

## A Day at the Beach

Kara loved the beach. She loved making sand castles and collecting shells. She did not like the water though. "Let's go swimming," her brother said. "No I am afraid," she answered. "But you love to swim in the pool," he replied. "Yes but there are not any fish in the pool and I can see the bottom of it." "Come with me and I will make sure you are okay," he said. Kara walked to the edge of the lake and stuck her toes in. "Maybe I will just go to my knees," she said. Kara walked out further and further and the next thing she knew, she was swimming. "I did it!" she exclaimed.

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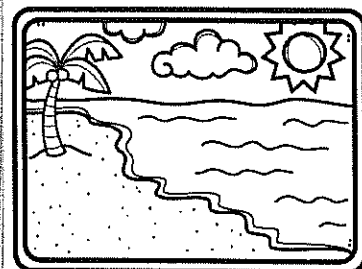
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# Comprehension Questions: A Day at the Beach

1. What did Kara like to do at the beach?

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2. Why did Kara say she did not like to swim at the beach?

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3. What made Kara decide to get into the water?

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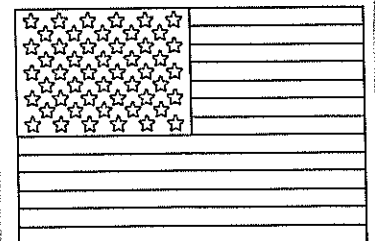
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## Flag Day Traditions

The American flag is an important symbol of 8  
 our nation. It is so important that there is a 18  
 special day to recognize it called Flag Day. Flag 27  
 Day was first celebrated in 1916 and has become 36  
 an annual tradition. Every year on June 14, 44  
 many American homes and businesses proudly 50  
 display a flag. Did you know that the flag was 60  
 first created in 1776? The first flag had only 13 70  
 stars. One star was added each time a new 79  
 state was added to the U.S. In 1960, Hawaii 88  
 became the 50<sup>th</sup> state, and that is the last time 98  
 the flag was changed. Don't forget to display 106  
 your flag on June 14! 111

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# Comprehension Questions: Flag Day Traditions

1. What is Flag Day?

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2. When is Flag Day celebrated?

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3. What causes changes in the American flag?

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4. How many stars were there on the first American flag?

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5. What do you think the word tradition means?

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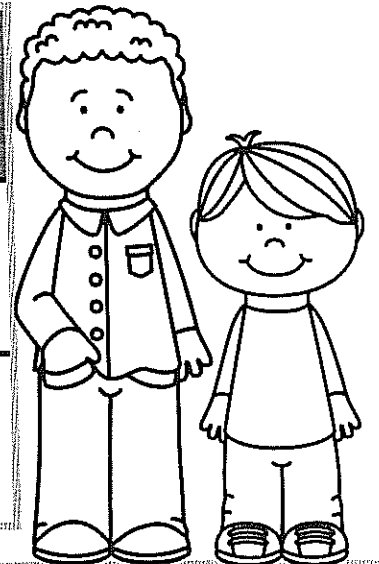
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## Dad and Ben Day

“Happy Father’s Day,” Ben told his dad. “What do you want to do today?” “My favorite thing to do is spend the day with you,” Dad said.  
 “Okay,” said Ben. “We could go and see a movie, go to the park, or go get a pizza together.”  
 “Why don’t we do all three?” Dad replied. “First we can go and see that movie we have both wanted to see. Then we can go and get the biggest pepperoni pizza ever. After that we can head to the park.” “That sounds like the best day ever,” Ben smiled. “It sounds more like Ben Day than Father’s Day.” “Let’s call it Dad and Ben Day,” said Dad.

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# Comprehension Questions: Dad and Ben Day

1. What did Ben's dad say his favorite thing to do is?

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2. What did Ben suggest they do?

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3. What did Dad pick from Ben's suggestions?

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4. Why did Ben say it sounds like "Ben Day" instead of Father's Day?

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5. What did Dad say they should call the day?

