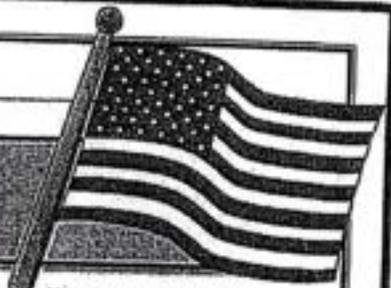


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# Flag Day



Flag Day is an American holiday celebrated on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The first Flag Day was started by a schoolteacher in 1885. He wanted his students to learn more about the importance and meaning of the American flag. He chose June 14<sup>th</sup> because this was the day in 1777 when the Stars and Stripes became the official flag of the United States. At that time, the flag had thirteen stars and stripes.

Many people will fly their American flag on this day. It is important to always show respect for the flag and know the proper way to handle it. For example, the flag should never touch the ground or be worn as clothing. When the American flag is flown with other flags, it should always be higher than the others. On some days, such as Memorial Day, you may see the flag flown at *half staff*. This means the flag is flown lower on the pole when there has been a death or tragedy. Finally, when a flag is too old and worn to fly anymore, it should be burned in a respectable and proper way.

1. How is the flag today different from the flag in 1777? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why do you think the flag is burned when it can no longer be used?

3. What does *half staff* mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Buzzing Bees!

We know that summer is almost here when we start to hear those buzzing bees. Although many people are afraid of bees, they are very important to have around. Without them, we would not have honey and there would be less fruit and vegetable plants for us to eat.

In the warm weather, we see bees flying among the flowers looking for food. They are collecting nectar and spreading pollen. Nectar is a sweet, sticky liquid that bees use to make honey. Pollen is a powder made by some plants. As bees carry pollen from one flower to another, seeds begin to grow. This is called *pollination*. When a bee finds nectar or pollen, it does a dance for the other bees to let them know where to find the food.

As for those stinging bees, only female bees have stingers. They usually sting when they are trying to protect themselves or their hive. The most common bee, the honeybee, dies soon after stinging. That is because the stinger, which is attached to the bee's abdomen, gets pulled out of the bee's body after getting stuck in the victim's skin.

1. Why are bees important insects? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is *pollination*? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What happens to a honeybee after it stings? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Write 4 facts that you have learned from your reading passages.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Reading Comprehension

Read the short passage and answer the questions.

## A Cake for Jan

Tomorrow is Jan's birthday. She will be eight years old. Jan loves cake. Her favorite kind of cake is chocolate. Joe, Jan's brother, is going to bake her a cake! He will use a chocolate cake mix and pink icing. On the cake he will write, "Happy Birthday Jan!" He knows that she will love it!



1. Who has a birthday tomorrow?

- a Joe
- b Lou
- c Jan
- d Mary

2. Who is going to bake a cake?

- a Julie
- b Joe
- c Ryan
- d Jan

3. Who is Joe?

- a Jan's brother
- b Jan's father
- c Jan's friend
- d my teacher

4. What is Jan's favorite kind of cake?

- a strawberry
- b vanilla
- c white
- d chocolate

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read the short passage and  
answer the questions.

# Reading Comprehension

## Dolphins

Dolphins are one of the most intelligent animals on our planet. Dolphins spend their lives in the water but they are not fish. Dolphins are mammals. Dolphins can't breathe water like fish. They need to come to the surface to breath air. Dolphins eat mostly other smaller fish and squid to survive. Dolphins communicate through chirps and whistles. They like to jump and do acrobatic spins in the air. They are very playful creatures!



1. Where do dolphins live?

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2. What type of animal are dolphins?

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3. What do dolphins eat?

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4. How do dolphins communicate?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

# COMPARE and CONTRAST

## Jan and Jill

Jan and Jill are twins. They both have curly blonde hair and blue eyes. The girls love to play with their dolls and bake cookies. It seems that Jan and Jill are exactly the same, but there are many differences between them. Jan wears glasses and Jill does not. Jill likes to read books when Jan would rather watch the movie. Jan likes cheerleading and dancing. Jill likes to play softball and soccer. Once you get to know Jan and Jill, it is easy to tell them apart.

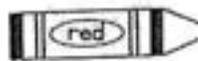


### Tasks



#### COMPARE

Color the similarities between Jan and Jill blue.



#### CONTRAST

Color the differences between Jan and Jill red.

1. Write one way that Jill and Jan are similar.

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. Write one way that Jill and Jan are different.

