

The April Fool's Day Surprise

I flipped the calendar. It read April 1. I had 10
 been waiting for this day for a long time. "I love 21
 April Fool's Day!" I said to myself. I snuck into 31
 the bathroom. I took my mom's clear nail polish. 40
 I covered the soap with it. My sister got up and 51
 got into the shower. "Mom!" she cried out. 59
 "What is wrong with the soap? It won't lather." 68
 I laughed to myself. Then I went into the 77
 kitchen to eat my breakfast. I sprinkled some 85
 sugar onto my cereal and took a bite. It tasted 95
 like salt. My mom laughed. "Now both of you got 105
 an April Fool's Day surprise!" she giggled. 112

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Comprehension Questions: The April Fool's Day Surprise

1. What date is April Fool's Day on?

2. What trick did the child play on their sister?

3. What did the child do after playing the trick on their sister?

4. What was the April Fool's Day surprise the child got?

5. What is a trick you could play on April Fool's Day?

Happy Earth Day

“Boy and girls,” my teacher said. “Today is Earth 9
 Day. It is a day where we celebrate the earth and 20
 help take care of it.” “I have some projects planned 30
 for us.” “First, we are going to make birdfeeders. 39
 We are going to cover old paper towel rolls with 49
 peanut butter and then with birdseed. After that, 57
 we are going to use some of the old milk cartons 68
 from the cafeteria and plant seeds in them.” “Hey 77
 we are going to help the earth in two ways!” I said. 89
 “First by reusing things instead of throwing them in 98
 the trash. Second by helping the birds and making 107
 new plants.” “You are right,” she said. “Happy Earth 116
 Day!” 117

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Comprehension Questions: Happy Earth Day

1. What day were the children celebrating at school?

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

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

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

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

My First Poem

At school, we have been learning about poetry. 8

I decided that I would like to write a poem, but I 20

didn't know how to start. I asked my teacher 29

for help. "Writing a poem is easy," she said. "You 39

can write about anything," she told me "like a 48

feeling you are having, something that is special 56

to you or even an object you see every day." 66

"I want to write a poem about my dog!" I said. 77

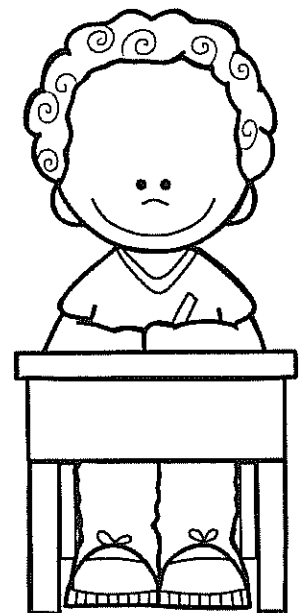
"That's a great idea," she told me. I thought 86

about my dog and how much I love him. I wrote 97

a poem about him. I was so excited to write my 108

very first poem. I think I will write more! 117

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Comprehension Questions: My First Poem

1. What did the child want to do?

2. Who did the child ask for help?

3. What did the child decide to write about?

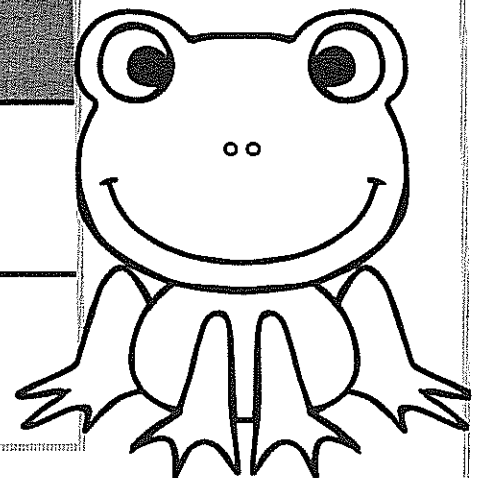
4. What did the child do before they started to write?

