



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – JANUARY 2021

Reading Comprehension

1. Author Gary Paulsen says he owes everything he is today to a kind librarian because she gave him his first book to read and his first writing notebook when he was in his teens. Ask students if they've had something or someone special make an impact on them and to write a few lines about it.
2. Olivia Amiri says that because we have no idea when we'll be able to do the things we used to do, she developed an exercise to get through this unsettling period where she wrote down many things about herself. Ask students to make a similar list about themselves and the experiences they've enjoyed.
3. In *A Bike Like Sergio's*, a boy wants a bike that he can't afford. When he sees a woman drop some money, he picks it up and puts it in his pocket. When he realizes it's \$100, he eventually does the right thing and returns it. Ask students what they would do in this situation and have them explain the reason for their answer.
4. Astronaut Abby wants to be the first person on Mars, and she wrote *Dream Big!* to get others to chase their dreams, big or small. Discuss with students why this is important and then have them write about something they would like to accomplish some day.
5. The lesson in the story *Miss Olive Finds Her Furever Friends* is that it doesn't matter what you look like on the outside. It's the kindness and love you have on the inside that counts. Ask students to write if they agree or disagree with this and to give some reasons for their answer.

True or False

1. Top entertainer Bette Midler started The New York Restoration Project, an organization that cleans parks, builds parks and gardens, and teaches kids about the environment. (True or False)
 2. In the story *Night Night*, Norman, the name of the little girl's puppy is Norman. (True or False)
 3. *Olivia's North Pole Adventure* teaches little ones the concepts of working together and sharing in the reward. (True or False)
 4. Beetle gives his fashionable friend Stick Bug a purple puffy coat for his birthday in the book *The Purple Puffy Coat*.
 5. *Nicky & Vera* was written for kids to tell the true story of the rescue of almost 700 children by Nicholas Winton before World War II started. (True or False)
 6. In the book *The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel*, when planet Mars disappears, a group of talented kids tries to solve the mystery. (True or False)
 7. *Guess Who is Behind the Door* teaches numbers 1 through 10 in four different languages. (True or False)
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Fill in the Blank

1. *Road Trip!* is about a group of animal friends that go on an adventure to get a part for Bear's red _____.
2. In the story *Ellie's Dragon*, the name of the little girl's dragon is _____.
3. The name of the bee-eating German Shephard in *Don't Eat Bees!* is _____.
4. In *Pugtato Finds a Thing*, Pugtato's friends are Tweetroot, Purrsnip, and _____.
5. The number of books that Gary Paulsen has written is about _____.
6. In *The Adventures of Sid & Eli: The Shiny Thing in the Garden*, Sid and Eli are _____.
7. In the book *Du Iz Tak?*, all the words are a made-up language, so you follow the story by following the _____.

Answers

True/False:

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

Fill in the Blanks:

1. truck
 2. Scratch
 3. Dale
 4. Tomatoad
 5. 200
 6. cousins
 7. pictures
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