Star Kids DLC

Power Reading

Grade 5

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I. Fiction Reading Test. Read the story. Answer the questions that follow. Click the box of the correct answer.

The Missing Money

Jane had two children to raise. She had to buy clothes and pay the rent. She had a lot of bills. She worked hard to get money to pay all the bills.

Jane was a waitress. She worked every day. Even when she was tired, she went to work. She needed to earn the money so she works like a horse.

After people ate, they would pay the cashier. The restaurant got that money. The manager used it to pay the costs. The manager paid the waitresses a salary. That is money that someone earns by doing a job. Jane's salary was $600 a week. Jane counted on tips to help her get enough money every week. Customers paid the waitresses extra. That extra money is called a tip. It is a way of thanking the waitress for a good job. Jane did a great job. She was friendly. She was patient. If a customer did not like the food,

she would take it back to the kitchen and get them a different meal.

One night, after Jane had served dinner to a family, they left a big tip. She saw it on the table. It was $20. Jane was taking care of another family. She turned to help them at their table. When she turned back, the money was gone. There was no tip. She looked around the restaurant. She saw that a woman at another table was staring at her. She had not ordered food. She was looking at the menu. Jane went to ask her what food she

wanted. She ordered just a sandwich. She ate it. She did not leave a tip.

Jane wondered if this woman had taken the $20. She asked the cashier, "Did that woman pay with a $20 bill?" The cashier said, "Yes, she did." Jane was sure the woman had stolen her money. But she could not prove it.

The next night, the same woman came into the restaurant. She gave Jane $50. She said, "I was so sorry I took your money last night. I had a bad day. Someone stole my wallet. So I was

angry. So I took your money. But that was not right. People should help each other. They should share good things. Not bad things. So I want you to take the money."

Jane said she knew how it feels to need money. And she was sorry the woman lost her money. She said, "I'll take the $20 but you keep the rest. I know you need it."

The manager said, "You should have called the police."

Jane said, "No. We should forgive when someone apologizes and wants to make it

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right.
We should try to help each other."

A. Comprehension and Inferential Questions

1. How many children does Jane have?

a. two b. three c. five d. four

2. What is Janes profession?

a. teacher b. waitress c. cashier d. owner

2. How much does she earn in a week?

a. $700 b. $60.00 c. $600 d. $200

4. What do you call an extra money that is given to a waitress as a way of thanking the waitress for a good job?

a. extra money b. wage c. salary d. tip

5. How much was the tip given to Jane by a family one night?

a. $20 b. $200.00 c. $50 d. $500

6. What happened to the tip given to Jane?

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7. What happened to the woman who took her money?

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B. Literary Elements Questions

Directions: After reading the story, choose the best answer for each question. Circle the letter of your answer.

1. Give three character traits that describe Jane?

a. _____ b._____ c._____

2. In what genre is this story?

a. Realistic Fiction b. Nonfiction c. Folklore d. Poetry

3. Which poetic technique is used in the following line: "She needed to earn the money so she works like a horse. "?

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a. Idiom b. Simile c. Personification d. Hyperbole

II. Nonfiction Reading Test. Read the selection. Answer the questions that follow. Click the box of the correct answer.

"Fruit Fly Fix"

It is breakfast time. You have been looking forward to eating a nice ripe banana ever since you woke up. Just when you reach for the delicious piece of fruit on your counter, you see something that makes you much less hungry: a swarm of fruit flies!

Fruit flies are tiny insects that are attracted to ripe or rotting fruits and vegetables. The flies not only eat the fruit, they also lay their eggs there. A single fruit fly can lay up to 500 eggs on the surface of a piece of fruit. Within eight days, the fruit flies that hatch from these eggs are full adults that can then lay their own eggs. As you can see, what might start out as a small fruit fly problem can become very large very quickly.

Although there is a chance fruit flies can carry germs on to your food, this is not very likely. Fruit flies are annoying, but they probably will not hurt you. Because they are such a nuisance, however, most people want to get rid of these pesky bugs as quickly as possible. Some people use pesticide sprays on the fruit flies. Although this will kill the flies, it will also spread harmful poison all over your kitchen. Luckily, there is also a completely safe way for you to get rid of fruit flies in your house.

The first step is for you to remove all fruits or vegetables from your counter. Store these items in the refrigerator or in sealed containers. Clean up any spilled juice or bits of food that might be on the floor. Take out the trash and empty the recycling bin. Wash any dirty dishes that are in your sink. Doing all of these things will stop new fruit flies from finding food or places to lay their eggs.

Next, make a trap to catch all of the remaining fruit flies in your house. First, fill a small bowl with a few tablespoons of vinegar. Then, put a piece of very ripe or rotting fruit into the vinegar. Cover the bowl very tightly with a sheet of plastic wrap and poke a few very small holes in the wrap with a fork. If all goes according to plan, the flies will enter the trap through the holes but will be unable to fly back out. This trap will catch all of the remaining fruit flies. You can either kill these flies or release them outdoors.

Fruit flies can be a pest, but they do not have to make you crazy. With a little effort, you can get existing flies out of your house and prevent new ones from taking over your kitchen.

A. Comprehension and Inferential Questions. Click the box of the correct answer.

1) **In reading this passage, we learn that fruit flies**

I. die immediately after they lay their eggs

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II. can grow into adults after only 8 days
III. are mostly harmless

A. I only
B. I and II only
C. II and III only
D. I, II, and III

2) As used in paragraph 3, a nuisance is something that
A. bothers you
B. can be dangerous
C. grows fast
D. is very small

3) According to the passage, why should you not use pesticide spray to kill fruit flies?
A. most sprays do not actually kill all of the fruit flies
B. buying sprays can get expensive if you need to use a lot of them
C. the sprays take too much time to work
D. it can be dangerous to use them in your kitchen

4) Based on the information in the penultimate (next-to-last) paragraph, we can understand that the
author thinks that
A. some people do not mind having fruit flies in their house
B. some people do not like killing insects
C. fruit flies do not like vinegar
D. making a fruit fly trap can be difficult

5) Imagine you had a fruit fly outbreak in your kitchen. What would you do to handle the situation?_____
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B. Extended Response

1. Would you take the advice offered in the passage? Why or why not? (5 pts.)
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