

Answer Key

The Frog and the Ox

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. The old Frog's self-conceit is demonstrated through his attempts to convince the young Frog that the Ox is not as big as described. His excessive pride leads him to blow himself up in an attempt to appear larger than the Ox. However, the consequence of his self-conceit is self-destruction, as he bursts in the process. This illustrates how an inflated sense of self-worth or overestimation of one's abilities can lead to negative outcomes, emphasizing the importance of humility and realistic self-assessment.

Reading Comprehension

7. C
8. A
9. C
10. B
11. D
12. A

Reading Comprehension

13. B
14. B
15. A
16. C
17. B
18. Campers rely on knots for setting up tents or crafting traps.
19. The analogy of shoelaces, tied in a bowknot, resonates with many.
20. Tying strings to bows and attaching heads to arrows.
21. In ancient times, knots were used for practical purposes such as tying strings to bows, and in modern times, they endure

in fields like maritime endeavors and medicine.

22. The passage suggests that the enduring and versatile nature of knot-tying has allowed it to meet the evolving needs of different human activities, from ancient practical uses to modern applications in fields like sailing and medicine, showcasing its timeless utility.

Unusual Events and Memorable Day

23. sharp
24. story
25. hard
26. sport
27. bark
28. carve
29. chore
30. porch
31. Pour
32. shorts
33. Shark
34. yard
35. storms
36. wore
37. sore
38. B
39. B
40. B
41. C
42. B
43. The friends rushed to the fence to see what was happening, curious about the noise.
44. The friends were surprised to see the neighbor carving up the shark as if it were a routine task, which was unexpected and unusual.
45. The friends felt amazed and talked about the exciting events with big smiles on their faces, indicating that they found the day memorable and enjoyable.

46. The storm adds to the unusual events of the day, and it prompted the friends to seek shelter on the porch, where they watched the storm in awe.
47. The passage may suggest that life can bring unexpected and memorable moments, and it's important to embrace and enjoy such moments as they come, even if they are unusual or out of the ordinary. It encourages a sense of wonder and appreciation for the extraordinary events that can happen in everyday life.

Answer Key

The Frogs Who Wished for a King

1. D
2. D
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. The moral of the story advises caution and thoughtful consideration before seeking change. The Frogs, discontent with their self-governance, hastily requested a king without understanding the consequences. Jupiter's response, providing a log and later a tyrant crane, illustrates the importance of being certain that a change will lead to an improvement in one's condition. The story underscores the idea that impulsive decisions can result in negative outcomes, emphasizing the need for careful evaluation before seeking change.

Reading Comprehension

7. C
8. B
9. A
10. C
11. C
12. B

Reading Comprehension

13. B
14. B
15. B
16. C
17. C
18. The basenji is known to wear a bell around its neck in its African hunting environment.
19. The basenji sports short, pointed ears that stand erect, has a curled-up tail, and distinct lines or wrinkles above its eyes.
20. As a hunting dog, the basenji is specifically tasked with locating animals for hunters.

21. The basenji distinguishes itself by using its acute sense of smell to track prey.
22. The basenji's silent nature might provide an advantage in certain hunting situations by not alerting prey, but it could also pose challenges in terms of communication with hunters. Relying on smell could be advantageous in tracking prey, especially in environments where visibility is limited, but it might have limitations in situations where keen eyesight is crucial.

Acts of Kindness and Friendship

23. haircut
24. hare
25. square
26. bear
27. mare
28. glare
29. stairs
30. bare
31. share
32. pairs
33. C
34. B
35. B
36. B
37. A
38. Ms. May helped the hare by taking her to safety and giving her a quick haircut to help her blend in with her surroundings. She then outsmarted the bear and led him away.
39. The hare was inspired by Ms. May's kindness and help, so she wanted to share her good fortune as a token of gratitude.
40. Ms. May made a vow to always be there to help those in need, no matter how hard the journey might be. She was motivated by the hare's kind gesture and her own desire to continue helping others.
41. Ms. May's attitude changed from noticing the glare from the sun to a feeling of

happiness, knowing that the day had turned out to be one of the best because of her willingness to help a friend.

42. The story illustrates that acts of kindness and friendship can create a ripple effect of goodwill and inspire others to pay it forward. It encourages us to be compassionate and help those in need, as even small gestures of kindness can have a significant impact.

Answer Key

The Goose with the Golden Eggs

1. B
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. B
6. The countryman's actions exemplify the moral by showing that his greed led to his downfall. Initially content with the daily golden eggs, his growing greed compelled him to seek immediate wealth by killing the goose. However, in doing so, he lost the regular source of income. The story illustrates how the pursuit of excessive gain or instant gratification, driven by greed, can result in self-sabotage and the loss of what one already possesses.

