

Max's Best Friend

Max sat by the window looking at the street. Soon his best friend would be home. It would be the most fun time of the day. Then the school bus came and Alexander got off the bus, came up the walk and into the house.

Max's tail was already wagging to greet Alexander. Alexander gave Max a big hug and said, "I'm hungry! Are you ready for our snack?"

Max didn't answer. He just followed Alexander to the kitchen. Alexander ate a banana and gave Max a small biscuit. Then Alexander put on his play clothes and the two buddies went outside to play together.

They played for a long time until Alexander said, "Come on Max, we better do some homework before supper."

Max wanted to play some more but he was happy to help with homework as long as he could be with his best friend.



Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the correct answer.

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- a. By the window
- b. By the door
- c. In the living room

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- a. In the morning
- b. In the afternoon
- c. In the evening

3. When Alexander came home, what did he do first?

- a. Change his clothes
- b. Get a snack
- c. Hug Max

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Baby Chicks

Mother Hen was sitting on her nest of straw in the chicken house at Brooks Acres Farm. Under her warm feathers were five eggs. Mother Hen had laid these eggs about 21 days ago so the baby chicks inside the eggs were ready to hatch.

Every baby chick has an egg tooth that grows at the end of its beak. The egg tooth helps the baby chick crack open the hard eggshell so the baby chick can get out. It takes nearly all day for a baby chick to crack the eggshell and get itself out.

One by one the five eggs began to crack open and five baby chicks hatched. When it hatched each baby chick was all wet from living inside the egg. In a little bit the wet feathers dried and the baby chicks looked like little birds. The baby chicks began walking around right away.

The baby chicks had real feathers when they were four weeks old and lost their egg tooth. They grew a red comb on the top of the head and a wattle under the chin. The baby chicks were all grown up into roosters and hens in six months.

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Circle the correct answer.

1. How many eggs did the Mother Hen have?
 - a. Three
 - b. Four
 - c. Five
2. How long does it take before a chick hatches from an egg?
 - a. Two weeks
 - b. Three weeks
 - c. Four weeks
3. When a chick starts to break out of its shell it uses its
 - a. Feet
 - b. Egg tooth
 - c. Beak
4. When a chick first hatches it is
 - a. Wet
 - b. Fluffy
 - c. Furry
5. Growing chicks get a comb on their
 - a. Head
 - b. Back
 - c. Feet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a line from the name of a part of the
Mother Hen to its location on the bird.

Tail

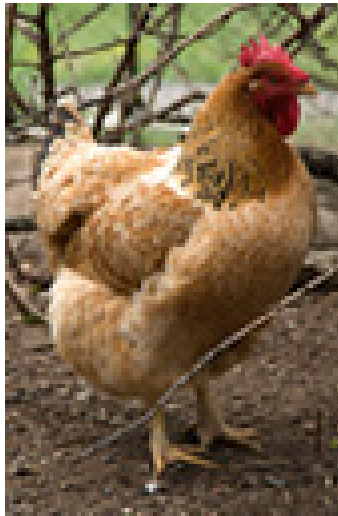
Wing

Comb

Beak

Wattle

Feet



Summer Treats



Jessica and Ellen were having fun on the swings at the park on a hot summer day. They both loved the feeling of the air on their faces when they would swing high up over the ground. After a little while they dragged their sneakers in the dirt to stop swinging.

Mom had given the twins money to get a summer treat at the park's snack shop.

"What are you getting?" asked Jessica.

"I want an orange popsicle. That's my favorite kind," replied Ellen. "Let's split one so it won't all melt."

The two girls bought the popsicle and then started on home. They wondered where the frozen treat on a stick came from so they asked their Mom.

"Oh, popsicles were invented by a boy just about your age. He was eleven. He mixed something like Kool-Aid and water together and brought it on the porch. He forgot to bring his drink inside and it froze overnight with the stirring stick still in it. That's how the first popsicle was made. Later he sold his treats to the neighbors and then when he grew up he started a popsicle factory."

The twins had only heard about famous adult inventors and wondered if someday they too could make some kind of new invention.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the correct answer.

1. Where were the twins swinging?

- a. At home
- b. At school
- c. At the park

2. What treat did they buy?

- a. Popsicle
- b. Candy bar
- c. Popcorn

3. After playing on the swings where did the twins go?

- a. Home
- b. School
- c. Grandmother's house

4. Popsicles were invented by?

- a. A ten year-old boy
- b. An eleven year-old boy
- c. A fifteen year-old boy

5. Where did the boy invent popsicles?

- a. At his home
- b. At a workshop
- c. At a factory

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Match the popsicle flavor with the name of the fruit.

**Banana, Grape, Lemon, Pineapple, Strawberry,
Watermelon**



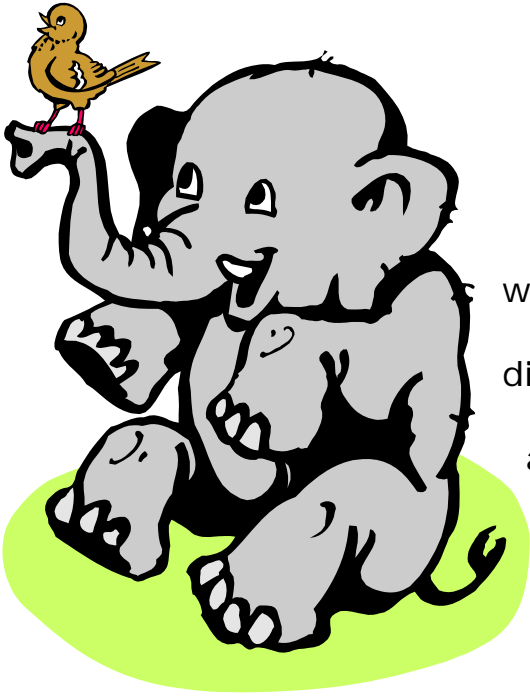












The Elephant and the Sunbird

Gajbaahu the mighty elephant was walking through the jungle in India. He is a different species than the elephants of Africa and he was proud to be an Indian elephant.

