

ANSWER KEYS

Rain

1. D – rain is needed for many reasons
2. This can be any sentence from the paragraph that supports the reason for having rain!
3. Answers will vary. This question is to get the students to think about the author's word choice.

Rainy Day at the Park

1. C – 3rd person
2. Annie and Jen loved the rain. The text states, 'They were excited! They loved the rain!'
3. Answers will vary.

Frogs

1. B – They help them to survive in their environment.
2. This is a diagram and it helps me see all the different parts of the frog. It gives you a visualization of all the parts of the frog.
3. A frogs feet are small, webbed, and have tips on their toes.

The Overlooked Frog

1. C – walked slowly
2. The moral of the story is to never not judge a person by their looks you never know who they could be based on their looks. The author shows you this because everyone looked over the frog because they did not think frogs would be interesting, but when the princess got to know him she found out he was really a prince.
3. Answers will vary. Relate it to the Frog Prince

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Earth Day

1. B – Problem and Solution
2. Earth day was created to raise awareness of the problems that are facing our Earth's resources.
3. Earth Day helps people be aware of the problems our planet has and it gives them ideas on how to solve it!

Boys at the Beach

1. B – Jack asked his friends if they could clean up first.
2. The message of the story is that if you do good things you will be rewarded. Jack and his friends decided to clean up the beach before playing and they were rewarded with ice cream and snacks by the owner.
3. Answers will vary. This question is used for students to make text-to-self connections

April Fool's Day

1. B – People did not know that the date had changed.
2. The image shows a prank that a person could pull on April Fool's Day. It adds a visualization of what April Fool's Day might be all about.
3. They were both full of pranks to laugh and have fun. The only difference is that the old April Fool's Day was to make fun of people, whereas now everyone joins in on the fun.

The Jokes will Come

1. A – Kerry opened her window and saw the sun smiling down on her.
2. Kurt compares her to a million bucks because a million bucks would look really nice to a lot of people, so he was complimenting her by telling her that she looked nice. He used this language to show how nice he thought she looked.
3. Mr. Turks meant that they were going to learn a lot that day. He decided to exaggerate to show his excitement for the amount of things that they going to learn that day.

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Rainforests

1. D – where trees and branches come together
2. “Rainforests have a **canopy**, which is where all the branches of the trees form together. This is sort of like a roof of a house. This canopy makes the ground of the rainforest appear very dark.”
3. They hold 50% of all animals and plants and they have the largest rivers.

The Smith's Vacation

1. B – She jumped out to feel the rain.
2. The author does not explain as to what types of monkeys she saw. The image allows us to see one of the species that she saw. This gives you a visualization and a better understanding of what she might have seen on her tour.
3. The author said that it was not a familiar place and it talked about how Julia did not know what to expect.

Why Poetry is important

1. A – opinion
2. The author believes that poetry was good for education. I know this because she was stating many reasons as to why poetry should be used in schools.
3. Answers will vary, but they need to compare and contrast their opinion to the authors’.

Mary Mack's Nap

1. C – stanza 3
2. In the second stanza they realized that she was lost and then in the third stanza they found her bow, so they knew that they were getting close to finding her.
3. The lesson is to tell your family if you are going to leave, otherwise they could be scared looking for you.

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Kites

1. B - It was used to get attention, but now it is used for fun.
2. Air resistance means that air pushes on an object and that the air pushes on the kite to keep it in the air.
3. The largest number of kites flown at one time is 11,284 kites. The longest kite is 1034 meters. The highest kite flown is 31,955 feet. Lastly, the world record for the longest time flying a kite is 180 hours.

Stuck in a Tree

1. C - The Park
2. They saved the cat by finding it in the tree and calling the fire department for help. (Student should quote a text from the paragraph.)
3. In the beginning of the story, the author discussed how the children did not want to wait to fly their kite. Now, that they have saved the cat they knew that waiting for that exact day was really worth it.

Titanic

1. A - Cause and Effect
2. The cause of the Titanic sinking was that it hit an iceberg.
3. There was only 20 lifeboats and 2,200 people, so the lifeboats could not carry all the people in them.

The Sleepover

1. D - The movie was not appropriate.
2. They found a cartoon movie that was more appropriate and added a titanic activity to make it more exciting.
3. The effect was that all the boats sunk except for 3.

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Rainbows

1. D – a semicircle
2. The main idea of the text is that rainbows are reflections of light seen after rain.
3. The supporting details can be any part of the paragraph besides the final sentence.

A Rainbow's End

1. A – to inspect in detail
2. She compares a rainbow to Christmas morning. She makes that comparison because she wants the reader to know how much the girls liked rainbows and Christmas morning is something that everyone loves.
3. The mom believes that rainbows are magic and if you could find the end of the rainbow the excitement and magic would go away. Opinions will vary.

Babe Ruth & Jackie Robinson – Baseball

1. Similarities – They are both baseball players, both made history, and both are in the hall of fame.
2. Differences – Jackie was the first African American, they were both at different time periods, they both played for different teams.
3. Babe – He was the best homerun hitter of his time.
4. Jackie – He was the first African American to ever play in the major leagues.

The Championship

1. B – hardworking
2. Jacob worked really hard to become a better baseball player which made his teammates want to work just as hard as him. He invited his teammates to work outside of their practice time, which led to them winning the championship.
3. The fact that they had always lost the championship and he loved baseball motivated him to want to work harder in order to win.