

## **A Frog's Life**

How does a frog begin its life?

It begins as a very small egg.

In about ten days, a tadpole hatches.

The tadpole lives in water.

It uses its tail to swim like a fish.

It has gills to help it breathe.

It eats many plants in the water.

After five weeks, the tadpole grows lungs.

It does not have gills any more.

In about six more weeks, the frog grows legs.

It does not have a tail any more.

Now the frog can live on land.

Now it can hop from place to place!

- ✓ Where does a tadpole live?
- ✓ What happens after frogs grow legs?

## Helping Out at Home

There are many ways to help out at home.

Let's think about some of them.

You can make the bed.

You can keep things neat and clean.

You can do the dishes or put them away.

It's fun to help Mom or Dad cook a meal.

You can have a good time baking.

How about making a cake together?

Do you like to work outside?

If you do, then you can dig, plant, and weed.

Helping out makes you feel very good!

What are some ways you help out at home?

Write them down!

- ✓ What is this story about?
- ✓ What are three ways to help out at home?

## **A Great Picnic**

There is a nice park near Gram's home.

Pam and Gram are going to have a picnic.

Gram made good things to eat.

"Yum!" said Pam. "I can't wait!"

Pam got her games and books.

Gram put their stuff in the car.

But then it started to rain!

"What about our picnic?" Pam asked.

"Don't give up on it," said Gram.

She took the stuff out of the car. Pam helped.

"Let's go to the den," said Gram.

She lit the fireplace.

"Are we having a picnic inside?" asked Pam.

"Yes, we are!" said Gram.

They had a great time!

- ✓ Where were Pam and Gram going?
- ✓ Why did Pam and Gram have a picnic at home?

## Lost and Found

Frank had a cat named Abby.

One day, she was missing.

Frank looked all over, but he couldn't find her!

"Where can Abby be?" Frank asked himself.

Then he went to the backyard.

He looked up at the big oak tree.

There she was, up in the tree!

She was sitting on a branch and looking around.

"Come down now, Abby!" Frank called.

But Abby didn't move at all. She just sat there.

So Frank went inside and got Mom.

Mom got a ladder and carried Abby down.

"You are such a bad cat!" said Frank.

Then he gave her a hug.

- ✓ What did Abby, the cat, do?
- ✓ How did Mom get Abby down?

## How Animals Hide

Animals are all around.

But some are hard to find. Why?

Their colors and markings help them hide.

A tiger stands in tall grass.

His tan fur blends with the grass.

Other animals don't see him.

A baby deer has white spots on its coat.

They look like spots of sunlight.

They protect the small deer.

When it grows up, the spots go away.

A big deer can run fast.

A snowy owl's feathers are white in winter.

They match the snow.

What happens when the weather gets warm?

The owl sheds its white feathers.

Then it grows spotted brown ones.

- ✓ How can an animal's coloring and markings help it hide?
- ✓ When are a snowy owl's feathers white?

## What Do Animals Eat?

All animals need food to live.

But all animals don't eat the same thing.

Some of them eat plants.

A horse and a rabbit eat plants.

A horse eats grass. A rabbit eats leaves and buds.

Some animals eat other animals.

A tiger and a shark eat other animals.

They are good hunters. Both have sharp teeth.

A tiger eats wild pigs and deer.

A shark feeds on fish.

Some animals eat both plants and animals.

A skunk and a crow eat plants and animals.

A skunk eats insects, fish, and leaves.

A crow eats corn, snails, and snakes.

Animals eat many things!

- ✓ What is the main idea of the selection?
- ✓ Which animals eat plants and animals?

## Late for School

Harry was always late for school.  
It took him a long time to get out of bed.  
It took a longer time to finish his breakfast.  
He liked eggs and pancakes best.  
Then he would go to school.  
When he was there, he was a good student.  
One day, a new student joined Harry's class.  
The new boy's name was Martin.  
It turned out Martin lived close to Harry.  
He was only a block away.  
That afternoon, the two boys made a plan.  
They walked home together from school.  
Harry liked Martin a lot.  
"Let's meet in the morning," Harry said.  
"We can walk to school together."  
"That would be great," said Martin.  
They met the next day, and guess what?  
Harry was on time!

- ✓ Why was Harry always late for school?
- ✓ Why was Harry finally on time?

