

Fourth Grade Reading Comprehension Skills

Read the following narrative

My Summer in Phoenix

My grandmother lives in Phoenix. She moved there 10 years ago, I was only 2 years old when she left Chicago. She had to move to a warmer climate because the winters in Chicago were too cold. She went to her doctor and he said that she could not stay in such a cold climate. She was sorry to leave because she had her family here and her friends. But soon she made more friends in Phoenix.



My mother goes to visit her every winter. I can't go because I have to be in school, but last summer I went for a long visit. I traveled by plane to Phoenix, it was the first time I flew! When we landed, the pilot said it was more than 40° degrees. I thought I had heard the wrong number because I couldn't believe it was so hot.

When I got off the plane, I saw my grandmother right away; we were both really happy. Then, she gave me a big long hug and then we went to get my suitcase.

After that, we went outside and the street was as hot as a desert! We went to the bus stop and the bus came right away. I got on and was so glad it came so quickly because it was air-conditioned. It took about 30 minutes for us to get to her flat. I didn't mind the long ride because it was interesting to look outside the window. People had brown grass because it was all dried out. And they didn't have trees, but they had really big cactus plants.

When we got off the bus, we had to walk three more blocks to her apartment. I became extremely hot again. I asked my grandmother, "How can you live in such a hot place?" "Oh, you get used to it," she said. She was right, after a few weeks, I got used to the hot weather.

I went back home at the end of summer. I told her, "You're lucky you don't go in summer. But it is always great to be with grandma." My mother said, "I miss her a lot. Next time I'll go with you."

Answer the following questions.

1. When does the boy write this text? Tick the correct option.

- ☐ Before he visited his grandmother
☐ After he visited his grandmother
☐ During his visit to his grandmother

2. When did the boy's grandmother move to Phoenix? Tick the correct option.

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| ☐ 2 years ago | ☐ Last winter |
| ☐ 10 years ago | ☐ Last summer |

3. MATCH

Mom and the boy live in	Phoenix
Grandma lives in	cold
The weather in Phoenix is extremely	bus
The weather in Chicago is very	hot
Last summer the boy travelled to Phoenix by	Chicago
From the airport to the flat they travelled by	plane

4. How do you think the grandmother felt when they told her to move?

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| ☐ Joyful | ☐ Excited |
| ☐ Worried | ☐ Sad |

5. Why? Find a phrase or sentence in the text to support your answer.

Because she was moving to a very hot place

Because she had to leave her friends and family

Because the flat had air-conditioning.

6. Why doesn't the boy visit his grandmother when his mother goes?

7. Did the boy get used to the weather in Phoenix? Tick.

☐ YES

☐ NO

8. How do you know? Which phrase from the text best supports your answer?

"You're lucky you don't go in summer. But it is always great to be with grandma."

She was right, after a few weeks, I got used to the hot weather.

Next time I'll go with you."