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# READING FLUENCY

Read the text three times:

The



The acorn



The acorn is



The acorn is in



The acorn is in the



The acorn is in the big



The acorn is in the big tree.



Draw it in a picture:

1

2

3

The tree is

\_\_\_\_\_.

little

fat

big

What is in the tree?

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Trace the sentence.

The acorn is in the big tree.

Read and color each word:

big

is

the

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Reading Comprehension

Read the story and answer the questions.

## Going Fishing

Holly likes to go fishing. She likes to fish with her dad. Holly's dad taught her how to fish. Holly has caught five fish. She is excited to go fishing soon!



1. What does Holly like to do?

- swim
- eat
- fish

2. Who taught her?

- Holly
- her dad
- her mom

3. How many fish has she caught?

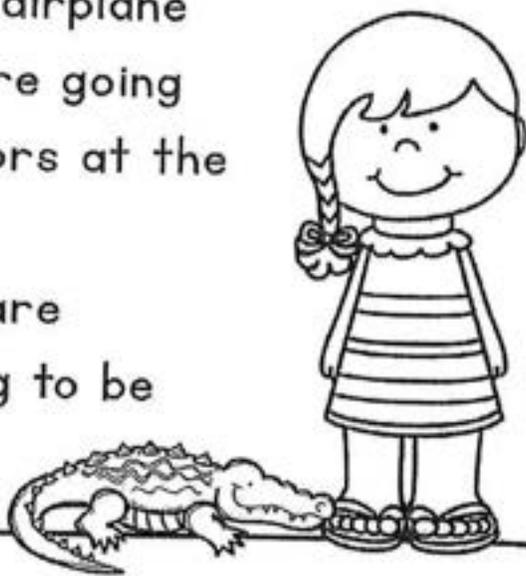
- four
- five
- six

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read the short story.

Color all of the words that begin with the letter A.

Anna is going on a vacation with her family. She is going to ride in an airplane all the way to California. They are going to visit a zoo. "Are there alligators at the zoo?" asked Anna. "Yes, a lot of alligators!" said mom. Alligators are Anna's favorite animal. It is going to be an awesome trip!



Read and answer each question below.

1. Where is Anna going?

2. How will she get there?

3. What is Anna's favorite animal?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Reading Comprehension

Read the story and answer the questions.

## A New School

Kim is scared to go to a new school. On her first day, she is sad because she doesn't have any friends. At recess, Tom asks Kim to play. After recess, Kim feels happy! She has a new friend!



1. Who is going to a new school?

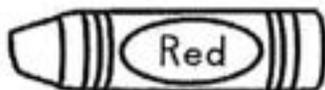
- Tom
- Pam
- Kim

2. How does she feel?

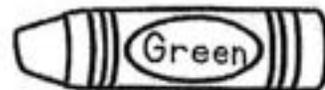
- happy
- excited
- scared



Color why Kim feels sad.



Color who asks Kim to play.



Color why Kim feels happy.

1 2 3



Use the passage to answer the following questions. Circle the letter of the best answer.

1) According to the passage, what do raccoons often seem to do before they eat?

- A. wash their hands                      B. wash their food  
C. hunt for food                          D. pray

2) What do scientists call a raccoon's washing behavior?

- A. bathing                                      B. dousing  
C. dunking                                      D. washing

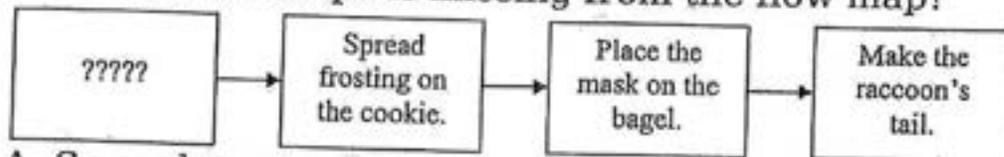
3) Why do raccoons wash their food?

- A. They want to be clean.      B. They are afraid of germs.  
C. They are thirsty.                  D. No one knows.

4) What will you use to make the raccoon's tail?

- A. 4 marshmallows                      B. chocolate frosting  
C. a toothpick                              D. all of the above

5) Which of the steps is missing from the flow map?



- A. Spread peanut butter on the bagel.  
B. Place the cookie on the bagel.  
C. Put the marshmallows on the toothpick.  
D. Eat the snack.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Solve the subtraction problems.  
Make sure you show your work in the box!

1.  $23 - 17 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $58 - 39 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $67 - 48 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $18 - 9 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

5.  $44 - 27 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

6.  $53 - 20 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

7.  $40 - 33 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

