

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 4th-grade reading level. Included is an answer key.

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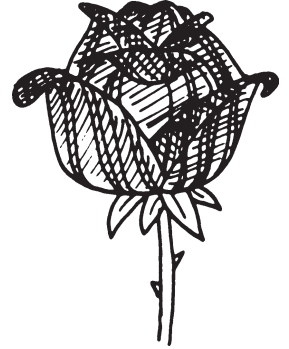
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Beware the Black Rose

Many people will say that the rose is their favorite flower. Roses are red, white, yellow, pink, and other colors. Some roses are two or more colors combined. Have you ever seen a black rose? There is a story about roses of that color.

In 1913, most people thought that a black rose was very unlucky. No one wanted to try to grow one. In Austria, a famous man who was a great leader liked to grow roses. He tried to grow new colors. He wanted to grow a black rose. To do this, he brought a man from another country to help.

Soon the two men were able to grow a beautiful, black rose. People in Austria warned them that the rose would bring bad luck. The famous man did not listen to them.



The man was the leader of Austria. He went to visit another country. Wherever he and his wife went, they were well-liked. Suddenly, a man came up and shot the leader of Austria. He died.

The man who was killed was the Archduke Ferdinand. When he was killed, a war started. The war was World War I. Many people said the unlucky black rose caused the war.

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. People thought that a black rose was lucky. _____
_____ | N | T |
| 2. The famous Austrian grew a lovely purple rose. _____
_____ | M | H |
| 3. This man was the leader of Austria. _____
_____ | O | L |
| 4. He and his wife were not well-liked. _____
_____ | K | R |
| 5. World War II started when the famous Austrian was killed. _____
_____ | L | N |

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 _____

Bless You!

You never know when you are going to sneeze. Many things cause people to sneeze. Usually we sneeze because we have a cold or are allergic to something. Hundreds of years ago, people in different parts of the world did not agree about sneezing.

Greeks and Romans thought that a sneeze brought good luck. They said that it was good if you sneezed while you were trying to make up your mind about something. Then you would make the right choice. Two hundred years ago in Europe, sneezing meant you were not sick. If you were in the hospital and sneezed three times, the doctors said you were well and could go home.

In another part of the world, the Hindus knew that sneezing meant you were sick. They said a sneeze was evil spirits coming out of your mouth. When a Hindu sneezed, he snapped his fingers as quickly as he could. He believed this kept the evil spirits from jumping down the throat of someone else.



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- | | True | False |
|---|------|-------|
| 1. We always know when we are going to sneeze. _____
_____ | M | V |
| 2. The Greeks thought only sick people sneezed. _____
_____ | T | I |
| 3. Some people thought a sneeze was good luck. _____
_____ | R | A |
| 4. Hindus believed a sneeze released evil spirits. _____
_____ | U | Z |
| 5. A Hindu would kiss his wife to stop the evil spirits. _____
_____ | R | S |

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Blue Jeans

Almost 200 years ago, blue jeans were invented. The inventor's name was Levi Strauss. He called his invention "waist overalls." The waist overalls were pants made of heavy canvas.

The cowboys and gold miners liked these pants. They were so well-made and tough that they did not wear out fast. Some people say that the cowboys had a special way of making sure the pants fit well.

They would buy a pair that was a little too large. After putting them on, the cowboys would sit in the horse trough until the pants shrunk to fit. Another story tells us how strong the pants were. Once, when two railroad cars came unhitched, the trainman took off his pants and tied them between the cars. The train went on with the pants holding it together.

The pants were named "Levi's" after their inventor. They are still very popular today.



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- | | True | False |
|---|------|-------|
| 1. The inventor's name was Levi Strauss. _____
_____ | D | M |
| 2. The pants were made of silk and satin. _____
_____ | T | E |
| 3. The miners and cowboys liked the new pants. _____
_____ | N | A |
| 4. Strauss called the pants "waist overalls." _____
_____ | I | Z |
| 5. No one wears these pants anymore. _____
_____ | R | M |

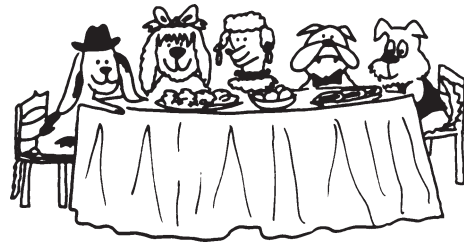
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Come to Dinner

About 100 years ago, many rich people built big homes in Newport, Rhode Island. These people were famous for the parties they gave. Soon they tried to have bigger and better parties than their neighbors. They tried to invite the most unusual guests.

One man named Harry Lehr invited people to dinner at his house. He told them they would meet Prince del Drago at dinner. The people were very surprised when the prince turned out to be a monkey. Harry had dressed the monkey in a tuxedo. The monkey climbed on the chandelier during dinner and threw light bulbs at the guests.



Another time, Harry had a dinner where all the guests he invited were dogs. The owners of the dogs dressed them up in fancy clothes to come to the dinner. Harry fed the dogs rice, bones, and dog food. A newspaper reporter had sneaked into the dinner by bringing his poodle all dressed up. Harry found out and made him leave.

To get even, the reporter wrote a story saying that Harry had fed the dogs very expensive food. People were angry that money was wasted on dogs, and Harry couldn't have any more funny dinners.

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- | | True | False |
|---|------|-------|
| | Q | G |
| 1. The big houses were built in New York. _____
_____ | | |
| 2. Prince del Drago was a monkey. _____
_____ | A | M |
| 3. The monkey had perfect manners. _____
_____ | T | L |
| 4. The dogs were dressed up for the big dinner. _____
_____ | A | T |
| 5. People thought Harry should have a dinner for horses. _____
_____ | N | S |

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