



Reading **Practice**



Read and Answer

name: _____

SPRING

Spring is one of the four seasons. The first day of spring is on March 21st of each year. In the spring, there are many changes that signal the start of a new season. In many places, the temperatures begin to warm, which melts the snow. In spring, trees begin to bud and flowers grow. Birds also come back from the south and start to lay their eggs. There are many changes that happen in spring.



1. When is the first day of spring?

2. How do temperatures change in spring? How might this affect the weather?

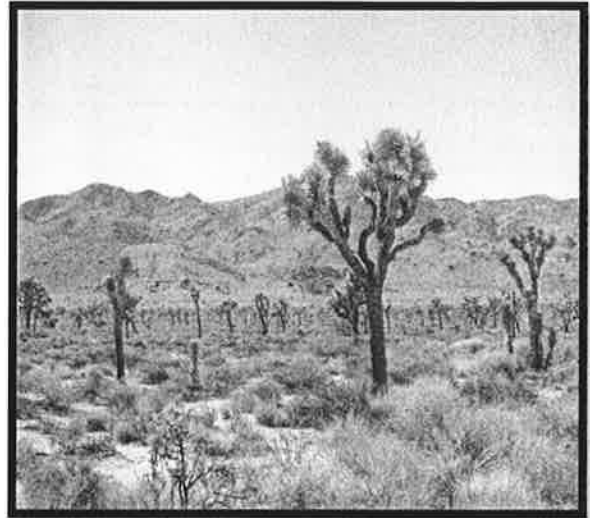
3. Describe some of the outdoor changes that signal that spring has begun.

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THE DESERT

Deserts are a type of region found all over the world. These regions have very dry land. Less than ten inches of rain fall each year in a desert. There are not many plants and animals that can live in a desert. Cacti and lizards can survive in the desert because they need very little water.



The air is very dry in deserts. This makes the daytime very hot and the nighttime very cold. Some deserts can be dangerous for humans to live or visit. Would you want to live in the desert?

1. How much rainfall do deserts usually get?

2. Why are Cacti and Lizards often found living in the desert?

3. Why are deserts sometimes dangerous for humans to live or visit?

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METRO DOGS

In Moscow, Russia, there is a large number of homeless dogs. These dogs have become famous around the world because they have learned to ride the underground train system. This train



system is known as the Metro. During Russia's cold winter months, many dogs live in the Metro stations. It has been reported that a handful of dogs have learned to take the train from one location to another using the scent of particular stations.

1. Why are these dogs called "Metro Dogs"?

2. Where do these dogs live?

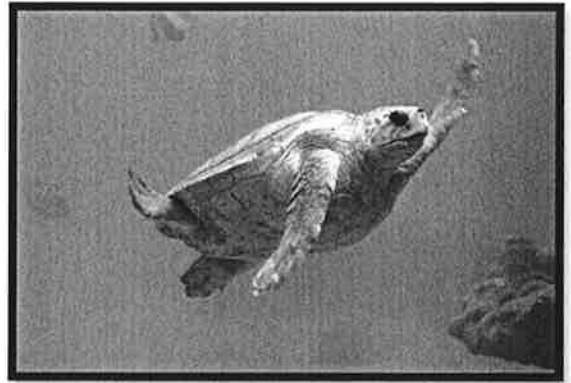
3. How do Metro Dogs navigate the Metro system?

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GREEN SEA TURTLES

The green sea turtle is named for the color of its fat. Many of these turtles have a black or dark green shell. Green sea turtles are usually herbivores, which means they prefer to eat plants. Most of



these turtles will travel long distances to have their babies. Adult sea turtles often prefer to have their babies on the same beach from which they hatched. Some swim more than 1,600 miles to reach their destination! Sea turtles are amazing.

1. How did the green sea turtle get its name?

2. Why will this turtle travel so far to have babies?

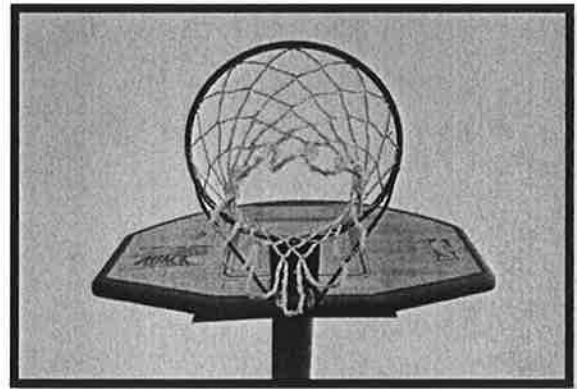
3. What does this type of turtle like to eat?

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BASKETBALL

Basketball was invented in 1891 in Massachusetts. The first game was played with a soccer ball and a fruit basket. The game was invented so people would have something to do in the



wintertime. Basketball is a very popular sport to watch and play in the United States. The NBA is the National Basketball Association. There are 29 NBA teams in the United States, and one in Canada. . They each play 82 games during the season.