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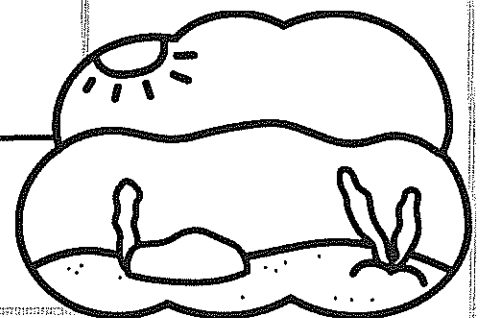
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## The Ocean

When we think of our earth, most people think of 10  
 the land that covers it. Most of the earth, 19  
 however, is covered by water. More than 70% of 28  
 the earth is covered by oceans. There are five 37  
 oceans on earth and the Pacific Ocean is the 46  
 largest. The oceans are composed of salt water. 54  
 Other bodies of water such as lakes and rivers 63  
 are composed of fresh water. The ocean is home 72  
 to many plants and animals that need salt water 81  
 to survive. You will find animals such as sharks, 90  
 dolphins, whales in the ocean as well as many types 100  
 of fish and shellfish. The oceans are very 108  
 important and we need to take care of them. 117

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# Comprehension Questions: The Ocean

1. What day were the children celebrating at school?

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2. What was the first project the children were making?

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3. What was the second project the children were making?

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4. What were the two ways the class was helping the earth?

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5. What is something you could do to help the earth?

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## Summer Friends

Daniel and Maddy were best friends. They loved 8  
 playing together in the summer. One day a new 17  
 boy moved into the neighborhood. Maddy asked, 24  
 "Do you think we should ask him to play?" "No," 34  
 Daniel said. "I just want the two of us to play 45  
 like always." After a few days, they noticed the 54  
 new boy sitting alone outside. "I guess we should 63  
 ask him to play after all," Daniel said. "Hi," the 73  
 boy said. "My name is Nick." "Would you like to 83  
 play with us?" asked Maddy. "Sure!" he smiled. 91  
 The three kids began to play chase. "It is going 101  
 to be nice to have a new friend," Maddy said to 112  
 Daniel. "Yes it will," he agreed. 118

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# Comprehension Questions: Summer Friends

1. What did Maddy ask Daniel about the new boy?

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2. Why do you think Daniel did not want to ask Nick to play?

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3. What made Daniel change his mind about playing with Nick?

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4. What did the three friends do together?

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5. How did Daniel feel about Nick at the end of the story?

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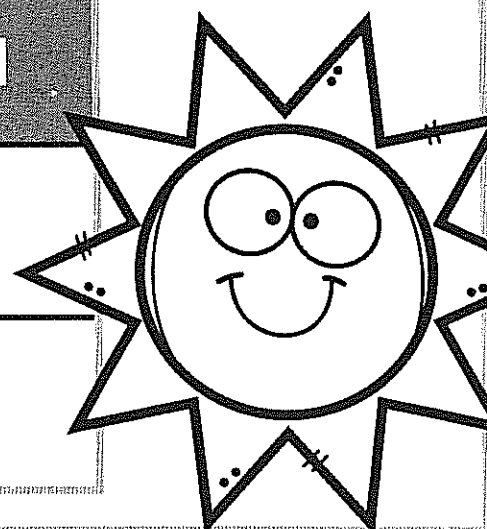
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## All About Summer

There are four seasons in every year: spring, 8  
 summer, fall and winter. Of all the seasons, 16  
 summer is the warmest. It is also the season with 26  
 the most amount of daylight hours. This means 34  
 that the sun comes up earlier and goes down later 44  
 than it does in other seasons. Summer begins on 53  
 June 21, and ends on September 23. The seasons 62  
 depend on the side of the earth that is facing the 73  
 sun. When it is summer here, other parts of the 83  
 world are having winter because their part of the 92  
 world is not tilted toward the sun. Because of the 102  
 warm weather and increased sunlight, plants grow 109  
 best during the summer. 113

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# Comprehension Questions: All About Summer

1. What is different about summer than other seasons?

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2. How long does summer last?

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3. Why are other parts of the world having winter when we are having summer?

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4. Why do plants grow best during the summer?

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5. What season is your favorite and why?

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## Take Care of the Rainforest

The rain forest is a place where there are lots of trees and lots of rain. There are also many different species of animals that live in the rain forest. When people think of the rain forest, they usually think of tropical rain forests where it is very warm. There is another type of rain forest too though - temperate rain forests are places where it is not as warm. The rain forests are important because they provide our earth with a lot of oxygen and they also provide habitats for many animals. Because of this, it is important that we take care of our rain forests, and keep people from cutting down too many trees.

