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READING COMPREHENSION

The Monkey Family

Once upon a time, in the famous wood of What-d'you-call-it, there lived a small family of seven monkeys: father, mother and five little ones, all no bigger than Hop-o'-my-Thumbs.

This little family lived among the branches of a huge tree, in the middle of a wood, and paid a yearly rent of fifteen plums to the old bully of a gorilla who had taken it into his head that he was the landlord.

Of the five youngsters, four were covered with hair of a dark chocolate colour, but the fifth, or youngest, whether by a freak of nature or for some other reason, was completely covered, except for his small face, with a very fine down of a delicate flesh pink, like the petals of the monthly rose. And for this reason everybody called him in fun Pip, a word, which, in the monkey-tongue, means just 'rose-coloured'.

Pip did not look at all like his brothers, or the other monkeys who lived in the wood. He had a lively and intelligent face; a pair of roguish eyes which were never still; a small mouth, always laughing, and a neat little body, slender as a reed. He was, in short, a perfect model of a monkey.

(The Story of Pip—Carlo Collodi)

DIRECTIONS: Answer all of the questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

1. Where did the family of monkeys live?

2. How many children were there in the family?

3. How much rent did the family pay for their home?

4. To whom was the rent paid?

5. What was the name of the youngest monkey?

6. Why was he given this name?

7. What was the color of the fur of the other monkeys?

8. What kind of face did the youngest monkey have?

9. What were the little monkey's eyes always doing?

10. What was his mouth always doing?
