  
they play the game again.



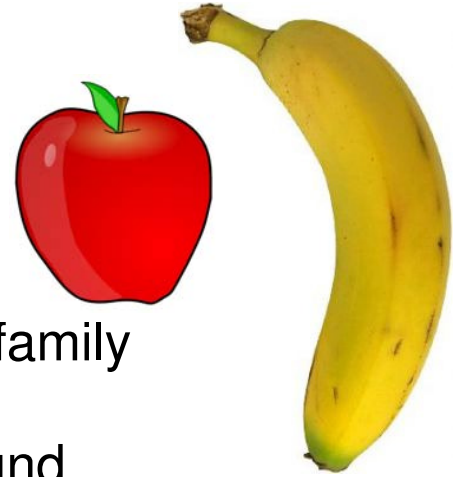
Questions (put a ring around the correct answer)

1. The name of Anna's pup is Rocky Rollo Robby
2. Rollo has spots stripes dots
3. Rollo's spots are brown black white
4. Anna gave Rollo a toy bone car dog
5. Anna throws the ball bone bowl
6. Rollo runs after the bone Anna a cat
7. Rollo takes the bone home to Anna away
8. This story is about a dog and a girl boy cat
9. The story tells about a family dream game
10. How many toys are in the story? one two three

# The Apple and the Banana

One day an apple said to a banana,  
“You are shaped like the moon.”

The banana said, “Yes, I know, and I’m also  
the same colour as the moon.”



The apple said, “I’m bright red. Some of my family  
are green and some are yellow like you.  
When people eat me it makes a crunchy sound.  
That’s because I’m hard.”

The banana said, “When people eat me it doesn’t make any  
sound. That’s because I’m soft.”

“We are both fruits, we both taste nice and we are both healthy  
foods,” said the apple and banana together.

## Questions (answer in full sentences)

1. Which fruit is shaped like the moon?

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2. Which fruit can be red, green or yellow?

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3. Why do apples make a crunchy sound when you eat them?

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4. What is the same about apples and bananas?

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# Mr Smith and his Big House

Mr Smith lives in a great big blue house.

On the bottom there are three steps and a door.

There are five windows at the front of the house.

Mr Smith has no family...no wife or children. He lives alone.

Mr Smith doesn't go out much. He stays inside his big house.

Not many people have seen Mr Smith.

Everybody says Mr Smith must have lots of money.



## Questions

1. What colour is Mr Smith's house? .....
2. How many steps are there? .....
3. At the front of the house there are ..... windows.
4. Does Mr Smith have a wife? .....
5. Mr Smith doesn't go ..... much.
6. Not many ..... have seen Mr Smith.
7. People think Mr Smith must have ..... of money.

# Wanda the Wombat

Wanda the wombat has small eyes, pointy ears and a dark flat nose.

She walks very slowly on her short stumpy legs.

Wanda lives in a tunnel.

She dug the tunnel with her very strong paws.

Wanda is about a metre long and she weighs about 25 kilograms.

She goes walking for three or four hours every night, looking for food. She likes to eat grass and leaves.



## Questions

1. Wanda has \_\_\_\_\_ eyes and pointy \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Her nose is dark and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Wanda \_\_\_\_\_ very slowly on her short stumpy legs.
4. She dug her \_\_\_\_\_ with her very strong paws.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is about a metre long.
6. She weighs about \_\_\_\_\_ kilograms.
7. Every night Wanda walks for three or four \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Wanda likes to eat leaves and \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Wanda has a friend named Connie who lives in a tree and eats gum leaves. What kind of animal do you think Connie is, a kangaroo, emu or koala?



