

A Falling Star

Have you ever seen a falling star? Falling stars are not really stars. They are small pieces of rock. The rocks fall through the sky. They get hot and burn. The rocks look big because they give off light. That is why they are so bright. Another name for a falling star is a **meteor**.

1. Write 1, 2, and 3 to put the steps in order.

_____ The rocks look big because they give off light.

_____ The rocks fall through the sky.

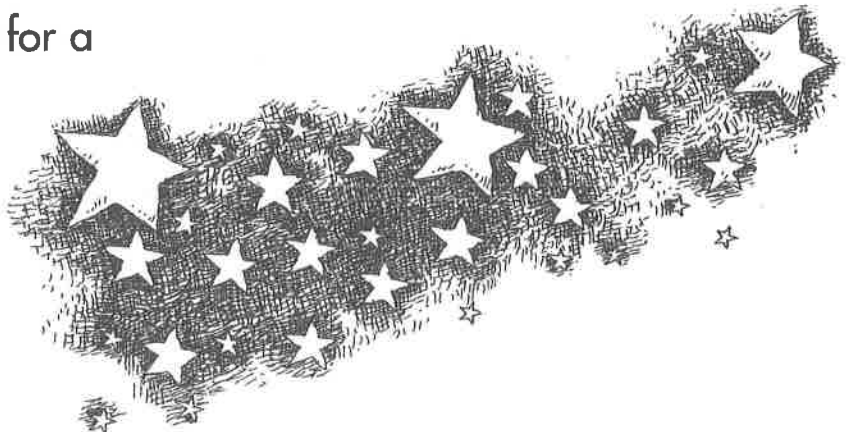
_____ The rocks get hot and burn.

2. What is another name for a falling star?

- A. burning rock
- B. falling rock
- C. meteor
- D. night sky

3. Why do falling stars look so bright?

- A. because they are falling
- B. because they give off light
- C. because they are rocks
- D. because they are stars



Money

Money has been used for many years to pay for things. Most people are paid money for their jobs. They use the money to buy food, clothes, and other things they need. There are two kinds of money: **paper money** and **coins**. Before there was money, people would **trade** one thing for another. A farmer would trade eggs for cloth, or a horse for land. Money gives us an easy way to buy what we need.

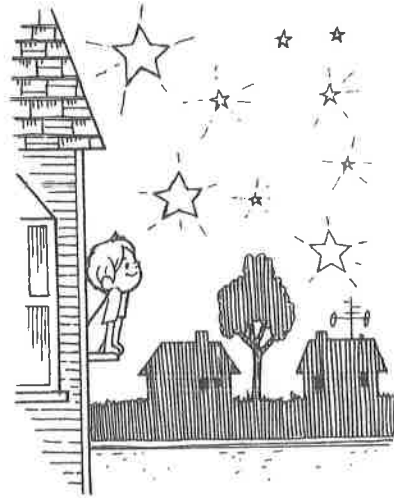


Directions: Circle the right answer.

1. The main idea of this story is—
 - A. how people pay for the things they need.
 - B. how people get land for horses.
 - C. how people work for money.
2. What did people do before there was money?
 - A. They made their own money.
 - B. They traded one thing for another.
 - C. They went to the bank.
3. Which one of these is a trade?
 - A. playing with toy cars
 - B. giving a toy car for a bear
 - C. having a car race
4. Which of these is a job?
 - A. playing a game
 - B. eating dinner
 - C. teaching a class

Stars

Do you see the stars at night? They shine in the sky. They look like tiny points of light. But stars are not small. Some stars are as large as our sun. Some stars are even bigger than our sun. Here on Earth the stars look very small to us. That is because they are so far away.



Directions: Circle the right answer.

1. Some stars are—
 - A. tiny points of light.
 - B. as large as our sun.
 - C. close to Earth.
 - D. very dark.
2. Stars look small to us because—
 - A. they are small.
 - B. they are so far away.
 - C. they shine so much.
 - D. they are suns.

Directions: Write **T** for true or **F** for false.

3. Stars look like tiny points of light. _____
4. There are some stars that are bigger than our sun. _____
5. You can see stars at night. _____
6. Stars are close to us. _____

Clouds

Do you know where rain comes from? Rain comes from the clouds in the sky. Clouds are made from water. That water falls out of the clouds as rain. Sometimes you can look at clouds and tell when it will rain. Clouds are white and puffy on sunny days. When it is going to rain, clouds turn gray.

