

## READING 1

# Humans Eat Grass Too

Do you eat grass? You may be surprised by the answer. We usually think of grass as food for animals, but humans eat grass too. They eat the seeds. **Rice** is a special kind of grass that has big seeds, and they **taste** good!

### Did you know?

There are over 100 different kinds of rice grown around the world.

- 5 Over many years, humans have changed rice to have more and larger seeds, and it has become a very important food. After corn, it is the most popular seed in the world. It is the **basic** food for a large part of the world's **population**, and it **provides** 20% of all the energy eaten by humans.
- 10 How **often** do **you** eat rice? Koreans are eating it less often than they used to. In 1980, Koreans ate 132.4 kg per person. By 2006, they were only eating 78.8 kg per person. Koreans are now eating more bread and meat instead of rice.

Even though Koreans now eat less rice, rice is a very important 15 part of life for many people around the world. Did you eat some grass today?

### QUESTION FOR READING 1:

### Read this!

*Each grain of rice is a drop of sweat from a farmer. -A saying in the Philippines-*

**A Main Idea** Circle the main idea of the story.

- a.* Rice is a plant. *b.* Rice is an important food for many people.  
*c.* Rice is delicious. *d.* People eat less rice now.

**B Graphic Summary** Complete the diagram.

Paragraph	Summary
1	Rice is a special _____ of _____.
2	Rice is a very _____. It is the second most _____ in the world.
3	Koreans eat rice _____ than they used to.
4	Rice is a very important _____ of _____ for many people around the world.

**C Details 1** Check (✓) True or False.

	True	False
1 Only animals eat grass as a food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 People eat 20% less rice now.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Corn is the most popular seed in the world.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Koreans are eating more rice instead of bread and meat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Rice is an important food for people around the world.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**D Details 2** Circle the correct answer.

1 What is the most popular seed in the world?

- a.* rice *b.* corn

2 How has rice changed over the years?

- a.* Now it tastes better. *b.* Now it has more and larger seeds.

3 In line 10, who does **you** refer to?

- a.* Koreans *b.* the reader

## READING 2

# Baseball

Jay's dad had a surprise for **him** last Saturday.

"Would you like to go to a **baseball** game?" he asked.

"Yes, please!" answered Jay.

They got to the **stadium** and followed the people through the **gate**. Inside, Jay was surprised. The stadium was very big, and there were a lot of people everywhere. This was Jay's first baseball game, so **he** didn't know what to do.