# Tara's Lost Cat

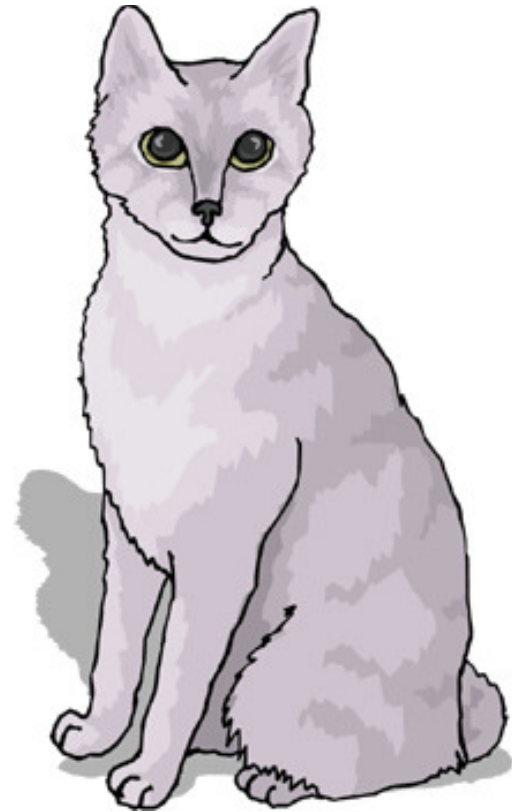
Has anyone seen Tara's pet cat?  
She has grey fur and green eyes.  
Her name is Silky.

The last time Tara saw Silky was on  
Sunday when she gave her some milk  
to drink.

That was at 2 o'clock, just after lunch.  
Nobody knows where Silky went after that.

Wait, I can see someone coming...it's  
Tara. She has a big smile on her face and  
she's holding something in her arms.

Do you think you know what it is?  
Yes, it's Silky!



## Questions (answer number 6 and number 7 in full sentences)

1. Silky's fur is \_\_\_\_\_ and her eyes are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Tara last saw Silky on which day? \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Tara gave Silky some milk just after \_\_\_\_\_.
4. On her face Tara had a big \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Tara was holding Silky in her \_\_\_\_\_.
6. At what time did Tara give Silky some milk?

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7. Where do you think Silky might have gone?

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# At the Beach

In summer I like to go to the beach with my family.

I splash in the water and jump up when a wave comes.

I can only swim a little bit but my Dad says I'm getting better.

Something I love to do at the beach is play with my beach ball. I throw it in the water and then I run and splash to get it out.

I also like to dig into the sand with my spade and fill up my bucket. Then I tip the bucket over quickly and I have part of a castle wall.

On Sunday I filled my bucket 20 times and made a great castle!



**Questions** (answer in sentences) Pretend you wrote the story.

1. Who do you go to the beach with?

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2. What do you do when a wave comes?

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3. Who says you're getting better at swimming?

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4. What other things do you like to do at the beach?

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# The Very Tall Man from Zilbee

Zilbee is a place that is a long way away.  
Most of the people who live there are like you and me but one man isn't.

He is 6 metres tall!  
He is taller than a bus.  
He is taller than a house.  
He is as tall as a big building.

He walks along the street with a ***thump-thump-thump-thump***.  
All the cars have to stop.

When he goes under a bridge he has to bend down.

I would like to go to Zilbee to see this man. Would you?



## **Questions** *(answer in sentences)*

1. Where does the very tall man live?

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2. How tall is this man?

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3. What sound is made when he walks along the street?

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4. What does he do when he goes under a bridge?

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# Our Yellow School Bus

Every day we go to school in our yellow school bus.

It comes at 8 o'clock and it's never late.

One day as we were going along in our bus it got a flat tyre.

The driver had to stop and put a new tyre on.

Do you think we were late for school? No, we got to school at 8.45.....right on time.



## **Questions** *(answer in sentences)*

1. What colour is the bus?

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2. At what time does it come?

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3. Is the bus ever late?

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4. Who fixed the flat tyre?

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5. At what time did the bus get to school?

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# Too Much Food

Mum, did you make too much food for lunch?

Nicky can't eat all of his fish and salad.

