Reading Comprehension Worksheet with Answers

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A. A story

Read the story and answer the questions.

The Kite Seller

1 Every January, before Makar Sankranti, the streets of Jaipur fill with kites. Ramesh uncle had a small shop near the Hawa Mahal, and he sold kites of every colour. His shop was tiny, but children came from all over the city to buy from him.

2 One morning, a boy named Arjun stood outside the shop. He looked at the red kites for a long time, but he did not buy one. 'I only have twenty rupees,' he said softly. 'A kite costs thirty.'

3 Ramesh uncle smiled. 'Today, kites are twenty rupees for children who say thank you,' he said. Arjun was surprised. 'Thank you, uncle!' he said, and he took a red kite.

4 That afternoon, Arjun's kite flew higher than all the others. He told his friends about the kind seller, and by evening there was a long line outside the shop. Ramesh uncle sold every kite he had. He went home tired but very happy.

1. Where was Ramesh uncle's shop? (a) near the Hawa Mahal (b) near the railway station (c) near a school

2. How much money did Arjun have?

3. Why did Arjun not buy a kite at first?

4. True or false: Ramesh uncle sold kites at twenty rupees to children who said thank you.

5. Which colour kite did Arjun take? (a) blue (b) red (c) yellow

6. True or false: Arjun's kite flew lower than the other kites.

7. Why was there a long line outside the shop by evening?

8. How did Ramesh uncle feel when he went home?

9. Find a word in the passage that means "very small".

B. A factual passage

Read the passage and answer the questions.

The Peacock

1 The peacock is the national bird of India. It was given this honour in 1963 because it is beautiful and because people across the country know it well. Peacocks are found in many parts of India, especially in Rajasthan and Gujarat, and they often live near villages and farms.

2 Only the male bird is called a peacock. He has a long tail made of shiny blue and green feathers. When he spreads it out like a huge fan, the tail shows round patterns that look like eyes. The female bird is called a peahen. She is brown and grey, so she can hide easily from enemies when she sits on her eggs.

3 Peacocks eat seeds, grains, insects and even small snakes. During the day they walk on the ground, but at night they sleep high up in trees to stay safe.

4 Every year, after the breeding season, the peacock loses his long tail feathers, and new ones grow back. Peacocks are protected by law in India, so it is a crime to hunt them.

1. Which is the national bird of India? (a) the sparrow (b) the peacock (c) the parrot

2. In which year did it get this honour?

3. True or false: Both the male and the female bird are called peacocks.

4. Why is the peahen brown and grey?

5. Name two things that peacocks eat.

6. Where do peacocks sleep at night? (a) on the ground (b) high up in trees (c) in caves

7. What happens to the peacock's long tail feathers every year after the breeding season?

8. True or false: It is allowed to hunt peacocks in India.

9. Find a word in the passage that means "very big".

C. A notice

Read the notice and answer the questions.

Notice

Green Valley Public School, Pune

Annual Sports Day

We are happy to tell all students and parents that our Annual Sports Day will be held on 20 December. The events will begin at 9 a.m. on the school ground, and the chief guest, Mrs Kavita Rao, a former national-level runner, will give away the prizes.

Students of classes 4 to 7 will take part in the races, the relay and the sack race. Students of classes 1 to 3 will play fun games. Everyone must wear the white house T-shirt and sports shoes. Please bring a bottle of water, as there will be no shop on the ground.

Students who wish to join a race must give their names to Mr Sharma, the games teacher, before 10 December. Parents are welcome to come and cheer for the children. Tea and snacks will be served after the prizes.

Principal, 5 December

1. At what time will the events begin?

2. Who will give away the prizes?

3. True or false: Students of classes 1 to 3 will run in the relay.

4. What must everyone wear? (a) the school uniform (b) the white house T-shirt and sports shoes (c) any colourful clothes

5. Why should students bring a bottle of water?

6. Before which date must students give their names to Mr Sharma?

7. True or false: Parents are not allowed to come to the Sports Day.

8. Find a word in the passage that means "to shout in support".

Answer Key

A. A story

1. (a) near the Hawa Mahal
2. Twenty rupees.
3. A kite cost thirty rupees and he had only twenty. (Answers may vary slightly, e.g. "He did not have enough money.")
4. True
5. (b) red
6. False (it flew higher than all the others)
7. Arjun told his friends about the kind seller. (Answers may vary slightly, e.g. "Arjun's friends came to buy kites too.")
8. Tired but very happy.
9. tiny

B. A factual passage

1. (b) the peacock
2. 1963
3. False (only the male is a peacock; the female is a peahen)
4. So that she can hide easily from enemies when she sits on her eggs.
5. Any two of: seeds, grains, insects, small snakes.
6. (b) high up in trees
7. He loses them, and new ones grow back.
8. False (they are protected by law)
9. huge

C. A notice

1. 9 a.m.
2. Mrs Kavita Rao, the chief guest (a former national-level runner).
3. False (they will play fun games)
4. (b) the white house T-shirt and sports shoes
5. There will be no shop on the ground.
6. 10 December
7. False (parents are welcome)
8. cheer

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