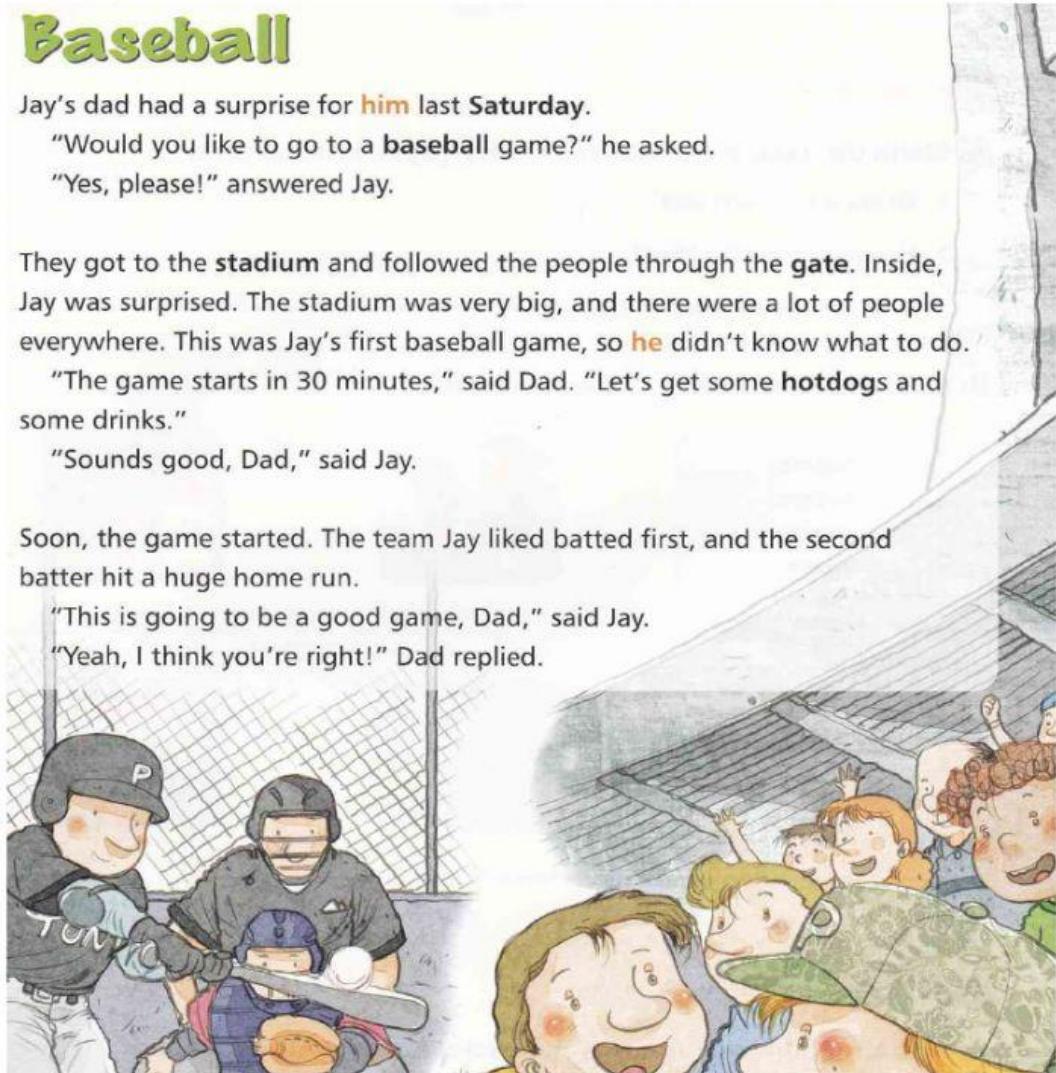
"The game starts in 30 minutes," said Dad. "Let's get some **hotdogs** and some **drinks**."

"Sounds good, Dad," said Jay.

Soon, the game started. The team Jay liked batted first, and the second batter hit a huge home run.

"This is going to be a good game, Dad," said Jay.

"Yeah, I think you're right!" Dad replied.



## QUESTION FOR READING 2:

## B. Practice the Reading Skills

### 1. Read the story again and complete the chart.

followed	baseball	had	stadium	went	people
<b>What did Jay see?</b>			<b>What did Jay do?</b>		
- a big	_____		-	_____	into the stadium
- a lot of	_____		-	_____	the people through the gate
- a	_____	game	-	_____	hotdogs and drinks

### 2. Circle the correct answer.

1 "Jay's dad had a surprise for **him**." **him** means \_\_\_\_\_ in this sentence.

a Jay

b Jay's dad

2 "**He** didn't know what to do." **He** means \_\_\_\_\_ in this sentence.

a Jay

b Jay's dad

3 How did Jay feel when he went inside the stadium?

a He was hungry.

b He was surprised.

4 Why didn't Jay know what to do?

a It was Jay's first baseball game.

b There were a lot of people.

5 How did Jay feel when he said, "This is going to be a good game."?

a He was surprised.

b He was excited.

## 3 After Reading

### A. Check Your Understanding Write the answer.

1 What was Dad's surprise for Jay? \_\_\_\_\_

2 Does Jay go to baseball games often? \_\_\_\_\_

3 What did they do before the game started? \_\_\_\_\_

**READING 3**

## CAT MYTHS

People believe things about cats that might not be true. These "myths" can confuse cat owners. If you like cats, learn the facts and fiction about them.

