



Reading Comprehension

1. In her column, teen author Olivia Amiri writes a poem about the place she spends most of her day: her school. Ask students to write a detailed description of their school, and to tell about three of their favorite things about their school.
 2. In Conrad's column, we learn many interesting facts about one of the most recognizable birds in North America: the cardinal, such as they eat mostly seeds, berries, and insects. Ask kids to write about three or more additional facts about the popular cardinal.
 3. The author of *I Do Not Eat Children* suggests that illustrators (and authors) who are starting out create as much as they can, get feedback, and play and learn along the way. Ask students if they have an interest in drawing or being an illustrator, and to write some reasons for their answer.
 4. *Little Sammy Square Finds His Voice* is a story about a little boy who was a square in a family of circles. He only wants to fit in and not be different, but he eventually realizes that being himself is the best way to be. Discuss this idea with students and ask them to write three things about themselves that make them different and special.
 5. The book *How to Write: Writing Fiction* conveys the purpose of writing fiction and all the steps of the writing process. Ask students if they have an interest in writing stories and to give some reasons for their answer. If they do have an interest, what are some ideas they have for stories?
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True or False

1. Zaila Avante-garde was 14 when she became the first African American student to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee. (True or False)
 2. Noah, an Irish boy, and his mum spend their day in the bustling town of New York City in *Noah's Cork Adventure*. (True or False)
 3. With the interactive book *AlphaBot*, readers can make a total of 729 different robots. (True or False)
 4. In the story *Rolo the Pet Earthling*, the name of the planet is Zira and the name of the pet is Rolo. (True or False)
 5. Sara learns about coral reef ecosystem challenges in the story *Sara Full of Wonder: Unknown Waters*. (True or False)
 6. In the story *Kitty and Cat Bent Out of Shape*, Cat is in search of Kitty. (True or False)
 7. The cardinal is the official bird for more U.S. states than any other species. (True or False)
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Fill in the Blanks

1. *My Block Looks Like* is written in verse about the people, places, and things of the author's hometown of the _____.
2. Sammie and the new kid _____ try to protect the undeveloped land in their neighborhood in *The Monarchs of Winghaven*.
3. In the story *Rescue Kitty (Read! Write! Rescue!)*, the name of the kitty is _____.
4. In the book *Freddie Red Fox*, we learn that the red fox can be brown, black, red, or _____.
5. In *A Nose Apart: The Third Adventure*, _____ hears sounds outside in the middle of the night.
6. The main character in *Baseball Buddies: Building a Team* joins a baseball team called the _____.
7. The main character in the book *Reach for the Clouds* wants to be a _____.

Answers: 1. Bronx 2. Bram 3. Cally 4. silver 5. Boba 6. Mamatees 7. pilot
True/False: 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. False 7. True

Answers