5. What is something you could write a poem about?

Freddy Loves the Spring

“I love the spring!” Freddy the frog shouted.	8
“I am so happy it is finally here!” “Me too,” said his sister Frannie. “I am tired of hibernating. I am ready to go out and have some fun.”	19 27 37
“What do you want to do first?” asked Freddy.	46
“I want to go and play hopscotch. Then I want to go hop around the woods,” said Frannie.	56 64
“I want to go to the pond and swim with our friends,” said Freddy. “And I want to go and hop through the meadow. Let’s get going,” he said. “We have a lot of things to do!” “Bye Mom. Bye Dad,” they shouted.	75 84 92 103 107

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Comprehension Questions: Freddy Loves the Spring

1. What was Freddy excited about?

2. Why do you think were Freddy and Frannie hibernating?

3. What were some things Frannie wanted to do?

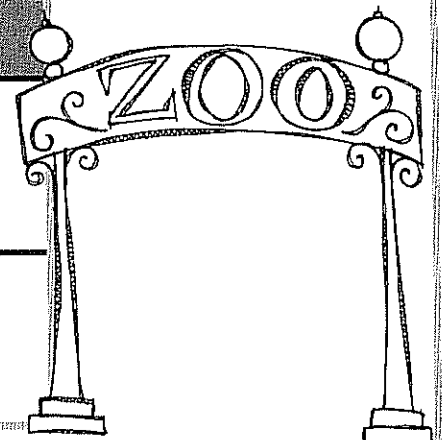
4. What were some things Freddy wanted to do?

5. What would another good title be for this story?

The Zoo Trip

My class had a field trip to the zoo. I was 11
 excited because it is my favorite place to visit. 20
 When we got to school, my teacher put us into 30
 groups. I was in a group with my best friends. 40
 We got on the bus and drove for a long time and 52
 then we were finally there! The first thing we 61
 went to see was the giraffes. They were eating 70
 leaves off trees with their long tongues. Next 78
 we saw the chimps. They were playful and fun 87
 to watch. My favorite was the penguins. They 95
 were diving into the icy water and swimming 103
 around in their black and white suits. I love going 113
 to the zoo! 116

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Comprehension Questions: The Zoo Trip

1. Why was the child excited about the field trip?

2. What was the first thing the group saw?

3. Why do you think the teacher put the students into groups?

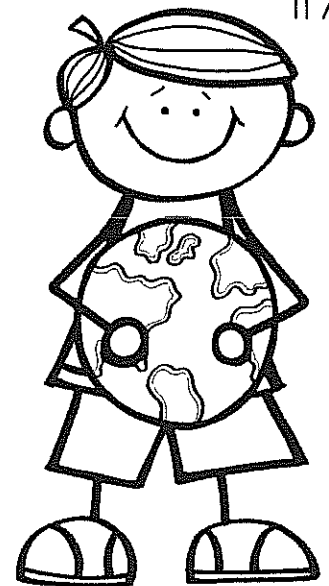
4. What was the child's favorite animal?

5. Why do you think the child said the penguins were wearing black and white suits?

Earth Day

Earth Day is on April 22. It is a day that was 12
 created for people to learn how they can help 21
 take care of the earth. There are many ways 30
 that people can help care for the earth. One 39
 way is to reduce the amount of things you use. 49
 For instance, you can turn off lights when you 58
 don't need them. You can also reuse items. 66
 If you find new uses for old items, you can cut 77
 down on the amount of trash you make. A third 87
 way is to recycle. Bottles, cans, and other items 96
 can be recycled instead of going into the trash. 105
 Take care of the earth! It is the only one we 116
 have! 117

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Comprehension Questions: Earth Day

1. When is Earth Day?

2. What is the purpose of Earth Day?

3. What does it mean to reduce?

4. What are some things that can be recycled?

5. How can you help to take care of the earth?

The Aquarium

You can see many types of marine animals at an aquarium. Marine animals are animals that live in or near the water. Going to an aquarium is like going to a zoo except that most of the animals are in tanks instead of cages. There are salt water tanks for ocean animals. These are animals like crocodiles, octopuses and sharks. Some fish live in salt water too. Angelfish, clownfish and puffer fish live in salt water. Other animals live in fresh water like alligators and many different types of fish. You may also see frogs and otters at an aquarium because they live around the water. The aquarium is a very interesting place to visit.

