

Tanyo

1 It was Grandmother who told me about Tanyo. Late one night, she sat beside me on the bed. Layers of mosquito netting were draped above us to keep the flying bugs away. The insects of the Congo buzzed and hummed around the netting. They were much larger than the bugs back in Virginia.

2 "We need a cool night, Tanyo," Grandmother said as she looked up through the open skylights in the flat roof of the cabin. I could clearly see her face in the bright, blue moonlight. She smiled at me and asked, "Do you know about Tanyo?"

3 Grandmother told me that Tanyo was the largest of the mountain gorillas that lived in the volcanic mountains of Virunga National Park. "The Congo has a wide range of climates," Grandmother said. "There is the wet heat that we feel here today. There is also the bitter cold of the mountaintops. Tanyo lives where the temperatures become cold enough to freeze the streams and rivers. It's where the rain can change to snow."

4 Grandmother told me that the other gorillas were coated with silver-colored hair, but Tanyo was a wonderful shade of lilac. "He is the color of a stormy sky," Grandmother said. "His hair is the color of storm clouds streaked with lightning." She explained that each morning, when the other gorillas foraged for breakfast in the fruiting trees, Tanyo reached up into the cloud-filled skies for his meal. "Instead of guava, he eats stars," Grandmother told me. "Tanyo pulls them from the sky, cracks them on the ground, and drinks the sweet nectar."

5 Grandmother explained that when Tanyo needed a bath, he gathered storm clouds and wrung them out like a sponge. When he needed to dry his hair, he summoned the north winds to soak up the moisture. "Tanyo likes the cold, but he also enjoys lying down on a warm and cozy bed on occasion. It is those times when he sends the cool evening air our way," Grandmother said.

6 "How exactly does he give us a cool night?" I asked.

7 "That's a good question, Ruthie," Grandmother said. She explained that sometimes, only sometimes, Tanyo craved a warm and balmy day. "When he wants it to warm up, when he wants to soak in the heat of the sun, he gathers the hot air and hoists it up to the mountaintop. Then, he pushes the cool breeze down to us."

8 "Is there any way to encourage him? Is there any way to ask him to give us a cool night or a warm day?" I asked.

9 "Wish on a star," Grandmother said. "Maybe he'll eat that star and taste your wish."

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1. Which word from the story has a root word that means "degree of hot or cold"?

☐ A. lightning ☐ B. mountains ☐ C. temperature ☐ D. volcanic

2. Read this sentence from paragraph 2.

"I could clearly see her face in the bright, blue moonlight."

In which word from the story does -ly mean the same as it does in clearly?

☐ A. flying ☐ B. lying ☐ C. only ☐ D. exactly

3. Which detail about the setting is most important to the story?

- ☐ A. Maybe he'll eat the star and taste your wish.
- ☐ B. Tanyo lives where the temperatures become cold enough to freeze the streams and rivers
- ☐ C. His hair is the color of storm clouds streaked with lightning.
- ☐ D. The insects of the Congo buzzed and hummed around the netting.

4. What is the genre of the story?

☐ A. Realistic fiction ☐ B. Folktale ☐ C. Mystery ☐ D. Historical fiction

5. Which two words are synonyms of balmy as it is used in paragraph 7?

pleasant	stormy	cloudy
cold	tropical	brisk

A Great President

1 Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born in 1882, in Hyde Park, New York. He later attended Harvard University and Columbia Law School. He married his wife, Eleanor, in 1905. Franklin had a remarkable career in politics. He was elected to the New York Senate in 1910. President Wilson appointed him Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and he was the Democratic nominee for Vice President in 1920.

2 In 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President of the United States. This was to be the first of four terms in office. He was a very strong and determined man. He didn't let anything stop him, not even his handicap.

3 Franklin D. Roosevelt got polio in 1921, and it left him paralyzed from his waist down. He fought to regain use of his legs, particularly through swimming. He often used crutches in public, but privately, he mostly used a wheelchair. The news media protected his privacy. They rarely took pictures of him in his wheelchair. When they did, they almost always showed him from his waist up. In fact, many Americans were not even aware of his disability.

4 Roosevelt went on to become one of the most admired and respected presidents of all time. He helped the American people regain hope and faith in themselves and in the country. Franklin D. Roosevelt is perhaps best remembered for the following quotation, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

5 As World War II was coming to an end, President Roosevelt's health went downhill. While visiting Warm Springs, Georgia, on April 12, 1945, he died.

6. Which sentence is an example of a fact?

- ☐ A. Franklin D. Roosevelt got polio in 1921, and it left him paralyzed from his waist down.
- ☐ B. He was a very strong and determined man.
- ☐ C. Roosevelt was the most admired and respected president of all time.
- ☐ D. Roosevelt worked harder because of his handicap.

7. Read the following sentence from the story.

He fought to regain use of his legs, particularly through swimming.

In which word does re- mean the same thing as in regain?

- ☐ A. reading
- ☐ B. reappoint
- ☐ C. receive
- ☐ D. rectangle

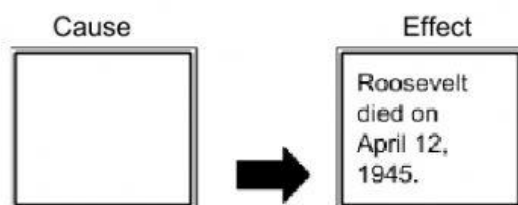
8. Which sentence from the article is an opinion?

- ☐ A. They showed him from his waist up. ☐ C. Franklin D. Roosevelt got polio in 1921.
- ☐ B. He used crutches when out in public. ☐ D. He was a strong and determined man.

9. Which word is an antonym of **remarkable** as it is used in paragraph 1?

- ☐ A. impressive ☐ B. noticeable ☐ C. ordinary ☐ D. exceptional

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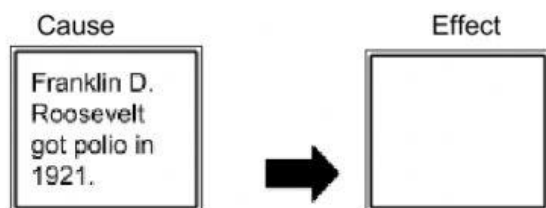


Complete the chart above.

What is the cause of Roosevelt's death?

- ☐ A. Roosevelt used crutches and a wheelchair.
- ☐ B. Roosevelt's health went downhill.
- ☐ C. Franklin D. Roosevelt got polio in 1921.
- ☐ D. Roosevelt was paralyzed from the waist down.

11.



Complete the chart above.

What are two effects of Franklin D. Roosevelt getting polio?

He used crutches or a wheelchair.	He was not reelected as President.
He would not allow his picture to be taken.	It left him paralyzed from the waist down.

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