Tony can't eat all of his meat and carrots.

Sherri can't eat all of her toast and eggs.

Beth can't eat all of her beans and fruit.

Shall we save some of our food for tomorrow's lunch?



## Questions.

1. Who has fish and salad for lunch? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Tony has \_\_\_\_\_ and carrots.

3. Sherri has toast and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Beth has \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer these questions in sentences:

5. What did you have for breakfast today?

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6. What kind of food do you like most?

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# The Ram and the Rainbow

One day a ram was eating grass, next to a fence on the side of a hill.

It began to rain, just a few drops, and the ram kept on eating.

The rain came harder and the ram was getting very wet. Still he kept eating the grass.

Then the ram saw something in the sky.

It was a rainbow. He saw that it had seven colours...red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. It was the most beautiful thing he had ever seen.



The ram saw that the rainbow came down onto the ground, not far from where he was eating the grass.

He began to walk towards it but then it stopped raining and the rainbow was gone.

The ram turned around and went back to his place on the hillside. He munched away at the grass again.

Every time it rained after that the ram looked to the sky, hoping to see a rainbow.

**Question** *(write the best answer you can think of).*

How do you know that the ram really liked seeing the rainbow?

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# Mum's New Glasses

Mum could not see too well so she had to buy some new glasses.

She got them in the city and they cost \$200.

Mum likes to read the paper and now she can see every word clearly.



She can even read these two very small words.... blue shell

## Questions (*answer in sentences*)

1. Why did Mum have to buy some new glasses?

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2. Where did Mum go to buy her glasses?

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3. What does Mum like to read?

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4. What are the two small words at the end of the story?

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# The Mouse on the Twig



We have a tree in our back garden.

Every time I go to the tree I look up and see a mouse sitting on a twig.

I don't know why the mouse stays there. Maybe she is afraid of Fluffy, my cat.

It's lucky for the mouse that Fluffy doesn't know she is in the tree.

Fluffy can climb trees very well but I don't think the mouse knows that.

## Questions.

1. The tree is in the \_\_\_\_\_ garden.
2. The mouse sits on a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The cat's name is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Maybe the mouse is \_\_\_\_\_ of Fluffy.
5. Fluffy doesn't know the \_\_\_\_\_ is in the tree.
6. Fluffy can \_\_\_\_\_ trees very well.
7. This story is about a \_\_\_\_\_ who sits on a twig.
8. The mouse doesn't know that my \_\_\_\_\_ is a good tree climber.

# Chelsea Rose



Near South Beach there lives a little girl named Chelsea Rose. She is three years old.

Chelsea Rose likes to go to the beach but there is something she likes even more.

She likes to do somersaults with her Auntie Jackie.



Whenever Chelsea Rose sees Jackie she says, “Jackie, can we play somersaults?”

Jackie always says “Yes” because she likes the game too.

Chelsea Rose bends down forwards and puts her arms between her legs.

Jackie then lifts Chelsea Rose up by the hands and Chelsea Rose turns right over.



Do you think Chelsea Rose laughs?

Yes she does.

Do you think Jackie laughs?

Yes she does.

Do you think this is a true story?

Yes it is.

## Questions

1. Chelsea Rose lives near ..... Beach.
2. She is .....years old.
3. Chelsea Rose does somersaults with .....
4. Jackie lifts Chelsea Rose up by the .....
5. Chelsea Rose turns right .....
6. This is a true .....



# The Little Old Car



Every day at 8 o'clock in the morning a little old car goes past my house.

The little old car is green and the driver is a little old man.

If there are children near the road the driver presses the horn button. "Toot-toot, toot-toot!"

All the boys and girls wave to the man in the little old car and he waves back. He is driving to work.