Reading Comprehension

7. C
8. B
9. A
10. D
11. D
12. A

Reading Comprehension

13. C
14. C
15. C
16. B
17. B
18. Some stingless bees establish nests inside trees, while others use existing shelters abandoned by other insects.
19. Stingless bees craft honey using dead animals, setting their honey apart from traditional floral honey.
20. Stingless bees defend themselves by biting, unlike stinging bees, which use stingers.
21. Nest sizes can vary significantly, accommodating as few as 100 stingless

bees or extending to more than 1,000 in larger colonies.

22. The lack of stingers may be an adaptation to reduce their risk of predation while still providing effective defense through painful bites. The ability to use existing shelters and seal off nests with mud or wax could help regulate temperature and humidity, contributing to their survival in hot and humid environments. Crafting honey from unconventional sources might be a strategy to ensure a food supply in regions with diverse floral availability.

A Visit to the King's Palace

23. their
24. wear
25. dare
26. pears
27. chairs
28. Chairs
pear
hair
Stairs
bear
29. B
30. B
31. C
32. C
33. B
34. Jack's fascination with chairs and his curiosity about where the servants were taking the chair motivated him to follow them.
35. Jack's visit made him appreciate the grandeur of the palace and the hospitality of the king, and he was especially impressed by the beautiful chairs.
36. Taking a bite of the delicious pear led to a direct interaction with the king, who offered Jack a chair to sit on and made the visit even more memorable.

37. The beautiful chairs symbolize the grandeur and opulence of the king's palace, which Jack found astonishing and unforgettable.
38. Jack's experience and the king's kind gesture reflect the themes of generosity and hospitality, as the king welcomed Jack and made him feel comfortable. Additionally, the simple act of offering a chair and the enjoyment of a juicy pear highlight the appreciation for simple pleasures in life and how they can create memorable moments.

Answer Key

The Lion & the Donkey

1. B
2. B
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. The Lion's decision to ignore the Donkey's scornful remark instead of reacting with anger or aggression exemplifies the moral of the story. By choosing not to engage with the foolish comment, the Lion demonstrates the wisdom of not allowing oneself to be affected by the remarks of those who lack understanding or insight. The story encourages the notion that ignoring the negativity of fools is a more dignified and effective response than responding in kind, promoting resilience and maintaining one's composure in the face of unwarranted criticism.

Reading Comprehension

7. B
8. C
9. A
10. B
11. D
12. D

Reading Comprehension

13. C
14. C
15. C
16. D
17. B
18. Controlled fires act as natural cleansers, eliminating sick and dead trees, which helps prevent the spread of diseases.
19. Controlled fires target older trees, creating space for new growth and facilitating the establishment of young trees and other plants.

20. The burned organic matter from small fires mixes with the soil, enriching it with nutrients, creating fertile ground for the growth of new trees and plants.
21. Controlled fires clear out dead branches and leaves from the forest floor, preventing the buildup of potential fuel for larger, destructive fires.
22. Eliminating controlled fires might lead to the accumulation of dead plant material, increased risk of diseases spreading among trees, and reduced space for new growth. Ultimately, this could create conditions conducive to larger, uncontrolled wildfires, posing a threat to the overall health and sustainability of forest ecosystems.

Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation

23. girls
24. firm
25. recall
26. world
27. Herds
28. nurse
29. first
30. serve
31. purr
32. perch
33. earn
34. groan
35. turns
36. word
37. worth
38. A
39. C
40. C
41. C
42. C
43. The girls were motivated by their love for animals and the desire to provide a safe haven for injured animals in need of help.

44. The girls approached the lion cautiously, and the lion seemed to understand that they were there to help. It let out a contented sigh as they tended to its injuries.
45. The girls' actions and feelings convey that their work is fulfilling and worthwhile, as they are making a positive impact on the lives of animals by helping them recover and return to the wild.
46. The story highlights the girls' empathy and compassion for animals by showing how they care for and rehabilitate injured animals. It emphasizes the importance of preserving and protecting the natural world.
47. The story conveys a message of the importance of compassion, dedication, and taking action to help those in need, especially animals. It encourages us to make a positive impact on the world by showing empathy and care for all living creatures and the environment.

