



Why Reading Comprehension?

Learning to read is a fun and exciting time in a child's life. In addition to being able to decode and recognize words, it is important that children be able to understand what they are reading. Reading comprehension is made up of several skills that can be honed and sharpened with practice and repetition. This book provides that along with activities designed to strengthen your child's ability to problem-solve, think critically, and become familiar with the academic language commonly used in the school setting. Repetition is key, but remember to have fun! Research has shown that the brain is more receptive to learning and acquiring skills when not under stress.

Upon your child's completion of each activity, use the provided incentive chart and stickers to track progress and celebrate your child's success.

SKILLS

- Picture clues
- Sequencing
- Following directions
- Categorizing
- Reading for details
- Main idea
- Cause and effect
- Fiction/nonfiction
- Character analysis
- Context clues
- Drawing conclusions
- Making inferences

HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT LEARNING

- Work with your child in a quiet, calm setting.
- Complete some activities together. Keep a positive attitude, and provide words of encouragement to support your child's journey in becoming a lifelong learner.
- If your child has trouble answering a question, ask him or her to read it aloud to you. Demonstrate how to find the answers using the text or pictures.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Do you know what a palace is? Who do you think lives in a palace?"



Happy Birthday

Use the picture clues to help answer the questions.



What event is being celebrated?



Who is this celebration for?



What do you think is happening?

The Big Game

Use the picture clues to help answer the questions about the story.

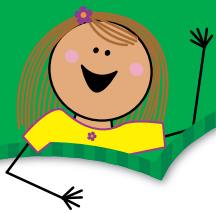


1 What is the big game? _____

2 What is the setting? _____

3 What teams are playing? Which team is winning?

4 What else can you learn from the picture?



A Butterfly's Life

Write a number from 1 to 4 above each picture to show the right order for the life cycle of a butterfly. Then write the name for each picture on the line.

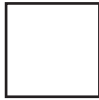
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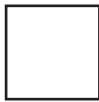
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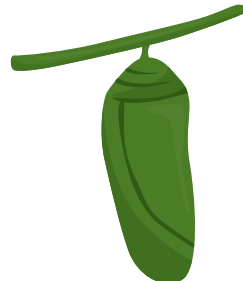
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Cause and Effect

Underline the **cause** in each sentence, and circle its **effect**.

1 Jaime's bagel was too hot to eat, so he had to wait a few minutes for it to cool.

2 Dad had to call a tow truck when the car wouldn't start.

3 The kitten cried until I picked her up.

4 It was raining so hard that the roof caved in.

5 The cat got scared of the thunder and hid underneath the bed.

6 There was so much traffic on the freeway that we were late for the show.

7 Ella earned good grades on her report card, so she was treated to an ice cream sundae.



On Dad's Bookshelf

Write **fiction** or **nonfiction** underneath each book.

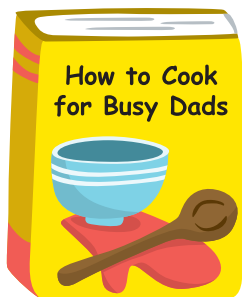
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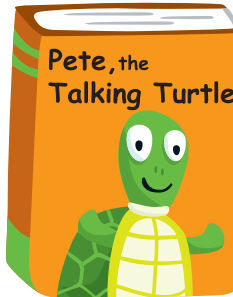
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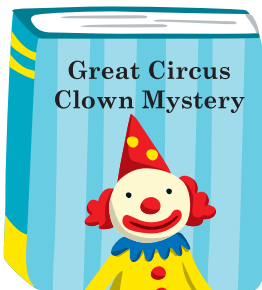
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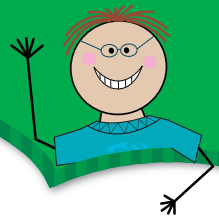


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Fiction or Nonfiction Findings

Write whether the statements below would be found in a **fiction** or **nonfiction** book.

1 There are many kinds of rocks. _____

2 My pet rock likes to sing. _____

3 Dogs make great pets. _____

4 It is important to walk your dog every day. _____

5 Walking is a type of exercise. _____

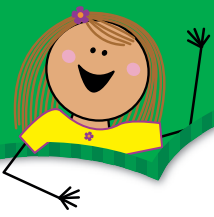
6 My PE teacher goes for walks on the moon. _____

7 Our class took a field trip into Outer Space. _____

8 A planet with rings is Jupiter. _____

9 Some snakes live in burrows underground. _____

10 The fairies made the flowers bloom. _____



Jason and His Dad

Read the passage below and answer the questions.



Jason's dad is a dentist. He always reminds Jason to floss and brush his teeth. Jason never misses a checkup and has never had a cavity.

1

Which phrase best describes Jason?

- Ⓐ likes doing puzzles
- Ⓑ takes good care of his teeth
- Ⓒ eats lots of candy

2

Which phrase best describes Jason's dad?

- Ⓐ reminds Jason to take good care of his teeth
- Ⓑ thinks flossing is very important
- Ⓒ likes to swim

3

Why do you think it is important for Jason to floss and brush his teeth?