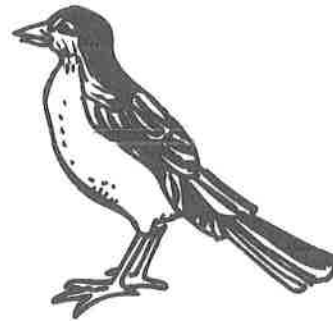


Directions: Circle the right answer.

1. Choose the sentence that tells about the whole story.
 - A. Clouds are white and puffy on sunny days.
 - B. Rain comes from clouds in the sky.
 - C. Clouds can be gray or black.
2. Clouds are—
 - A. always white and puffy.
 - B. gray on sunny days.
 - C. gray when it is going to rain.
3. How can you tell if it is going to rain?
 - A. from the water in the clouds
 - B. from the sun
 - C. from the color of the clouds
4. Circle the sentence that is true.
 - A. Clouds are made of water.
 - B. Rain comes from the air.
 - C. Clouds are made of cotton.

Penguins and Robins

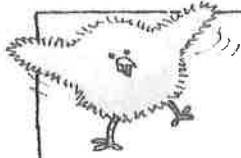
Who loves the cold Penguins, that's who!
They dive and they swim right under the ice.
Robins go south when the warm weather stops,
And they don't fly back north until it is nice.
Penguins can't fly, but robins can soar.
They fly up to the clouds and back to their nest.
The black-and-white penguin waddles on snow,
And if it gets tired, it can slide for a rest!



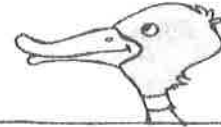
Directions: Circle the right answer.

- Who loves the cold weather?
A. penguins
B. robins
- Which birds fly?
A. penguins
B. robins
- Which birds can swim?
A. penguins
B. robins
- Who flies south when it gets cold?
A. penguins
B. robins

Chick and Duck



Chick thought that Duck was mad at him. Duck was sitting all by himself. Chick asked Duck what was wrong. He gave Duck treats and toys. At last, Duck said, "I am not mad. I just want to be alone for a while. We are still best friends."



Directions: Circle the right answer.

1. Why did Chick think that Duck was mad?

A. because Duck said he was mad

B. because Duck was sitting by himself

C. because Duck did not want the treats or toys

2. Why did Duck want to sit by himself?

A. because he was mad

B. because he did not like Chick

C. because he wanted to be alone for a while

3. Which picture shows a real bird?

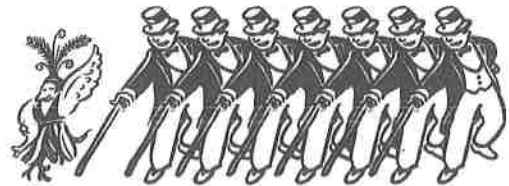
A.



B.



C.



Figs

Fig is the name of a fruit. It is also the name of a plant. The fruit grows on this plant. The plant can look like a bush or a tree. Fig plants grow where it is warm all year long. Many people like to eat figs. They can be eaten in cookies or fig bars. They can be canned. Sometimes figs are dried. You can also eat fresh figs.



Directions: Color the fig red if the sentence is a fact. Color the fig blue if the sentence is an opinion.



1. Fig trees are pretty.



4. Fig cookies are the best cookies.



2. Fig plants grow where it is warm all year long.



5. Fig is the name of both a fruit and a plant.



3. Figs can be eaten in many ways.



6. Figs taste best if you eat them fresh.

The Farmer

Mack is a farmer. He has an important job. He grows food that we eat. Mack grows wheat and oats. He also takes care of the animals on his farm. Mack works hard. He gets up early every day. He works until it is dark. He loves helping the young plants grow. He smiles as he works. In the fall, he harvests his crops. The wheat is made into bread. The oats are made into cereal.



Directions: Circle the right answer.

- How do you know that Mack works hard?
 - He grows wheat and oats.
 - He gets up early and works late.
 - He has an important job.
- How do you know that Mack likes being a farmer?
 - He smiles as he works.
 - He harvests his crops.
 - He grows oats for cereal.
- What happens to the wheat that Mack grows?
 - It is made into cereal.
 - It is made into dinners.
 - It is made into bread.
- Why is Mack's job important?
 - Farmers smile as they work.
 - Farmers grow the food we eat.
 - Farmers work hard.

