



DISTANCE LEARNING PACKET

5TH GRADE

READING

READING DAY 6

NAME _____ DATE _____

Reading:

The Baseball Game

Generally, I enjoy going to my brother's baseball games but today was an exception. First of all, the stadium seat was a rock and after fifteen minutes I felt like an old woman. After a few innings, I decided that it was time to make a trip to the snack bar but when I asked my dad several times if we could go, he was a mule and told me to wait until the game was half over. I was tempted to just ask my mom, because she is a creampuff but I knew that might get me into trouble, so I just waited until my dad said it was okay.

When we got to the snack bar, the snack bar worker was a sloth and it took him forever to get our order ready. Once we got our drinks and popcorn, we made our way back to the stands to watch the rest of the game. In the end, it turned out well. My brother's team won and he played really well. Tomorrow is my baseball game. I can't wait!

What is the actual meaning of the underlined metaphors from the story above? Circle the correct answer.

1. The stadium seat was a rock

- A. It was made of minerals B. It was hard C. It was sturdy

2. He was a mule

- A. He is stubborn B. He snorts when he laughs C. He is messy

3. She is a creampuff

- A. She is out of shape B. She loves sweets C. She is kind

4. The snack bar worker was a sloth

- A. He is slow moving B. He is energetic C. He climbs well

Write a 3 sentence summary of the text:

READING DAY 7

NAME _____ DATE _____

At the Park

Yesterday morning, my mom told me something that made me feel as happy as a lark. She told me that we were going to have a get together for lunch at the park with some of my aunts, uncles, and cousins. As soon as she said that, she started making some sandwiches and packing a few toys and as quick as a wink we were in the car and driving a few miles to our favorite park.

Once we got there, my youngest cousin, Avery, came running towards me like a cheetah, until she reached me for a big hug. We walked to the swings and I pushed her for a long time. Then some of my other cousins asked us to play freeze tag and so we left the swings and joined them. Finally, it was time for lunch and my dad said he was as hungry as a bear, which made me smile. We ate our sandwiches together and then enjoyed playing in the park for the rest of the afternoon.

What is the actual meaning of the underlined similes from the story above? Circle the correct answer.

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| 1. As happy as a lark | A. Very happy | B. Feeling sad | C. Very nervous |
| 2. As quick as a wink | A. Very slowly | B. Very sleepily | C. Very rapidly |
| 3. Like a cheetah | A. Sneaky | B. Quickly | C. Carefully |
| 4. As hungry as a bear | A. Very hungry | B. A little hungry | C. A picky eater |

Write a 3 sentence summary of the text:

READING DAY 8

NAME_____DATE_____

The Line

Kevin:

I have been saving my allowance for a long time, and also have some change I wanted to get rid of, so I went to the mall to get my mom a Mother's Day present. I guess everybody had the same idea because the mall was packed and the store I went into was especially crowded. I waited in line for a while and then the person at the checkout helped me. I know it was taking a long time for me to count out all of the single dollar bills and the quarters and the dimes but it was all I had. I felt really grateful that the checkout person was so patient and nice. Soon we finished and I took the gift home to be wrapped.

Bryson:

I was at the mall a few days before Mother's Day and I can't believe how busy it was. Everywhere I went the lines were long. I finally found a figurine I knew my mom would like so I went to pay for it. The line was really long and I was at the end. A few minutes later, I had moved a step or two and could see this boy at the front of the line taking forever to count his money. I was starting to feel even more irritated because not only did he have dollar bills to count, but he had coins. Who uses coins now anyway?

1. What was Kevin's point of view? How did he feel about the situation?
2. What was Bryson's point of view? How did he feel about the situation?
3. Why do you think the two boys saw the same event so differently?

READING DAY 9

NAME _____ DATE _____

Spider Monkeys

Spider monkeys live in the tropical rain forests of Central and South America and may live as far north as Mexico. Spider monkeys have prehensile tails, which means they may hold on to objects with their tails. Their long arms and hook-like hands also help them swing through the high canopy of trees, but they do not have opposable thumbs. Spider monkeys got their name from their appearance. Some say they look like spiders, with their long arms and legs dangling, when they hang upside down.

During the day, spider monkeys spend most of their time climbing and swinging through the trees. They also search for their favorite food, which is fruit. Besides fruit, they eat flowers, seeds, bark, leaves, and small insects.

Spider monkeys are social creatures and live in groups of about 20 to 100 male and female monkeys. When it's feeding time, they split into smaller groups. When females have a baby (only one each year or two), the baby is born with a pink face and ears. The baby is carried on its mother's stomach until it is about four months old. At that age, it is strong enough to ride on its mother's back.

1. How did spider monkeys get their name? Cite text evidence to support your answer.

2. What do spider monkeys eat in addition to fruit? Support your answer using evidence from the text.

Add commas to the following sentences.

1. Olivia brought sunglasses sunscreen and a beach towel to the beach.
2. Austin wanted to play baseball soccer and football, but he could only choose two.
3. At the back to school sale, we bought pencils markers erasers and binder paper.
4. Even though it was warm, Erik was craving stew chili or spaghetti.
5. Katie loved to wear shorts jeans and skirts but not dresses.
6. We needed to get a new umbrella raincoat and galoshes for the next rain storm.
7. I like to put chocolate syrup cherries and sprinkles on my ice cream sundae.

READING DAY 10

NAME _____ DATE _____

Polar Bear Migration

When the ice in Hudson Bay (Canada) melts in the summer, polar bears in the area are forced ashore to the southern edge of the polar bear's range. These polar bears gather in Churchill, to wait for a freeze-up, which signals that they can return to their seal-hunting grounds. They spend the next few months conserving energy and living off their fat reserves. Once the weather starts to get colder in fall, hundreds of polar bears begin migrating north along the coast to Churchill, to find the first ice of the season. This polar bear migration has been altered by climate change as the Hudson Bay melts earlier each summer and freezes later. The change in pattern has shortened their hunting season and as a result their numbers have dropped by 22% over the past 30 years.

Polar Bears Thrill Tourists

Thousands of people from around the world visit Churchill, Canada each fall to see magnificent polar bears. Churchill is one of the few human friendly places where polar bears can be viewed in the wild. The best times to see the polar bears are in October and November. This is when the bears start to migrate from their summer home, back to their seal hunting territory in the icy Hudson Bay. Tourists may view the bears in a number of ways, including using local tundra vehicles, which travel smoothly over snow and ice. Guided walks are available, you can take a canoe on Seal River, or you can stay at a wilderness lodge which was built near the bears' migration route.

Combine the information from both texts to make a summary.