## Camping Trips

Each summer, Henry goes camping.  
He thinks it's the best week of the summer!  
Henry and his mom and dad live in the city.  
It's a big treat for them to sleep under the stars.  
They do many fun things while camping.  
They go swimming and boating at the lake.  
They walk and play on the sandy beach.  
They go hiking in the woods.  
On one hike, they spotted some deer!  
They like to cook and eat outside, too.  
At night, the sky is as pretty as can be.  
Henry can't wait to go camping again!

- ✓ What is this story about?
- ✓ What do Henry and his parents do on their camping trips?



## Trains

What is a good way to get around?

To go from one place to another?

Take a train! Trains move very fast on tracks.

They get you where you want to go.

Many people ride a train to work.

They get on at one train stop.

They get off at another stop.

They like it better than driving a car. Why?

They can do things while they ride a train.

They can read a book. They can do their work.

They can talk to a pal.

They can look out the window and daydream.

They can take a nap, too!

What would you do on a train?

- ✓ What is the main idea of the selection?
- ✓ What are some things people can do on a train?

## The Dog Sled

Bill wanted one thing.

He wanted to ride on a dog sled.

One day, Bill got what he wanted.

He met a man who ran sled dog trips.

The man showed Bill his dogs.

Bill liked Lad the best.

Lad had thick fur. His eyes were big and bright.

Later the man took Bill to a sled.

Ten dogs were tied to the sled.

Lad was one of them.

Bill got into the sled. The dogs took off.

They pulled the sled over snow and ice.

The sled got back home at dark.

The man took off the ropes. Then he fed the dogs.

Bill had a great time.

He wants to ride on the sled again.

- ✓ What did Bill want to do?
- ✓ What time of year does this story probably take place?

## A Pretty Fence

Jane's grandfather lived on a farm.

Jane was helping him plant flowers.

Jane and Gramps worked well together.

Soon they were done.

Gramps pointed to the fence.

"I painted this fence a long time ago," he said.

"It needs to be painted again."

"Let's paint the fence together!" said Jane.

"Can we use more than one color?"

"That would look very pretty," said Gramps.

So Jane and Gramps got blue and yellow paint.

Then they got red, green, and purple paint.

It took a long time to finish the job.

But at last they were done.

"Your fence looks like a rainbow!" said Jane.

Gramps smiled at her.

- ✓ Why does Jane help Gramps?
- ✓ Why does Jane think the fence looks like a rainbow?

## **A Home for Bats**

Not all bats spend their days in caves.

Bats can live in many places.

Some bats hang from big trees.

Other bats live in old rock mines.

Bats can also live in old houses.

They may hide under low bridges.

Some bats can make tents with leaves.

They make their tents high up in a tree.

They rest under the tent.

Then they do not get wet.

Some bats hide in homes of other animals.

Bats can find a home almost anywhere.

They will like it as long as it is dark.

Take a look around. Do you see any bats?

✓ Name three places where bats live.

✓ How do some bats make tents?

## Healthy Teeth

It's easy to keep your teeth healthy and strong. There are just three simple steps to follow. First, brush your teeth after each meal. Be sure to also brush before going to bed. Next, use dental floss. Flossing cleans between teeth. It removes food you miss with a toothbrush. Do you know how to floss your teeth? If not, ask your dentist to show you. Visiting the dentist is the third step. How often should you go for a checkup? Once or twice a year should do the trick! Follow these steps to have healthy teeth. And you will also have a great smile!

- ✓ What are three ways to keep your teeth healthy?
- ✓ How does flossing help your teeth?

## Winter

Winter is the coldest time of the year.

That is true everywhere.

It does not matter where you happen to live.

In winter, there are fewer hours of sunlight.

Trees and plants shed their leaves.

Many even die.

Some places are much colder than others.

People wear heavy clothing to keep warm.

They wear thick boots and coats.

There's very little food for animals to eat.

Some animals store food before winter begins.

They save enough for the coming winter.

Other animals migrate, or go to warmer places.

They return in the spring.

That is when the weather warms up.

Some places get lots of snow in winter.

Children build a snowman or go sledding.

What is winter like where you live?

- ✓ Name three facts you learned about winter.
- ✓ Why do some animals store food?