Camping Trip

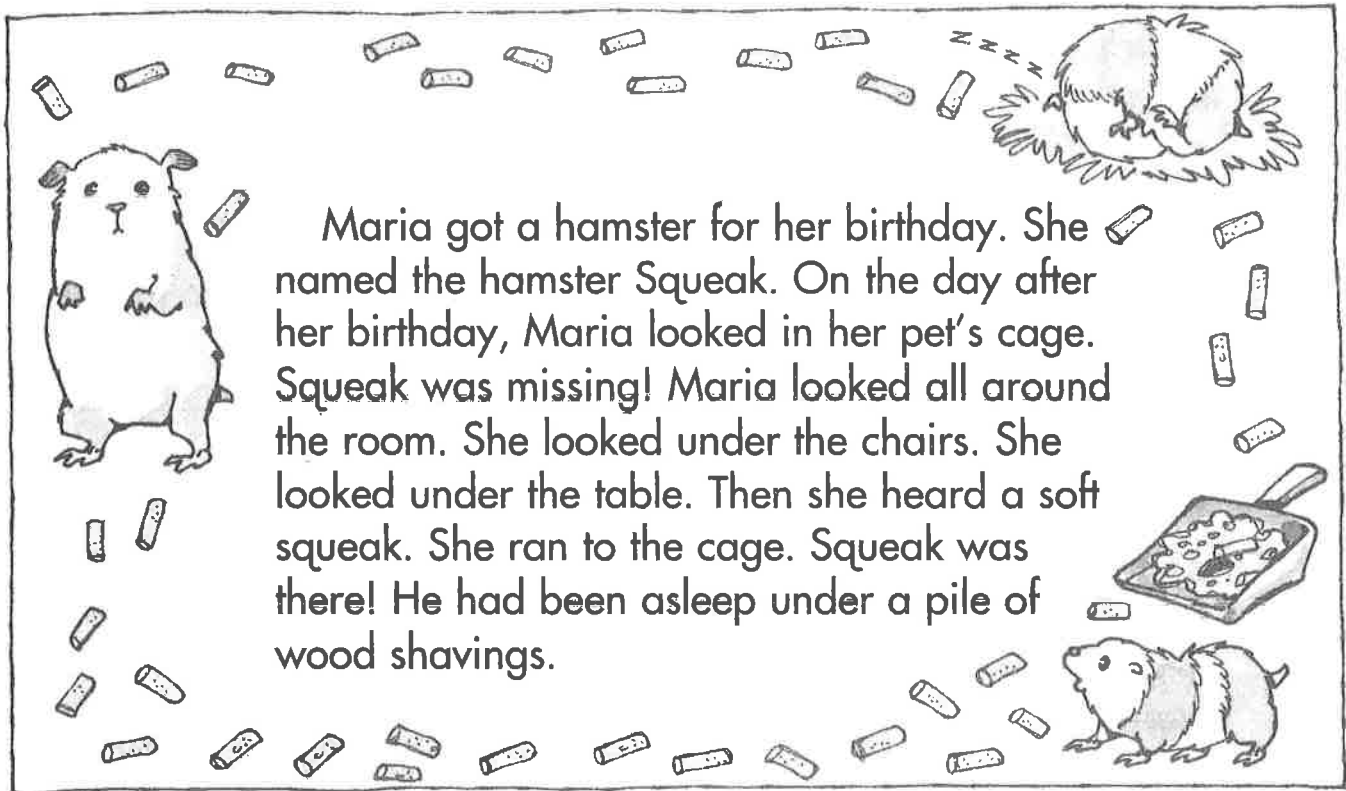
Maria and her mother went camping in the woods. First, they put up a tent under a big tree. Then they built a fire. As it got dark, Maria and her mother cooked dinner over the fire. They ate marshmallows for dessert. It was warm by the fire. It was cozy in the tent. Maria heard the crickets chirping before she fell asleep.



Directions: Circle the right answer.

- Where did Maria and her mother camp?
 - in a city
 - by a stream
 - in the woods
- Where did Maria and her mother sleep?
 - by the fire
 - in a tent
 - in the car
- Where was it warm?
 - in the car
 - in the tent
 - by the fire
- What did Maria hear before she fell asleep?
 - crickets
 - frogs
 - a storm

The Lost Pet



Directions: Circle **T** for true or **F** for false.

1. The first place Maria looked was in Squeak's cage.

T

F

2. Next, Maria looked under the table.

T

F

3. Maria ran upstairs to look for Squeak.

T

F

4. It turned out that Squeak was not really lost.

T

F