1. Where and when was Basketball invented?

2. Why do you think the first basketball game was played with a soccer ball and a fruit basket?

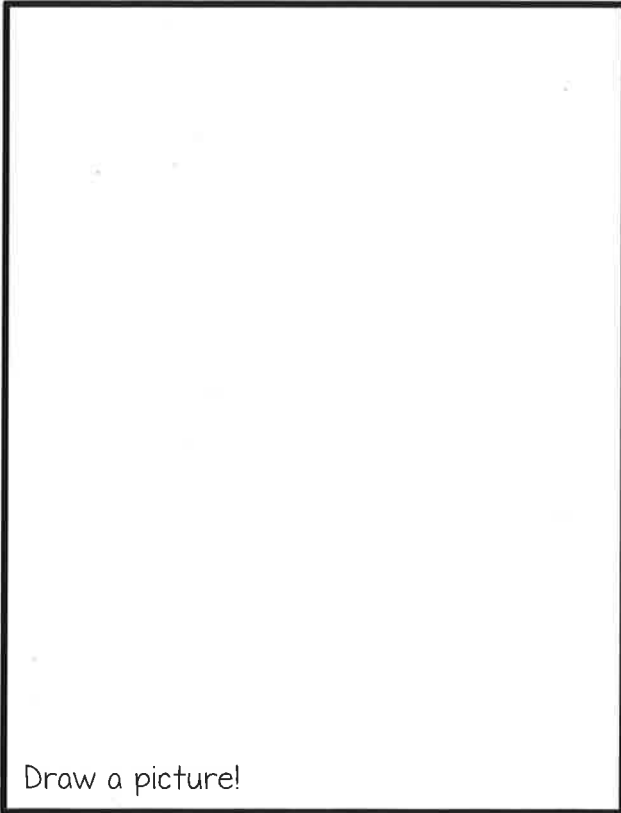
3. How many NBA teams are there in the USA? Have you ever watched an NBA game? Describe it. .

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Letter to an Author

Write a letter to the author of a book that you have recently read.

Dear _____,



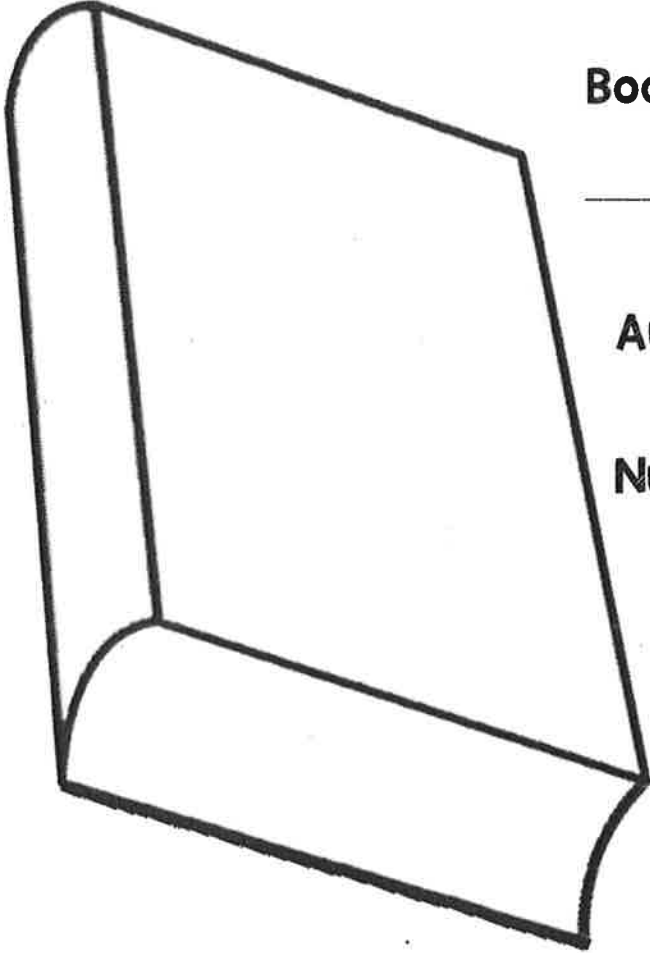
Sincerely,

Draw a picture!

name: _____
date: _____

Re-Covered

Draw a new cover for a book that you have read recently.



Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Number of Pages: _____



Explain why this should be the new cover for your book:

What is the Main Idea?

name: _____

date: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Number of Pages: _____

What was the main idea in your book?

How did your character(s) solve their problem?

name: _____
date: _____

A Comic Book Report

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Number of Pages: _____

Draw and label the four main events from your book.

Draw them in order and color neatly.

A Picture Book Report

name: _____
date: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Number of Pages: _____



Who is the main character in your story?
This is the person your story is mostly about.

Describe the main character.

Draw the main character.

What is the setting of your story?
This is where your story takes place.

Describe the setting.

Draw the setting.

fiction - 3RD grade

- Reread a specific page with your child. Ask them a question about that page, and have them locate the answer directly in the text.
- What lesson did the characters learn in this story?
- What is the main idea of this story?
- What character traits describe the main character? Why? (bravery, smart, determined, mischievous, etc.)
- Describe the sequence of events in the story. (The order that things happen.)
- Look at page _____. Find one word you do not know. Use context clues (the words around it) to figure out what it means.
- How was chapter (or paragraph) _____ different from the previous chapter/paragraph?
- Which point of view is the story being told from (the main character, a narrator, etc)? How would the story be different if you were telling it?
- Look at the illustration on page _____. Why is this picture included? How does it help you understand the story?

NONFICTION - 3RD grade

- Reread a specific page from the story with your child. Ask them a question about this page. Have them look back in the text to find the answer.
- What is the main idea of this story? What details support the main idea?
- Explain the sequence of events (the order that things happened in the story).
- Locate three text features in this story (Table of Contents, Glossary, Index, Caption, Bold Words, Headings). How do these text features give you more information about the topic?
- Look at the caption on page _____. How does it explain the illustration?
- How did the author feel about this topic? How do you feel about this topic?
- Ask your child cause/effect questions. When _____ happened, what happened next. For example, when Hurricane Sandy hit, what happened to New Jersey?
- Pick two topics in your book. Tell how they are alike and how they are different. For example, if your child is reading about animals, have them pick two different animals from the book and explain how they are alike and different.
- How are the paragraphs on this page related? (the first paragraph may give general information, the second may give more specific details about the topic)