

The Lost Kitten

Mia found a small gray kitten under the porch. It was wet and shivering from the rain. Mia wrapped the kitten in a warm towel and gave it a bowl of milk. Soon the kitten stopped shaking and began to purr. Mia made a soft bed in a box. She named the kitten Smoky because of its gray fur. That night, Smoky slept safe and warm.

- 1 **MAIN IDEA**
What is this story mostly about?

☐ (A) A rainy day
☐ (B) Mia helping a kitten
☐ (C) A bowl of milk
☐ (D) A cardboard box

- 2 **DETAIL**
Why was the kitten shivering?

☐ (A) It was hungry
☐ (B) It was scared
☐ (C) It was wet from the rain
☐ (D) It was lost

- 3 **VOCABULARY**
What does the word "shivering" mean?

- 4 **INFERENCE**
Why did Mia name the kitten Smoky?



Honeybees

Honeybees are busy insects that live together in a hive. Each hive has one queen and thousands of worker bees. Worker bees fly from flower to flower to collect a sweet liquid called nectar. They bring the nectar back to the hive and turn it into honey. Bees also carry pollen between flowers, which helps new plants grow. Without bees, many of the fruits and vegetables we eat could not grow.

1 **MAIN IDEA**

This passage is mostly about —

☐ (A) flowers

☐ (B) how honeybees live and help

☐ (C) the queen bee

☐ (D) making towels

2 **DETAIL**

What do worker bees collect from flowers?

☐ (A) honey

☐ (B) pollen only

☐ (C) nectar

☐ (D) water

3 **VOCABULARY**

What is nectar?

4 **INFERENCE**

Why are bees important to farmers?



The Big Race

Diego had practiced for the school race all month. On race day, his stomach felt full of butterflies. When the whistle blew, he sprinted forward. Halfway around the track, his shoe came untied, and he stumbled. The other runners pulled ahead. Diego wanted to quit, but he remembered all his hard work. He tied his shoe and ran as fast as he could. He did not win first place, but he finished the race with a giant smile. He felt proud.

1 MAIN IDEA

What lesson does this story teach?

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| ☐ (A) Always win | ☐ (B) Never give up |
| ☐ (C) Tie your shoes | ☐ (D) Run slowly |

2 DETAIL

What made Diego stumble?

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| ☐ (A) He was tired | ☐ (B) Another runner |
| ☐ (C) His shoe came untied | ☐ (D) The whistle |

3 VOCABULARY

What does “butterflies in his stomach” mean?

4 INFERENCE

Why did Diego smile even though he did not win?



The Water Cycle

The water on Earth is always moving in a pattern called the water cycle. The sun heats water in oceans, lakes, and rivers, turning it into an invisible gas called water vapor. This process is called evaporation. As the vapor rises, it cools and forms tiny droplets that gather into clouds. This is condensation. When the droplets become heavy, they fall back to Earth as rain, snow, or hail. This is precipitation. The water then collects and the cycle begins again.

1 **MAIN IDEA**
The passage mainly explains —

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| ☐ (A) the sun | ☐ (B) how clouds look |
| ☐ (C) the stages of the water cycle | ☐ (D) types of rain |

2 **DETAIL**
What is evaporation?

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| ☐ (A) clouds forming | ☐ (B) water turning into vapor |
| ☐ (C) rain falling | ☐ (D) water freezing |

3 **VOCABULARY**
What does “precipitation” mean?

4 **INFERENCE**
Why is it called a “cycle”?



Answer Key

The Lost Kitten

1. **B) Mia helping a kitten**
2. **C) It was wet from the rain**
3. **shaking because it was cold**
4. **because of its gray fur, the color of smoke**

Honeybees

1. **B) how honeybees live and help**
2. **C) nectar**
3. **a sweet liquid found in flowers**
4. **they carry pollen so fruits and vegetables can grow**

The Big Race

1. **B) Never give up**
2. **C) His shoe came untied**
3. **feeling nervous or excited**
4. **he was proud that he finished and did not give up**

The Water Cycle

1. **C) the stages of the water cycle**
2. **B) water turning into vapor**
3. **water falling to Earth as rain, snow, or hail**
4. **because the steps repeat over and over again**