Some people think that cats need to drink milk. That is not true. If a cat eats a good diet, it does not need to drink milk. Does your cat drink milk? Most cats like milk, but it can make them sick. Cats should only have milk in small amounts.

Have you heard the one about garlic? People put garlic on cat food. They believe it will get rid of worms in the cat's body. Does it work? Garlic makes food taste richer. Garlic does nothing to worms. It will give the cat bad breath! If your cat has worms, take it to an animal doctor. A veterinarian can give medicine to the cat. The medicine will take care of the worms.

Some people think that cats' whiskers help them to balance. Whiskers serve as "feelers." They do nothing at all for balance. "Feelers" help the cat know about its surroundings.

Have you heard these myths before? Do not believe them. Learn how to care for cats. Read books and talk to your veterinarian. Cats need good owners to care for them.



### STORY QUESTIONS

- 1.** According to the passage, what is the meaning of "if a cat eats a good diet"?
  - a. getting the treats it deserves
  - b. getting the right kind and amount of food to make them healthy
  - c. getting the right kind of love and attention
  - d. getting your neighbor to feed your cat while you are on vacation
  
- 2.** "Cat Myths" is mostly about...
  - a. creating a positive atmosphere for your cat.
  - b. stories that are true about cats.
  - c. stories that are not true about cats.
  - d. making sure you have dinner in time for your cat.
  
- 3.** A new title for this passage might be ...

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. "The Truth About Cats."</li><li>b. "A Cat's Life."</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>c. "Blame It on the Cat."</li><li>d. "Safety for Cats."</li></ol>
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- 4.** When someone tells you new information about any topic, you should always ...
  - a. read a book that gives you advice on friendship.
  - b. watch a TV show about chickens.
  - c. search the Internet for video games about cats.
  - d. check to see if the information is correct.

**READING 4**

## **PENGUINS**

The penguin is a fascinating bird. There are 17 different kinds of penguin. The penguin spends much of its life in the sea, so it can swim very well. A penguin is one of the few birds that cannot fly. A penguin uses its feathers to keep its skin dry. Its feathers are shiny and waterproof. Penguins continually lose their feathers and grow new ones. Penguins have big heads with short, thick necks. They have web-shaped feet for swimming and flipper-like wings for “gliding” through the water. Their coloring is usually black and white, although there are some brown penguins. Penguins are known for their “tuxedo” look.

The largest of the penguins is called the emperor penguin. This penguin stands at over three-and-a-half feet tall and weighs about 65 pounds. It is hard to tell the difference between male and female penguins because they look so much alike.

All wild penguins are found in the southern hemisphere. They live in climates ranging from warm tropics to very cold and frigid landscapes. Only penguins with a heavy amount of blubber can live in freezing climates. A penguin is not able to defend itself, so it lives in an area that is generally free from predators. Penguins eat fish, squid, and crustaceans.

Penguins are very social animals and have been known to mate with just one penguin during the breeding season. It is the female penguin that competes for a mate’s attention.

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### **STORY QUESTIONS**

1. What does the author think of penguins?
  - a. The author does not think highly of the penguins.
  - b. The author thinks that penguins should not be classified as birds.
  - c. The author thinks penguins live in groups.
  - d. The author thinks the penguin is an interesting bird.
2. According to the passage, which sentence shows what the author thinks of the penguin?
  - a. “Penguins are known for their ‘tuxedo’ look.”
  - b. “A penguin is one of the few birds that cannot fly.”
  - c. “The penguin is a fascinating bird.”
  - d. “It is hard to tell the difference between male and female penguins.”
3. Why would a penguin with little blubber not be found in a freezing climate like Antarctica?
  - a. It has too much blubber for such a cold place.
  - b. It would get too warm.
  - c. All penguins live in warm tropic climates.
  - d. It does not have enough blubber to stay warm.
4. The penguin uses its feathers to . . .
  - a. fly.
  - b. stay warm.
  - c. stay dry.
  - d. move around.