

Reading for Details

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INTRODUCTION

This book includes twenty-five intriguing stories sure to interest young readers. Following each story is a follow-up activity which requires the student to decide the validity of statements about specific details, then find and write the sentences which support their decisions. Correct responses result in the spelling of a word related to the topic that is then looked up in a dictionary. This added exercise encourages the use of a resource book and is also an excellent vocabulary enrichment activity.

Reading for Details is an effective teaching tool for many ages and ability levels. It is one of a two-book series that is suitable for use in grades 4-8. This book is written at the 3rd-grade reading level. Included is an answer key.

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Jumping Beans

Have you ever seen Mexican “jumping beans”? Most people wonder why they jump when you hold them in your hand. They are not really beans.

A moth is a caterpillar before it turns into a moth. A plant which grows in Mexico has very big seeds. A certain kind of caterpillar lives inside the big seeds.

When the seeds are held in a person’s hand, they get warm. When they are warm, the caterpillars begin to crawl inside the seeds. Then the “beans” begin to move. People say they are “jumping”.



Soon the caterpillar turns into a moth. The moth comes out of the seed through a hole in its side. It flies away. The “jumping bean” is empty. It can’t jump anymore.

Circle the letter in the “True” column if the sentence is true. Circle the letter in the “False” column if the sentence is *not* true. When you circle a letter in the “True” column, copy the sentence from the story that will prove your answer is correct.

- | | True | False |
|--|------|-------|
| 1. The “jumping beans” come from Mexico. _____
_____ | L | M |
| 2. The caterpillar turns into a moth. _____
_____ | A | T |
| 3. The caterpillar moves around when it is cold. _____
_____ | S | R |
| 4. The caterpillar turns into a butterfly. _____
_____ | Y | V |
| 5. The seed can’t “jump” after the moth flies away. _____
_____ | A | E |

DICTIONARY ACTIVITY: Put the five letters you circled on this line to spell a word. Look up the word in the dictionary. Write the meaning of the word on another piece of paper.

Name _____

Paying the Doctor

This happened many years ago in Peru. Peru is a country in South America. High in the mountains, a woman was very sick. A doctor came all the way up the mountain to help her. The doctor thought that the woman and her husband were very poor.

The woman got well after the doctor took care of her. The doctor was ready to make the long trip down to the city where he lived. The husband of the woman went with the doctor down the mountain.

He led the doctor down a strange path and into a cave. Inside the cave was a silver mine. The man told the doctor to take as much silver as he could carry with him. The silver was to pay the doctor for saving the woman.

Later, many people asked the doctor where he got so much silver. He told them about the mine. No one could ever find the hidden mine in the mountains.



Circle the letter in the “True” column if the sentence is true. Circle the letter in the “False” column if the sentence is *not* true. When you circle a letter in the “True” column, copy the sentence from the story that will prove your answer is correct.

- | | True | False |
|---|----------|----------|
| 1. The mine was in South America. _____
_____ | C | D |
| 2. The sick woman lived in the city. _____
_____ | O | A |
| 3. The doctor thought the woman and her husband were rich. _____
_____ | P | C |
| 4. The sick woman got well. _____
_____ | H | Y |
| 5. The doctor showed the people where the mine was. _____
_____ | M | E |

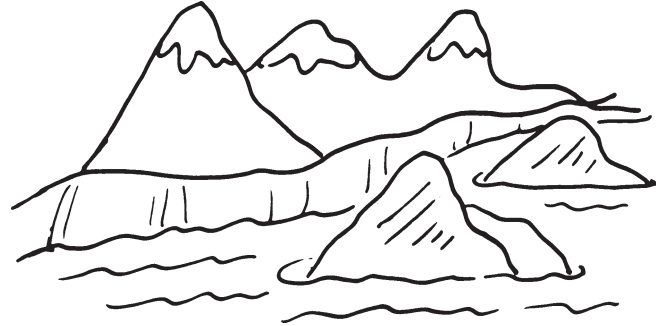
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Rivers of Ice

In cold parts of the world, there are rivers of ice. The ice moves very, very slowly in these rivers. They are called glaciers. A glacier does not move until the ice is very thick. It moves so slowly, you can't see it happening.

Often, trees and other things are knocked down during an avalanche. An avalanche happens when too much snow falls on a mountain. The snow gets so heavy it suddenly crashes down the side of the hill. The mass of snow takes the trees and rocks with it.



The trees and rocks often end up in a glacier at the bottom of the mountain. If you see a glacier, look for things which are in the ice.

Finally, the glacier reaches the ocean. When that happens, giant pieces of ice break off and fall into the sea. Sometimes these huge pieces of ice become icebergs.

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- | | True | False |
|---|------|-------|
| 1. Glaciers are rivers of ice. _____
_____ | F | M |
| 2. When the ice is thick, the glacier moves. _____
_____ | R | A |
| 3. Trees are found in the ocean. _____
_____ | L | O |
| 4. Glaciers move very fast. _____
_____ | G | S |
| 5. Icebergs sometimes come from glaciers. _____
_____ | T | R |

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Please Don't Cry

What makes tears come from your eyes? There is a little gland in your head above each eye. The glands are about the size of almonds. These glands have a very important job to do for you.

The glands are there to keep your eyeballs wet. They could not move around the way they do if they were dry. There are tiny holes in your eyelid to carry the water to the eyeball.

Water that is not needed by the eye has to go somewhere. There is a tiny drain in the corner of your eye. Every once in awhile, water is spread over the eyeball. The extra water goes down the little drain near your nose.

Sometimes, something causes the gland to make too much water. This happens when you are very sad or happy. It even happens when you peel onions. Then there is too much water for the little drain, and you cry.



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- | | True | False |
|--|----------|----------|
| 1. Two little glands make water for your eyes. _____
_____ | B | M |
| 2. Your eyeball is supposed to be dry. _____
_____ | R | L |
| 3. There is a tiny drain in the corner of your eye. _____
_____ | I | O |
| 4. When you cry, too much water is in your eye. _____
_____ | N | S |
| 5. Peeling carrots can make you cry. _____
_____ | T | K |

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