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*Franklin's Farm  
April 27th*

*Dear Mr. Ted E. Bear,*

*I know that you think of the woods as your own, where you can do what you want. You sleep when you want to sleep and growl at the moon when you feel like it. I like you, but I have one request.*

*For the next month, please try not to growl so loudly. My puppies cry all night because they are afraid you are coming to gobble them up! Soon they will be older, and they will understand that you do not want to hurt them.*

*I carried a bag of walnuts to the edge of the woods as a gift for you. You may gobble up all the walnuts. Please don't growl.*

*Your neighbor,  
Howl N. Dog*

**Howl N. Dog lives on a farm. It's spring, and she has eight young puppies. Every time they get ready to go to sleep, Ted E. Bear begins to growl in the woods. So, Howl writes him a letter.**



1. Write the meaning of the word "request." \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. When does Ted E. Bear do most of his growling? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did Howl N. Dog take a bag of walnuts to the edge of the woods?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you think that animals can really understand each other? Why or why not?  
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**BONUS:** Ted E. Bear may read this letter and then write back to Howl N. Dog. What would he write? Write your letter on the back of this page.

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*Totsville Toy Shop  
November 30th*

*Dear Ping,*

*I hope that somebody's birthday is coming and that somebody wants a fluffy toy bunny for their very own! The toy shop is a great place to live. It's fun to see happy children and their parents, grandparents, and friends.*

*Now I'm ready to belong to one special person. Maybe that gentle little girl with the dark brown hair and smiling blue eyes will come back and bring her grandfather. Maybe I will be just the bunny for her!*

*When I have the chance to go home with someone, I want to hop right into her heart! But no matter where I am, I'll always remember you and what a good friend you have been.*

*Keep smiling,*

*Ben*

**Ping the Panda and Ben the Bunny are toys in a toy shop. Sometimes children come in and give them hugs, but no one has "adopted" them yet. Ben shows how he feels in a letter to Ping.**



1. Write the meaning of the word "gentle." \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why does Ben like living at the toy shop? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What does Ben remember about the little girl with the blue eyes? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did Ben write this letter to Ping? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**BONUS:** Draw and color a picture of Ben and Ping

*Lily Pond  
June 10th*

*Dear Mr. Web,*

*I am a young duck who lives with his mother and four sisters in another pond near where you live. Most of the ducks on our pond are girls. They giggle all the time. I want to play and swim with some boy ducks.*

*I know that there are some boy ducks on your pond. My cousin, Honk, flew over the pond and saw them. Honk is a year older than I am.*

*May I please waddle over to your pond to swim and play for a little while? If you spend some time with me, you'll see that I have good manners.*

*On Monday, Honk will visit you and hear your answer.*

*Hopefully,*

*Quackers*

**Quackers is a young duck who wants to paddle around in Mr. Web's pond. For ducks, it is most polite to ask first. Quackers writes this letter to Mr. Web.**



1. Write the meaning of the word "manners." \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is Honk? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why does Quackers want to visit Mr. Web's pond? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. After Quackers spends the afternoon on Mr. Web's pond, what do you think Mr. Web will tell him?  
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**BONUS:** Draw a picture of Quackers and his family. Write a name for each of his sisters.

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*Johnson's Farm  
August 2nd*

*Dear Bob,*

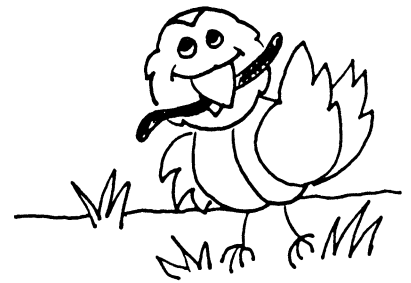
*This weather is getting me down. I fluff my feathers to stay cool, but soon I'm droopy again.*

*Let's have some fun! Tomorrow morning, meet me in the valley at the east end of Peaceful Pond. There is always a nice breeze there, and we can take turns flying through the little waterfall.*

*I'll bring some corn kernels for a picnic if you can bring two fat worms. See you there!*

*Red Robin*

**In this letter from Red Robin to Bob the Bluejay, there is a cool idea for a hot summer day.**



1. Write the meaning of the word "breeze." \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Where is Peaceful Pond? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Will the birds leave before lunch? How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What other animals might be on Peaceful Pond on a hot summer morning?  
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**BONUS:** Draw and color a picture of all of your favorite foods for a picnic.