As Gajbaahu made his way through the jungle he passed by other mammals of

India. He saw lions, tigers, a rhinoceros, a leopard, and macaques. Then he spied a tiny sunbird lying on its back on the ground.

"Little Sunbird," Gajbaahu said, "Why are you lying upside down? Are you okay?"

The small sunbird replied, "The mice say that the sky might fall today. I am ready to use my feet to help keep the sky above us."

Gajbaahu snorted a big laugh through his long trunk. It was a funny sound.

"How can those tiny feet hold up part of the vast sky?"

"I can't hold up the sky by myself," said Sunbird. "But am willing to help everyone else and do my share."

Based on a Chinese folk tale.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Animals of India

Match the animal name with the picture.

Elephant Lion Leopard Sunbird Rhinoceros Macaque













Charleston's Kitten

Charleston wanted to have a pet of his very own. He thought and thought to decide what kind of pet he would like. Fish are colorful but he couldn't hold a fish. A parakeet could perch on his finger but most of the time it would need to stay in its cage.

Charleston decided he wanted a pet with fur so when he hugged it he could feel the soft fur against his face. Charleston lived in an apartment with his parents. He was worried that a dog would bark and make too much noise. Charleston decided he wanted a kitten. His parents said they would get a kitten for him.

One day he came home from school to find a pretty little calico kitten. It was so pretty because a calico cat has many colors. His kitten was white, black and butterscotch in color. He named his kitten Whiskers.

Charleston learned how to take care of his kitten. He made sure it had food and fresh water every day. His Mom bought cat food and kitty litter at the store for Whiskers. Charleston didn't like cleaning the kitty litter box but his Mom told him it was important. So he kept the litter box clean.

Charleston liked playing with Whiskers. Kittens enjoy playing with simple toys. A paper bag, some string and Charleston as a playmate were enough to keep his kitten happy.





Bedtime for Benji

"But Mo-om, I'm not sleepy," whined Benji. "I don't wa-ant to go to bed right now."

Momma Black Bear sighed. She had already raised six baby bears who were now adults. Some of her other cubs didn't like bedtime either. She knew what she needed to do to convince Benji that going to bed on time was important.

"Okay Benji," Momma Black Bear said. "Since you aren't sleepy you can stay outside but I am going to bed." With that she went inside the warm and cozy bear den with Benji's brother Bart.

Benji decided to watch the stars and the moon. Then he began to hear strange noises. Soon Momma Raccoon came by with her young triplets. "What are you doing up so late?" she asked Benji. "Bears are supposed to sleep at night."

Next Momma Possum waddled by. "Benji," she said, "You were supposed to be asleep a long time ago. How will you grow into a great big bear if you don't get enough sleep?"

A little while later the wise old owl stopped by to visit Benji. Mr. Owl told Benji stories about raising his own baby owls. Benji learned that all the parent animals knew what was good for their babies.

Momma Black Bear was right. Benji needed to go to bed at bedtime. He went in the den and snuggled close with Bart.

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Circle the correct answer.

1. What kind of animal was Benji?

- a. Raccoon
- b. Black bear
- c. Possum

2. What was Benji's brother's name?

- a. Bart
- b. Bret
- c. Bobby

3. What animal came to see Benji first?

- a. Owl
- b. Raccoon
- c. Possum

4. What animal came to see Benji last?

- a. Owl
- b. Raccoon
- c. Possum

5. Why did Benji go to bed?

- a. He was sleepy
- b. He was lonesome
- c. He learned his mother was right



A Birdhouse

"There's an activity at the park next Saturday. Kids can build a birdhouse. Would you like to go?" asked Mom.

Come Saturday morning Britney and Matthew arrived at the park recreation building wondering how they would build a birdhouse. They had never built anything before.

Mrs. Washington had everything they needed lined up for them. She had already cut the small pieces of plywood that would make the sides, floor and roof of the birdhouse with a saw. She even made the hole in the front side for a small bird to come into and leave the birdhouse. She had used an electric drill with a hole saw attached to make the hole.

Before the kids glued the pieces of the birdhouse together, they learned how to tell which side of the wood goes to the outside of the birdhouse. The smoothest side was used to face the outside and the rough side made the inside walls of the birdhouse.

Next the kids prepared the wood for painting by making it even smoother with sandpaper. Then they used wood glue to put the pieces together. The wood glue was different from the glue for paper they used at school.

They had a little snack while the glue dried. Next they painted their birdhouses. Finally they put a wire hanger on each birdhouse. In the spring some bird would have a good place for a nest.

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1. Where did the kids go to make a birdhouse?

- a. To the community center
- b. To school
- c. To the park

2. What was the birdhouse made of?

- a. Plastic
- b. Plywood
- c. Lumber

3. Where was the entrance hole of the birdhouse?

- a. Floor
- b. Front side
- c. Roof

4. What held the birdhouse together?

- a. Glue
- b. Screws
- c. Nails

5. What kind of hanger did the birdhouse have?

- a. Rope
- b. Plastic tie
- c. Wire