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Unseen Passage 1: The Little Red Hen

Once upon a time, a little red hen lived on a farm with a lazy dog, a sleepy cat, and a noisy duck. One day, she found a single grain of wheat. "Who will help me plant this wheat?" she asked.

"Not I," barked the dog.

"Not I," purred the cat.

"Not I," quacked the duck.

So, the little red hen planted the wheat herself.

Soon, the wheat grew tall and golden. "Who will help me cut this wheat?" she asked.

"Not I," barked the dog.

"Not I," purred the cat.

"Not I," quacked the duck.

So, the little red hen cut the wheat herself.

She took the wheat to the mill to be ground into flour, and then she baked a delicious loaf of bread. The wonderful smell of the fresh bread filled the air.

"Who will help me eat this bread?" she asked.

"I will!" barked the dog.

"I will!" purred the cat.

"I will!" quacked the duck.

"No," said the little red hen. "You did not help me plant, cut, or bake the bread. So I will eat it all by myself!" And she did. The other animals learned that if they wanted to share in the rewards, they had to share in the work.

Questions

1. The little red hen lived with a _____, a _____, and a _____.
2. What did the little red hen find?
a) A grain of rice. b) A grain of wheat. c) A piece of bread. d) A small seed.
3. What did the hen do with the wheat after it grew tall?
4. What did the little red hen bake with the flour?

5. Find a word in the passage that means "a place where grain is ground into flour."
6. Why did the other animals want to eat the bread?
7. What did the animals say when the hen asked for help?
 - a) "We will!"
 - b) "We are busy."
 - c) "Not I."
 - d) "We are tired."
8. The hen said she would eat the bread all by _____ because the other animals did not _____ her.
9. What did the dog, cat, and duck learn at the end of the story?
10. What did the dog do when the hen asked for help?

Unseen Passage 2: The Boy Who Cried Wolf

There once was a shepherd boy who watched over a flock of sheep near a village. He was bored and decided to play a trick on the villagers. He ran down the hill, shouting, "Wolf! Wolf! A wolf is attacking the sheep!"

The villagers, who were kind and helpful, rushed out with sticks and stones to chase away the wolf. But when they got to the hill, they saw no wolf. The boy just laughed at their foolishness. "I was only joking!" he said. The villagers were angry and went back to their work.

A few days later, the boy played the same trick. He cried, "Wolf! Wolf!" again. The villagers came running, but again, there was no wolf. The boy laughed even harder this time. The villagers, now very upset, warned him not to play such tricks.

Soon after, a real wolf came out of the forest and began attacking the sheep. The boy was terrified. He ran down the hill, screaming as loud as he could, "Wolf! Wolf! A real wolf is here!"

But this time, no one came. The villagers had heard his cries so many times before that they thought he was lying again. They ignored him and stayed in their homes. The wolf chased away many of the sheep. The boy learned a very important lesson: when you tell lies, people will not believe you even when you are telling the truth.

Questions:

1. The shepherd boy was bored and decided to play a _____ on the _____.
2. What did the boy do to get the villagers' attention?
 - a) He sang a song.
 - b) He shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!"
 - c) He rang a bell.
 - d) He waved his arms.
3. Why did the villagers come running the first two times the boy cried, "Wolf!"?

4. What happened when a real wolf appeared?
5. Find a word in the passage that means "a group of sheep or goats."
6. Why did the villagers become angry with the boy?
7. Where did the shepherd boy watch his sheep?
 - a) In the village.
 - b) In the forest.
 - c) In a house.
 - d) Near a village.
8. The boy learned that when you tell _____, people will not _____ you.
9. What did the villagers do the third time the boy cried, "Wolf!"?
10. What did the villagers bring with them the first time they ran to help?

Poem: "The Rainbow" by Christina Rossetti

Boats sail on the rivers,
And ships sail on the seas;
But clouds that sail across the sky
Are prettier far than these.
There are bridges on the rivers,
As pretty as you please;
But the bow that bridges heaven,
And overtops the trees,
And builds a road from earth to sky,
Is prettier far than these.

Questions

1. According to the poem, _____ sail across the sky and are prettier than boats and ships.
2. What does the poem say about the bridges on the rivers?
 - a) They are ugly.
 - b) They are pretty.

c) They are made of wood. d) They are very old.

3. What does the poem compare the rainbow to?
4. What does the rainbow "overtop"?
5. What is prettier than the bridges on the rivers?

Poem: "My Little Tree"

I have a little tree,
That stands outside my door.
It reaches for the sky,
And gives me so much more.
In spring, it wears a coat of green,
With tiny buds so small.
In summer, leaves a shady screen,
For little birds to call.
In autumn, it is dressed in gold,
Then red and orange, too.
A lovely sight for all to hold,
A painter's masterpiece anew.
In winter, bare its branches stand,
Against the cold and gray.
But still, it's strong and tall and grand,
And waits for a new day.

Questions:

1. The poem describes a little _____ that stands outside the _____.
2. What does the tree wear in spring?
 - a) Red and orange leaves.
 - b) A coat of green.

c) A blanket of snow.

d) Nothing at all.

3. What do the leaves of the tree become in autumn?

4. What does the tree provide in the summer?

5. How does the tree look in the winter?