

READING COMPREHENSION

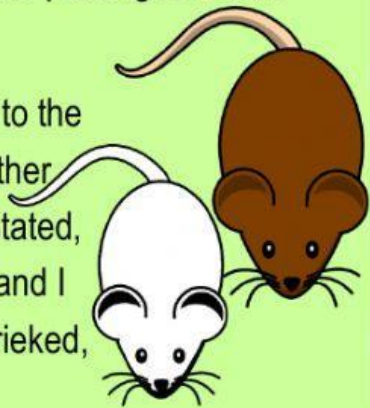
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"Mistaken Identity"

Early Monday morning Ms. Linda and I work in her classroom drinking tea and eating muffins. Two students ran in and shouted excitedly. "Ms. Ava we just saw a dog having puppies up the hill. The dog left the puppies so we brought them to you. The students quickly thrust a clear plastic cup at me containing two hairless mammals. I looked at Ms. Linda and exclaimed we have to save them. She instantly suggested that we take the creatures to the vet.

We jumped into her car and sped off towards the Humane Society. As we traveled, the temperature in the car dropped. I looked worriedly at Ms. Linda and said, "The puppies need to be warm or they will die." She quickly turned off the air-conditioning unit. Within five minutes we pulled into the parking lot of the Humane Society and dashed into the building.

We pushed our way to the front of the line and shouted to the receptionist, "You have to save these puppies, their mother abandoned them!" The receptionist looked calmly and stated, "These are not puppies; they are baby rats!" Ms. Linda and I quickly pushed the cup towards the receptionist and shrieked, "Keep them!" We ran out the door with red faces.



1. According to information in the passage, what were the teachers doing when the students came?

[1]



2. Using information from the passage, what does the phrase, "**there was a drop in temperature**" tell us about the atmosphere in the car? Choose the correct answer. [1]
3. Based on information provided in the passage, why were the teachers able to reach the Humane Society in such a short time? Give two details to support your answer. [2]
4. Compare Ms. Linda's feeling at the beginning and the end of the story. Give specific details to support your answer. [2]
5. What evidence provided suggests that the mammals were very small creatures? [1]
6. What do you think Ms. Linda will do the next time students approach her with similar concerns? [1]
7. Explain why "Mistaken Identity" is a suitable title for this story? [2]

