



Reading Comprehension

1. Teen author Olivia Amiri recently went back to in-person learning and had to adjust the routine she adapted to and liked during online learning. Ask students to write about what it was like for them to start back to class and if they are glad to be learning in-person again.

- 2. Jessii Vee started the YANA movement for kids who are struggling to fit in with their peers. She says your uniqueness is important. Discuss with students the idea of being unique and ask them to write three things about themselves that make them special.
- 3. Children's author Ann Whitford Paul wants kids to turn off the TV, stop playing video games, read more, and be kind to others. Ask students if they could go without TV and video games for one week, why they think it's important to increase their reading, and to think of two ways they can act kindly towards another.
- 4. Author Muon Thi Văn wrote a book based on her childhood experiences as a Vietnamese refugee and immigrant. Define and discuss "refugee" and "immigrant" with students. Ask them to write a few sentences describing what they think it would be like if they were forced to flee their country.
- 5. Author Linda Harkey writes books because she wants kids to learn about nature and animals, to enjoy humorous tales about them, and even to write their own stories. Ask students if they are interested in nature's creatures and animals of the wild. Have them create a character of their own and write a description of it.

True or False
1. The message of <i>The Gizmo Girl</i> book series is for girls everywhere that they can do whatever they want and become whatever they want. (True or False)
2. In <i>The Mitchells vs. The Machines</i> , the family vacation is interrupted by a robot uprising led by a virtual assistant named Monchi.
3. In Be Mindful of Monsters, a book about working through emotions, the main character's name is Ezzy. (True or False)
4. The Adventures of the Magical Whisk in Italy is a whimsical story about French cooking. (True or False)
5. The author of <i>True Colors</i> was only 12 when she wrote the book. (True or False)
6. In the novel <i>How to Become a Planet</i> , the main character is a girl named Venus. (True or False)
7. In the book Words Take Flight, twins Chloe and Zoey always talk in rhymes. (True or False)
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2. In <i>On Ice: Exploring the Arctic with a Polar Bear Cub</i> , the name of the cub is
3. In the story <i>Bad Apple</i> , the bad apple learns a lesson when he is unkind to a
4. The story <i>Sylvie</i> takes place in a school in the country of
5. In <i>Darlene's Double Dutch Dreams</i> , Trina always cheers and Vanesha always in the Double Dutch contest.
6. In the book Mrs T and the Magic Pencil, Mrs. T is a who makes every kid want to do their best.
7. In <i>The Big City Dance</i> , Moe Doodle is a country who moves to the city for adventure.

Answers

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

Fill in the Blanks:

1. Ezra 2. Lindie 3. snake 4. France 5. jumps 6. teacher 7. mouse