Answer Key

The Travelers & the Purse

1. A
2. A
3. A
4. D
5. B
6. The man who found the purse initially refused to acknowledge the companion's suggestion of sharing the fortune, stating that he found it and intended to keep it for himself. However, when faced with the potential consequences of being labeled a thief, he became anxious and panicked. This aligns with the moral of the story, emphasizing that individuals who are unwilling to share their good fortune may find themselves alone and unaided when misfortune strikes. The behavior underscores the importance of generosity and mutual support, as expecting others to share in one's misfortunes requires a willingness to share in their good fortune.

Reading Comprehension

7. C
8. B
9. D
10. C
11. C
12. C

Reading Comprehension

13. C
14. C
15. C
16. C
17. B
18. The bolas spider hangs from a silk thread, which serves as both a means of suspension for mobility and a silk lasso for hunting.

19. The bolas spider fashions a silk lasso with a sticky ball affixed at one end, which it uses to ensnare unsuspecting insects.
20. The elevated vantage point provides the bolas spider with a comprehensive view of its surroundings, enhancing its hunting effectiveness.
21. The bolas spider swings the silk lasso with the sticky ball toward the prey, ensuring a precise and adhesive capture.
22. The convergence of ingenuity suggests that various species independently develop resourceful solutions to the shared challenge of acquiring food. This highlights the diversity of strategies in the natural world to meet common survival needs.

Personal Transformation and Kindness

23. true
24. goose
25. shoe
26. look
27. rude
28. B
29. C
30. C
31. B
32. C
33. Jack was inspired by the girl's story and the importance of treating all creatures with kindness and respect. He realized the error of his rude and unkind ways and decided to change.
34. After his transformation, Jack became kind and polite, and he even started helping the girl make shoes for the animals in town. His interactions with others improved, and he became more helpful.
35. The moral of the story is that it's important to be true to oneself, treat others with kindness and respect, and

embrace differences, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant they may be.

Jack's personal transformation illustrates the importance of kindness and respect in our interactions with others.

36. The goose wearing a shoe symbolizes the idea that even seemingly small or unusual differences should be respected and embraced, as it caught Jack's attention and led to his transformation.
37. This story can be seen as an allegory for personal growth, where Jack's change in attitude and behavior represents personal transformation. It demonstrates how acts of kindness and respecting differences can lead to positive change and improved relationships with others.

Answer Key

The Sheep & the Pig

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. D
6. The Pig's behavior, particularly its loud squealing and frantic kick, reveals its fear and panic when faced with the actual danger of being taken to the market for slaughter. The Pig was brave in words when comparing its situation to that of the Sheep, but when confronted with the real threat to its life, it demonstrated fear and distress. This aligns with the moral of the story, emphasizing that it is easy to appear brave or confident when there is no actual danger, but true courage is demonstrated in the face of real risks and challenges.

Reading Comprehension

7. A
8. B
9. D
10. C
11. D
12. D

Reading Comprehension

13. B
14. A
15. C
16. C
17. B
18. The eyespots detect the presence of objects, and the tiny feelers provide information about the suitability of potential food items, enhancing the starfish's ability to forage efficiently.
19. The starfish envelops the hard shell of the clam with its arms, exerting pressure to pry it open. Once successful, it consumes the soft interior of the clam.

20. After a satisfying meal, the starfish continues to navigate and explore its underwater habitat using its unique combination of eyespots, feelers, and multiple arms.
21. The starfish utilizes its arms as both legs and sensory tools, allowing it to explore multiple locations simultaneously and enhancing its efficiency in foraging.
22. The starfish's unique combination of eyespots, feelers, and arms for efficient foraging could inspire biomimicry in the development of underwater exploration technologies, such as robots with enhanced sensory capabilities for navigation and object detection.

A Bright Blue Mule Brings Cheer to a Small Town

23. clue
24. mule
25. tube
26. loop
27. blue
28. spoon
29. stew
30. shook
31. cubes
32. gloom
33. D
34. B
35. C
36. C
37. C
38. Clue planned to perform a trick by jumping over a wooden cube loop with his mule friends. The result was that the crowd in the town square cheered and felt a little brighter.
39. Clue was unique and memorable because he was a bright blue mule who always wore shiny blue shoes and carried a silver spoon.

40. Kindness and generosity played a significant role as the people shared stories and enjoyed delicious stew served in blue bowls after Clue's performance. This contributed to the town's happiness and created a sense of joy and warmth.
41. Clue and his mule friends felt proud at the end of the day because they had brought happiness to the town and brightened the gloomy day with their performance and the kindness of the people.
42. The story represents the idea that even small acts of kindness and entertainment can have a positive impact on a community. Clue's performance and the shared stew symbolize the power of simple gestures to bring joy and warmth to people's lives, even in gloomy times.