The 4 Levels of Reading Comprehension Worksheet

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1. Literal Comprehension

Understanding information that is directly stated in the text.

2. Inferential Comprehension

Using clues from the text and prior knowledge to make logical guesses or conclusions.

3. Critical Comprehension

Judging and evaluating what you read by forming opinions and analyzing information.

4. Applied Comprehension

Using information from the text in real-life situations or connecting it to personal experiences.

Part I – Match the Level: Write the correct comprehension level next to each statement.

Choices

- Literal
- Inferential
- Critical
- Applied

1. _____ Understanding facts directly stated in the passage
2. _____ Deciding whether the author's argument is believable
3. _____ Using clues to figure out how a character feels
4. _____ Using information from a text to solve a real-world problem
5. _____ Finding the setting of a story
6. _____ Connecting the text to your own life experiences

Part II – Read the Passage and Answer the questions

Passage

Emma forgot her umbrella at home before school. During recess, dark clouds filled the sky and rain began pouring heavily. Emma stood near the door watching other students run outside with umbrellas and raincoats.

Questions

7. Why is Emma standing near the door?
   A. She wants to play soccer
   B. She forgot her umbrella
   C. She enjoys the rain
   D. She is waiting for lunch

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8. What level of comprehension is Question 7?
   A. Literal
   B. Inferential
   C. Critical
   D. Applied
9. What detail from the passage helps you answer Question 7?

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10. What is the weather like in the passage?
    A. Sunny
    B. Windy
    C. Rainy
    D. Snowy
11. What level of comprehension is Question 10?
    A. Literal
    B. Inferential
    C. Critical
    D. Applied
12. Do you think Emma should have checked the weather forecast before school? Explain your answer.

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13. What level of comprehension is Question 12?
    A. Literal
    B. Inferential
    C. Critical
    D. Applied
14. Describe a time when you forgot something important. How does Emma's situation relate to your experience?

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15. What level of comprehension is Question 14?
    A. Literal
    B. Inferential
    C. Critical
    D. Applied

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Part III – Identify the Level – Write L, I, C, or A

Read each question and determine which level of comprehension it uses.

16. ___ - "What color was the character's backpack?"

17. ___ - "Why do you think the character was nervous?"

18. ___ - "Do you agree with the author's opinion? Why or why not?"

19. ___ - "How could you use this information in your daily life?"

20. ___ - "What lesson can readers learn from the story?"

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