

Literacy Homework



Surprise



(1)

After a long drive, Mom, Dad, and I got to Golden Lake. We were tired, (16)
so we set up camp and climbed into our sleeping bags. Then I said, "I hate (32)
camping. Why did you make me come?" (39)

"You never know what can happen, Jenny," Dad answered. "You could (50)
be in for a big surprise!" (56)

The next morning, I couldn't believe my eyes. There, sitting by the tent (69)
was a bee the size of an airplane! "Hop on!" shouted Dad over its loud hum. (85)
"Come for a ride!" (89)

We all got onto the bee's big, fuzzy back. Then it lifted off. It zoomed (104)
right and left. It sailed over the water and made loops in the air. What a fun (121)
ride! (122)

At last, the bee landed by our camp. We all climbed off. Then it flew (137)
away. I stood there with my mouth open. Dad smiled and said, "Just wait until (152)
tomorrow's surprise!" (154)

Fluency & Comprehension - Please answer each question in *complete sentences*.

1) Complete five 1 minute reads, and record your words per minute score.

Read #1: _____ Read #2: _____ Read #3: _____ Read #4: _____ Read #5: _____

2) Where was Jenny's family camping?

3) Describe what Jenny saw the next morning.

4) What did the family do next?

5) What emotions did the boy feel when he said, "I stood there with my mouth open."

Comprehension Common Questions

Name _____

1) What **genre** is this passage?

Fiction or
Non-Fiction?

Traditional Literature Realistic Fiction Science Fiction Historical Fiction Informational Biography Poetry Mystery Fantasy Folktale

2) What **point of view** is this passage?

First Person

Second Person

Third Person

(The author says "I" a lot)

(The author says "you" a lot)

(The author says "he, she or they" a lot)

3) What was the **author's purpose** for writing this passage?

Inform (Facts)

Persuade (To change your mind)

Entertain (Fun)

Explain (How to...)

4) What is the **setting** of this passage? Where does it take place?

5) Write a *complete sentence* stating the **main idea** or topic of this passage.

6) If possible, list a **main character**. List *one word* that could describe that character.

Character:

Adjectives:

7) If possible, list one **contraction** (ex: I am = I'm) and one **compound** word (ex: back + pack = backpack).

Contraction:

Compound:

8) If possible, list one **two-syllable** word, and one **three-syllable** word.

Two-syllable:

Three-syllable:

9) What **event** happened first in this passage?

10) What **event** happened last in this passage?