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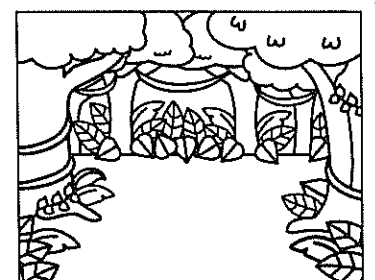
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# Comprehension Questions: Take Care of the Rainforest

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2. What are the types of rain forests?

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3. What is the difference between the two types of rain forest?

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4. Why are the rain forests important?

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5. How can people help take care of the rain forests?

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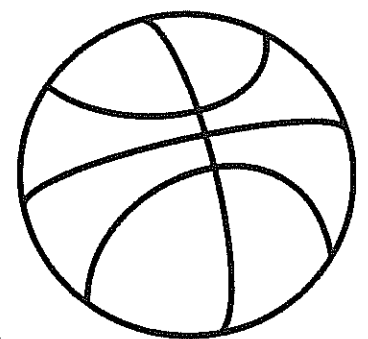
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## The Big Game

The day Alyssa had been waiting for was finally 9  
 here: the day of the championship game. Her 18  
 baseball team played well all year and now they 27  
 had a chance to be the league champions. Alyssa 36  
 loved playing baseball even though she was not the 45  
 best player on the team. Morgan was the team's 54  
 best hitter and Alyssa just knew Morgan could win 63  
 the game for them. The game was tied 2-2. It 73  
 was Morgan's turn, but she struck out. "Oh no", 82  
 Alyssa thought. "Now we are going to lose." "it is 92  
 your turn Alyssa," Morgan said. "You can do it!" 101  
 Alyssa walked to the plate nervously. She swung 109  
 the bat. "Home Run!" Alyssa had saved the day! 117

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# Comprehension Questions: The Big Game

1. Why was Alyssa so excited?

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2. Who was Alyssa counting on to win the game for her team and why?

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3. What happened when Morgan went to bat?

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4. What happened when Alyssa went to bat?

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5. How did Alyssa save the day for her team?

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## The Camping Caper

The bags were packed and Kyle and his family 9  
 were heading off for their first camping trip of 18  
 the summer. When they got there Kyle laid down 27  
 and started to read. After dinner, he noticed 35  
 that his book was missing. "Where did I put it?" 45  
 he asked himself. He went and got his baseball 54  
 and a glove. He and his dad played ball for a 65  
 while and Kyle went inside the tent. When he 74  
 came out his ball was gone. "What is going on?" 84  
 he asked. He went for a walk in the woods. 94  
 A cute raccoon was sitting by a tree. Next to the 105  
 tree were Kyle's book and baseball. "You took my 114  
 things," he laughed! 117

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# Comprehension Questions: The Camping Caper

1. Where were Kyle and his family heading?

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2. What was the first thing Kyle did when he got to the campground?

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3. What happened to Kyle's baseball?

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4. What did Kyle see by the tree?

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5. What had happened to Kyle's missing things?

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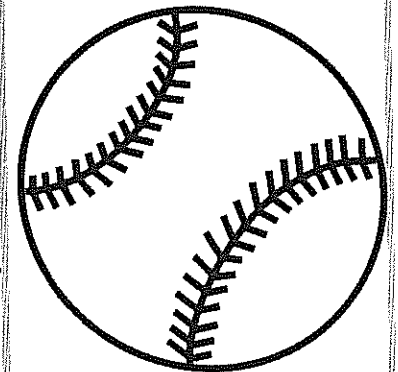
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## All About Baseball

Baseball is sometimes called "America's Pastime" 6  
 because it is a sport that is very popular in 16  
 America. Baseball is played all over the world and 25  
 has been around for a long time. Baseball is a 35  
 sport that is played between two teams that take 44  
 turns batting and fielding. Batting is when your 52  
 team tries to hit the ball with a bat, run around 63  
 the bases and score. Fielding is when your team 72  
 tries to keep the other team from scoring by 81  
 catching and throwing the ball. There are nine 89  
 players on each team. A baseball game is broken 98  
 into innings and a full game consists of nine innings. 108  
 Baseball is a fun sport to play or watch! 117

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# Comprehension Questions: All About Baseball

1. Why is baseball called America's Pastime?

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2. What is batting?

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3. What is fielding?

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4. How many players are on each team?

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5. What are you still wondering about baseball after reading this?

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