

Sequencing and Summarizing Graded Assignment

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Puppy Ruckus

1 A farm dog named Lucy had five puppies. There were four males and one female. As the puppies grew, they began to explore around the farm. They looked in the barn, the hen house, and the pigpen. In each place, the puppies found an adventure.



2 Each day the puppies woke to a fresh bowl of milk.

After lapping up the nutritious breakfast, the puppies headed for the barn. In the barn, they stirred up some trouble with the horses and the cows.

3 First, the puppies started a game of hide and seek with the animals in each stall. The puppies ran back and forth from underneath the hay trough into the stalls with the animals. "Woof, moo, neigh! Woof, moo, neigh! Woof, moo, neigh!" Then, the puppies switched to a rousing game of tag throughout the dark shadows within the barn. This ruckus continued until the puppies zonked out in a small heap in the hay.

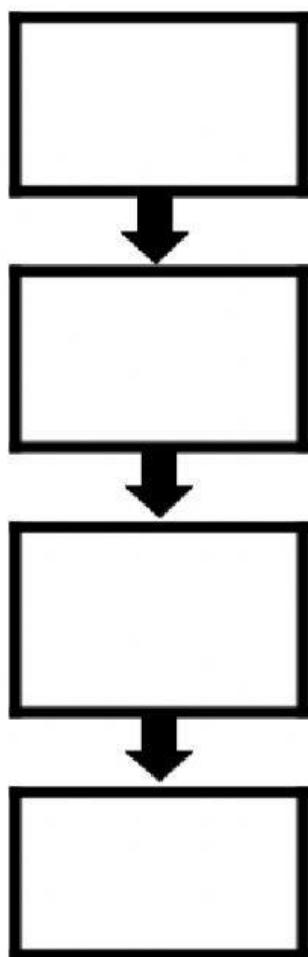
4 After waking from their late morning nap, the puppies wandered out from the barn to the hen house. At the wire-caged house, the puppies ran in circles around it and barked nonstop until the hens began to flap their wings and cluck wildly. "Cluck! Cluck! Cluck!" squawked the hens. This ruckus continued for a long while in the midday sun until the farmer's wife shooed them away.

5 As the puppies moved on through the barnyard, they came to a muddy pen. The girl puppy went into the pen first with her brothers close behind. They all began to roll and romp

until they were muddy from head to toe. This great fun went on for some time. Then, the pigs woke from their deep sleep to chase the puppies from their mud hole. "Oink! Oink! Oink!"

6 At the end of the day, the puppies went back home where the farmer's wife cleaned them up and fed them another fresh bowl of milk. Then, they cuddled together into a puppy pile for a much needed night's sleep. The puppies stayed there until the farm came alive again with the rising sun.

1.) Drag and drop the events in the order they happened in the story.



The puppies go to sleep in the hay.

The puppies play hide and seek with the animals.

The puppies change the game to tag.

The puppies run under the hay troughs.

2.) What sentence is the best summary of paragraph 6?

- a.) The puppies ate a nutritious breakfast before going out on the farm.
- b.) The puppies played in the mud until they were covered from head to toe.
- c.) The puppies cleaned up and went to bed after a long day of playing.
- d.) The puppies began to explore other animals around the farm.

3.) What sentence from the story is the most important detail to include in a summary of the story?

- a.) A farm dog named Lucy had five puppies.
- b.) In each place, the puppies found an adventure.
- c.) Each day the puppies woke to a fresh bowl of milk.
- d.) This great fun went on for some time.

4.) Complete these notes.

Puppy Adventures	
• They started a game of hide and seek with the animals.	
• They wandered out from the barn to the hen house.	
• _____	

- a.) There were four males and one female.
- b.) The puppies ate a nutritious breakfast.
- c.) They cuddled together in a puppy pile.
- d.) They rolled and romped in the mud.

5.) What detail from the story is the least important to include in a summary of the story?

- a.) In the barn they played tag throughout the dark shadows.
- b.) The girl puppy went into the pen first.
- c.) The puppies ran in circles around the hen house.
- d.) The puppies cuddled together for a much needed sleep.

Fleming the Penguin

1 Far away, in a land made of ice, there lived a penguin named Fleming. Fleming lived in Antarctica, the coldest place on Earth. It was very windy and often dark, but Fleming was never afraid for he had a lot of company. The sea was full of blue whales, black and white orcas, and seals. There were hundreds of other penguins. They often huddled together. They shared their meals of fish and squid.

2 Fleming's wife Otelia was an excellent diver. She could swim down into the hidden depths of the sea. Deep in the sea, she could find Fleming's favorite meal. Fleming liked to eat tiny silverfish. She always brought lots of them back for him. They tasted so salty and cold!

3 Otelia would journey for miles to find silverfish. Sometimes she was at sea for days.

She asked Fleming to enjoy himself while she was gone. "Have lovely chats with all our friends," she said. "When I return, we will have a feast."

4 Fleming did as Otelia asked. He walked to the edge of the sea and sang along with the whales. In chorus, they all sounded delightful. He swam with the seals and practiced holding his breath. He helped the mother penguins look after their young chicks. He talked happily for hours. "It is wonderful to have company," Fleming thought.

