



## CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – DECEMBER 2021

### Reading Comprehension

1. After watching *Which Way Home*, teen author Olivia Amiri realized all the things she took for granted, like her family, her opportunities, and her education. Ask kids to write about some of the things they realize they have that other kids might not have and what these things mean to them.
2. Maisy mouse from the *Maisy* book series tells us that sharing with others and being kind are two of the many ways to make new friends. See if students agree with Maisy and ask them to write about their own experience of making a new friend.
3. The author of *Still Waiting* explains how the actions of humans have disrupted the polar bear family's natural habitat. She wants kids to learn what they can do to help the environment, such as conserving water. Ask students if they're interested in climate change and to write down some ways they think our actions affect the earth.
4. In *Taylor Talk*, the teen author shares her gratitude for family, friends, and food, among many other things. Define and discuss "gratitude" with students. Then have them make a list of their own, including their reasons for each item.
5. Children's book author Prince A. Sanders, a former ballet dancer, wants others to do what they love to do, even if it means not fitting in with their peers. Ask kids to write about their own interests and goals, and if they've started pursuing any of them.

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## True or False

1. Governor Gavin Newsome wrote *Ben and Emma's Big Hit* to tell kids with learning difficulties that there are many opportunities to excel. (True or False)
  2. In the story *Once Upon a Fairy Tale*, a little boy stumbles upon a book a fairy tales. (True or False)
  3. In *If I Had an Octopus*, a little girl fantasizes about having a crazy smart octopus for a pet and playmate. (True or False)
  4. *Ursus americanus* is the scientific name for the North American polar bear. (True or False)
  5. *The Night the Reindeer Came to Play* uses rhyming text and adorable illustrations to teach numbers. (True or False)
  6. In the story *Jeremy Longtail and the Hunt for Mongolia*, the gerbil's name is Carrie. (True or False)
  7. In *Dachshund Through the Snow*, tiny Crosby is bullied when he registers for the Arctic Animal Olympics. (True or False)
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## Fill in the Blank

1. Oliver Boydell is a kid champion at \_\_\_\_\_ and he wrote a book offering tips to playing the game.
2. In the action adventure story *Battle Dragons*, the main character is a boy named \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In *The Color Collector*, a story about \_\_\_\_\_, a little boy sees the new girl picking up all kinds of litter after school.
4. *Dear Humans* is a story about a chicken named \_\_\_\_\_ that writes a letter to humans.
5. The main character in Disney's new animated movie *Encanto* is a girl named \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In the story *Ellibot and Aunt Maple*, the little boy named Elliot builds a \_\_\_\_\_ that resembles him.
7. *Anna Across the Arctic* is an educational story that follows a blue arctic \_\_\_\_\_ across the frozen ocean.

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## ANSWERS

### True/False:

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False
7. True

### Fill in the Blanks:

1. chess
  2. Abel
  3. friendship
  4. Gallus
  5. Mirabel
  6. robot
  7. fox
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