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READING COMPREHENSION

The legend of Surabaya

Once upon a time, there were two strong animals living in East Java. They were Sura the shark and Baya the crocodile. Both of them lived in the sea. They were friends. However, when they were starving, they became very greedy.

One day, Sura and Baya were searching for food. Then Baya saw a goat and said, "This is my lunch!" Sura yelled, "No! I haven't eaten for two days, so this is my lunch." Both of them quarreled. But they got tired after fighting for several hours. "I'm tired of fighting, Baya," said Sura. He planned to stop their bad habit. "Yeah, me too," replied Baya in agreement. "What should we do to stop fighting? Do you have any idea?" asked Baya. Sura thought for a while. "I've got an idea. Let's divide our territory. Since I live in the water, I will look for the food in the sea. And you will search for your food on the land," said Sura. "The beach will become the border between us, so we will never meet again," he added. Baya considered the idea for a while then agreed to Sura's suggestion. Then they lived separately.

One day, Sura found not much food in the sea. So, he went to the land and searched for food in the river. Seeing that, Baya got angry. "What are you doing here? This is my territory!" He yelled to Sura. "There is water in the river, right? This is also my place!" replied Sura. Then Sura and Baya fought again. They both hit each other.

Both of them tried to bite each other's tail. Baya bit Sura's tail very hard until Sura gave up and went back to the sea. The place where they had a fight was a mess. People then talked about it and named the place Surabaya. It is the combination of both names, Sura and Baya.

A. Read the story above and choose the right answer.

1. After reading the text above, we know that ...
 - A. Sura kept the promise
 - B. Sura lived in the jungle
 - C. Sura broke the promise
 - D. Sura and Baya fought again
2. What was the border agreed by both Sura and Baya ?
 - A. The beach
 - B. The water
 - C. The land
 - D. The sea

3. "What should we do to stop fighting?" (paragraph 2)
What does the underlined word refer to ?
- People of Surabaya
 - People and Baya
 - People and Sura
 - Sura and Baya
4. Why did people name the place Surabaya
- To commemorate the big fight between Sura and Baya
 - To invite people to see the big fight between Sura and Baya
 - To let people know that the fight made Sura badly wounded
 - To ask people do to the same thing when they meet a shark
5. From the text we can learn that ...
- We should help each other
 - We should keep our promise
 - Beasts like to fight very much
 - A friend in need is a friend indeed

B. Drag and drop the right word on the right place.

broke

kind

eat

greedy

share

agree

6. Sura and Baya were creatures.
7. Sura and Baya didn't want to their food when they were hungry.
8. Sura and Baya fought because Sura his promise

C. Match the underlined word with the right definition by arrowing them

9. Both of them quarrelled.

An opinion or decision that someone has reached after a lot of thought

10. Baya considered the idea for a while ...

Not together

11. Then they live separately

An angry disagreement between two or more people or groups