5 Fleming chatted away each day. After a number of days, though, he started to become cranky. He thought that the whales' songs were too high-pitched. He was jealous that the seals could hold their breath longer than he could. "Why does everyone speak only of the weather?" he wondered. Fleming thought, "This is too much company!" He wanted to be someplace quiet and warm.

6 Fleming decided to build an igloo. He gathered snow. He patted and shaped the snow into smooth bricks. When the bricks were stacked in a full circle, they formed a cozy dome. Fleming went inside. The igloo was silent. He couldn't hear the voices of penguins. He couldn't hear the sea or the breeze. "I feel lonely," Fleming thought, and the thought surprised him.

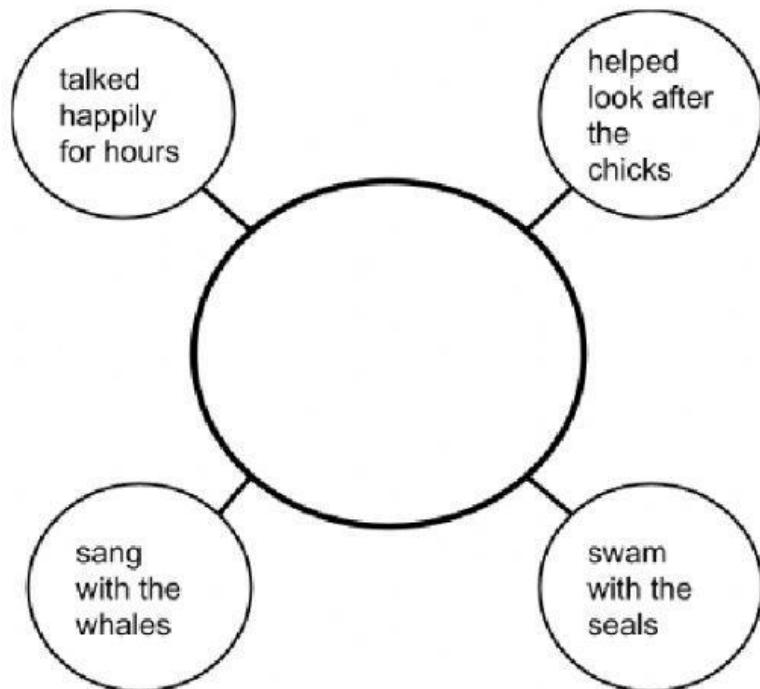


7 Suddenly, Otelia entered the igloo. She was carrying many silverfish. "Darling," Fleming said, "may we invite everyone to dinner? It is so warm inside here and we have plenty of fish."

6.) Which of the following is the best summary of paragraph 6?

- a.) Fleming builds an igloo, but feels lonely when he is inside it.
- b.) Fleming builds an igloo that is warm and quiet.
- c.) Fleming forms bricks out of snow, and uses them to build an igloo.
- d.) Fleming can not hear the ocean or the other penguins when he is in the igloo.

7.) Complete the web



- a.) Things Otelia Does
- b.) Things Whales Do
- c.) Things Fleming Does
- d.) Things Seals Do

8.) Complete the notes.

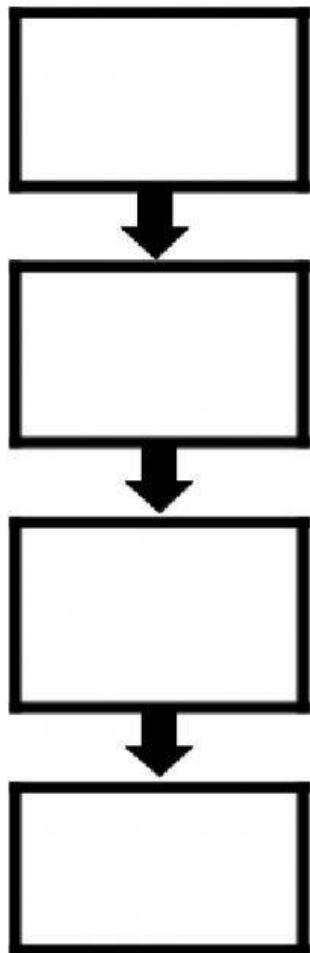
Building Fleming's Igloo
• gather snow
• stacked the bricks
• _____

- a.) Became jealous of the seals
- b.) Shaped the snow
- c.) Sang with the whales
- d.) Began to feel lonely

9.) What sentence from the story is least important to include in a summary of the story?

- a.) Fleming's wife Otelia was an excellent diver.
- b.) "I feel lonely," Fleming thought, and the thought surprised him.
- c.) They shared their meals of fish and squid.
- d.) Fleming lived in Antarctica, the coldest place on Earth.

10.) Complete the flowchart by dragging and dropping details from the story in the correct order.



Otelia went to sea
to find silverfish.

Fleming felt jealous
of the seals.

Otelia walked into
the igloo.

Fleming sang along
with the whales.