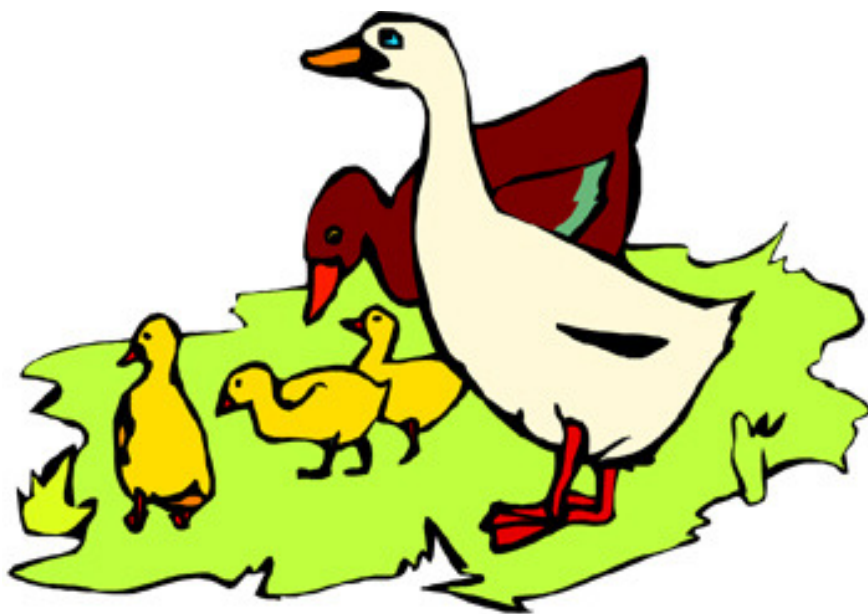
At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the little old car comes past my house again but this time it goes the other way. "Toot-toot, toot-toot!"

All the boys and girls wave to the man in the little old car and he waves back. He is driving home from work and will soon be with his family.

## Questions.

1. The little old car goes past my \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What colour is the little old car? \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a little old man.
4. The driver presses the \_\_\_\_\_ button.
5. The boys and girls \_\_\_\_\_ to the man.
6. The man drives the little old car to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The man drives home to be with his \_\_\_\_\_.

# A Family of Ducks



There is a family of ducks down at the lake.

There's a white mother duck and her three yellow ducklings.

There's also an auntie duck who is brown.

Mother duck says, "Quack-quack."

Auntie duck says "Quack-quack."

The little yellow ducklings go "Cheep-cheep, cheep-cheep."

I saw auntie duck waddle to the water and start to swim.

Mother duck did the same.

Then followed the little ducklings...one-two-three.

The two big ducks and three little ducks swam to the other side of the lake.

Auntie duck waddled onto the land and shook the water off her feathers.

Mother duck did the same.

Then followed the little ducklings...one-two-three.

## Questions.

1. The family of \_\_\_\_\_ live down at the lake.

2. What colour is the mother duck? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What colour is the auntie duck? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many ducklings are there? \_\_\_\_\_

5. All the ducks swam to the other \_\_\_\_\_ of the lake.

# Tammy's Pet Tiger

Tammy says she got a pet baby tiger today...a *real* one!

I haven't seen Tammy's tiger but I think it's a soft toy, not a real tiger.

Tammy says her tiger has blue eyes but only white tigers have blue eyes.

All other tigers have yellow eyes.

If Tammy's baby tiger is a real one what will Tammy do when it gets big?

Where will she keep it?

What will she feed it?

How will she exercise it?

Do you know something?

My Mum saw Tammy's Mum in a shop on Saturday.

Tammy's Mum was looking at some soft toys.

There were monkeys, bears, lions.....and there were tigers too.

Do you think Tammy's tiger is real?

## Questions.

1. Tammy says she has a \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ baby tiger.

2. Tammy's tiger might be a \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ toy.

3. Tammy says her tiger has \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ eyes.

4. Only \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ tigers have blue eyes.

5. Tammy's \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ was in a shop on Saturday.

6. The monkeys, bears and lions were soft \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_.



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