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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?

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2. How many children were there in the family?

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

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4. To whom was the rent paid?

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5. **What was the name of the youngest monkey?**

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6. **Why was he given this name?**

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

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

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

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10. **What was his mouth always doing?**

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