Merlin

Cole was worried. When he threw the fish sticks into the green pond, Merlin wasn't swimming up like normal. Cole thought maybe the turtle was still hiding in her underwater shelter. Merlin was sometimes naughty that way. The water wasn't clear, so Cole felt around the bottom of the pond with the net, but there was no sign of her anywhere.

Maybe Merlin escaped? Cole looked around the garden. This was bad news. It wasn't safe for her in the garden. Without water, the turtle wouldn't survive.

Then, there was a rustle from the bushes. Cole quickly dropped the net and ran to investigate.



A Read and choose.

1 At the beginning of the story, why was Cole worried?

(a.) The turtle didn't swim up for food. b. The pond water was green. c. He didn't have enough food for the turtle.

2 Why did Cole feel around the pond with a net?

a. He couldn't see into the green water. b. He wanted to catch fish.

c. He was cleaning the pond.

3 The word in the story that means "stay alive" is …

a. rustle. b. safe. c. survive.

4 What word describes the sound from the bushes?

a. squeak b. whisper c. rustle

5 How did Cole feel when he heard the sound from the bushes?

a. annoyed b. sad c. surprised

6 What did Cole think was making the sound?

a. a bird b. his turtle c. a cat

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