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P5 Plus

I. Read the poem and answer the questions!

**The Sad Story of Percy, the TV Addict**

Young Percy's parents could not get  
Their son to leave the TV set.  
In fact, it was a common sight,  
From five o'clock till late at night,  
To see young Percival McQueen  
Before the television screen.

He watched the sports, the plays, the news,  
The Westerns and the interviews.  
The programmes might be good or bad,  
They might be comical or sad;  
He watched them all the evening through.  
(They say he watched the test card, too.)

At half-past five the little chap  
Would eat his supper on his lap;  
But what he ate he did not know —  
His eyes were on the children's show!  
All table manners he forgot —  
It didn't worry him a jot.

And then one night, I'm sad to tell,  
Young Percival was heard to yell;  
"I cannot watch it any more,  
My eyes are feeling strange and sore!"  
And when he got up from his chair,  
His eyes were green and red ... and square!

Poor Percy had to pay the price  
For disregarding good advice.  
For fear that you might share his fate,  
You must learn to discriminate.  
Don't be like Percival McQueen —  
An addict of the TV screen.



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1. What happened to Percy one night?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What does 'to pay the price' mean in the poem?  
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3. Which word in the last stanza means the same as 'ignoring'?  
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4. What does the poet tell us we must learn to do?  
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5. Do you think Percy's eyes really become 'green, red and square'? Why do you think the poet wrote this poem?  
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**II. Answer the questions completely!**

6. Make two statements from the words below :

- a. cake = \_\_\_\_\_  
b. birthday = \_\_\_\_\_

7. Make two question sentences from the words below :

- a. holiday = \_\_\_\_\_  
b. school = \_\_\_\_\_

8. Make two exclamatory sentences that express your feeling about what you see at the beach!

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Make three command sentences!

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Choose the correct words!**

10. Can I go to the party (*to, too, two*)? \_\_\_\_\_  
11. This is my favorite (*pare, pair, pear*) of jeans. \_\_\_\_\_  
12. I (*sent, scent, cent*) a letter to my aunt in Vietnam. \_\_\_\_\_  
13. The children got (*bored, board*) during the lecture. \_\_\_\_\_  
14. Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez like to work in (*there, they're, their*) garden. \_\_\_\_\_  
15. Alec is going to (*wear, ware*) his work boots today. \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Please write:**

16. Write two similes!

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17. Write two metaphor!

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18. Write one alliteration!

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