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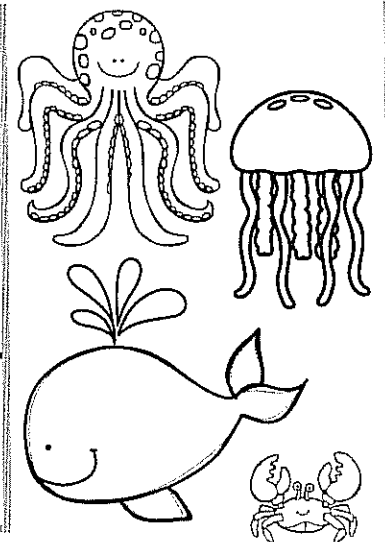
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Comprehension Questions: The Aquarium

1. What are marine animals?

2. What kinds of water do marine animals live in?

3. What are examples of salt water animals?

4. What are examples of fresh water animals?

5. What other marine animals do you think you would see at an aquarium?

Arbor Day

Arbor Day is a holiday that was established to help people learn more about caring for trees. On this day, people learn to take care of the trees we have and are encouraged to plant new ones. Arbor Day began in 1872. It is estimated that about a million trees were planted on the first Arbor Day. Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April. Some places like Alaska and Hawaii celebrate Arbor Day at different times because their climates are too hot or too cold to plant in April. Trees help the earth in so many ways. Perhaps this year you can plant a tree on Arbor Day!

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Comprehension Questions: Arbor Day

1. What is Arbor Day?

2. When was Arbor Day first celebrated?

3. When is Arbor Day?

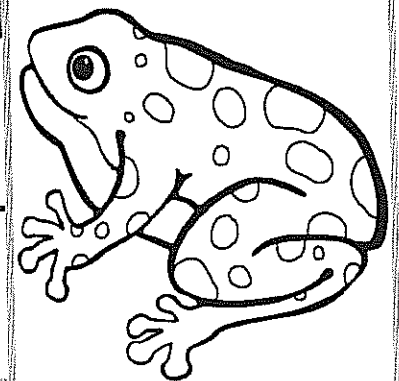
4. How many trees were planted on the first Arbor Day?

5. What are some ways that trees help the earth?

Fascinating Frogs

Frogs are fascinating creatures. Many people do	7
not realize how many types of frogs there are.	16
There are 4,740 species of frogs in the world.	25
There are 90 different types in the United States!	34
Frogs live in every part of the world except for	44
Antarctica. Most of the world's frogs live in places	53
where it is very warm. Frogs are cold-blooded	61
animals. This means that their bodies are the same	70
temperature as the air or water around them. Did	79
you know that frogs do not need to drink water?	89
They absorb it through their skin. Another	96
interesting fact is that some frogs can jump over	105
20 times their body length. Frogs are fascinating!	113

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Comprehension Questions: Fascinating Frogs

1. How many different types of frogs are there in the world?

2. Where do most of the world's frogs live?

3. What does cold-blooded mean?

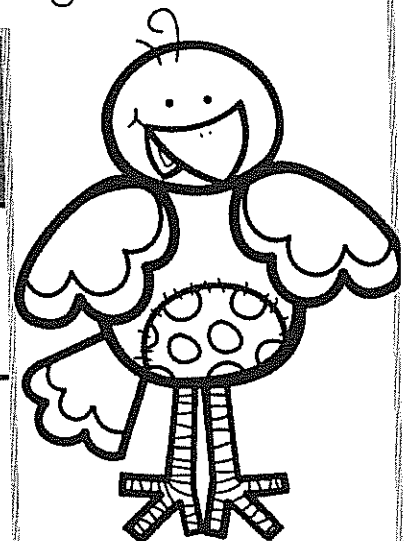
4. How do frogs get their water?

5. Do you think frogs are fascinating? Why or why not?

Spring Changes

Spring is a season of many changes. The weather 9
 becomes warmer, and the days become longer 16
 because there is more sunshine. During the spring, 24
 there are many changes in the animal world too. 33
 There are many animals that hibernate during the 41
 winter. When spring comes, it is time for the 50
 animals to wake up. Animals like bears, chipmunks, 58
 frogs and salamanders wake during the spring. 65
 Birds begin to come back from their winter homes. 74
 Other animals, like cows, sheep, and birds have 82
 their babies in the spring. Plants change in the 91
 spring too. Grass grows, flowers sprout and trees 99
 bud. There are a lot of changes in the spring. 109

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Comprehension Questions: Spring Changes

1. What happens to the weather in the spring?

2. What happens to hibernating animals in the spring?

3. What animals have their babies in the spring?

4. What happens to plants in the spring?

5. Why do you think this story is called "Spring Changes?"
