

Read Naturally® Steps

1. Pick a story.



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2. Learn the key words.



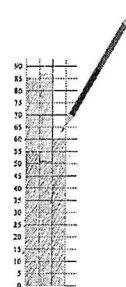
3. Write a prediction.



4. Do your cold timing.



5. Graph your score in blue.



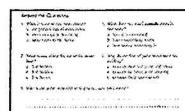
6. Read along to learn the story.



7. Practice reading on your own.



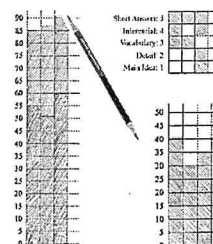
8. Answer the questions.



9. Pass the story.



10. Graph your scores in red.



11. Retell the story, or practice the words.

Read Naturally® Encore II

Fluency

COLD	Story								
	Goal								
	Words Read								
	Errors								
	Score								
	Practices								
HOT	Words Read								
	Errors								
	Score								
	Expression								
	Date Passed								

Comprehension

Short Answer:	5
Inferential:	4
Vocabulary:	3
Detail:	2
Main Idea:	1
Story	

Retelling of the Story

A blank grid for word count. The vertical axis is labeled from 0 to 90 in increments of 5. The horizontal axis is labeled 'Story' and 'Word Count'.

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Level: Set: odd / even (*circle one*)

Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

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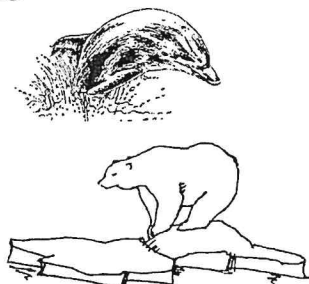
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Mammals

Story 1, Tracks 1-4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words¹

animals	Animals are things that are living and are not plants.
warm-blooded	A warm-blooded animal keeps nearly the same body temperature all the time.
hair	Hair is the thin things that grow on your head. Hair also grows on the bodies of mammals.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

6 Mammals are animals that are warm-
12 blooded. Most mammals have hair. Many
19 mammals have lots of hair. Most mammals
27 do not lay eggs. Their babies are born
33 alive. Lions and horses are mammals.
40 People are mammals too. All of those
46 mammals live on land. Some mammals
54 live in the water. Dolphins and whales are
62 mammals. They live in the water. A few
71 mammals live on land. But they live in the
79 water too. The seal and the beaver are
87 mammals. They live in the water. They live
95 on land too. One mammal can fly. Bats
100 are mammals. Bats can fly.

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Mammals

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. animals that are mammals
 - b. animals that lay eggs
 - c. animals that can fly
2. Which mammal can fly?
 - a. a lion
 - b. a whale
 - c. a bat
3. What does the word land mean in this story?
 - a. to come down
 - b. ground
 - c. trees
4. Which mammals live in water and on land?
 - a. dolphins
 - b. beavers
 - c. horses
5. Name five animals that are mammals.

_____ Number Correct: _____

Retell the Story

_____ Number of Words Written: _____

Plants

Story 2, Tracks 6–9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

- ferns Ferns are large green plants that do not have flowers.
- flowers Flowers are the colorful parts of plants.
- gardens Gardens are places where people grow plants.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story^{7–9}

7 There are many kinds of plants. Some
13 plants grow best outside. Some plants
20 grow best inside. Plants can have flowers.
28 Tulips and roses are two kinds of plants
35 that have flowers. Some plants do not
43 have flowers. Ferns are plants that do not
50 have flowers. There are plants that grow
57 food. Beans and corn are plants that
64 grow food. People grow plants in gardens
71 and in houses. Some plants grow outside
79 with no help from people. All plants need
87 water, air, and sun to grow. All people
96 need plants to live. They give us food and
100 air. They are pretty.

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Plants

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. plants that grow food
 - b. pretty flowers
 - c. many kinds of plants
2. Which plants do not have flowers?
 - a. ferns
 - b. roses
 - c. tulips
3. What does the word kinds mean in this story?
 - a. pretty things
 - b. doing nice things
 - c. groups of things
4. Why do people need plants?
 - a. Plants give people food.
 - b. Plants give people gardens.
 - c. Plants give people water.
5. How do people help plants grow?

Number Correct: _____

Retell the Story

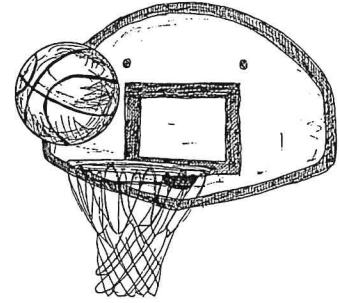
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Basketball

Story 3, Tracks 1–4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words

- players Players are people who take part in a sport or game.
- net A net is pieces of thin rope tied together so that there are many open spaces.
- bounce When you bounce a ball, you make it hit against something so that it comes back to you.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

9 Basketball is a fun game to play. It is
16 played with a big, round ball. Basketball
24 players need a net to play too. Five
30 players play on a basketball team.
36 Basketball players run fast. They bounce
43 the ball. Sometimes they run and bounce
50 the ball at the same time. Basketball
58 players throw the ball. They catch the ball
67 too. The players try to get the ball into
76 the net. They get points if they do. Some
82 basketball players are very tall. Basketball
92 is a fun game to watch. Do you like to
94 play basketball?

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Basketball

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. balls that bounce
 - b. the game of basketball
 - c. getting points
2. How many players are on a basketball team?
 - a. five
 - b. four
 - c. two
3. What does the word points mean in this story?
 - a. shows where a thing is
 - b. sharp things
 - c. scores in a game
4. How do players get points?
 - a. They get the ball in the net.
 - b. They catch the ball.
 - c. They bounce the ball.
5. What are three things basketball players do?

Number Correct: _____

Retell the Story

Number of Words Written: _____

Baseball

Story 4, Tracks 6–9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

- batter The batter is the baseball player who tries to hit the ball with the bat.
- home base Home base is the last place a baseball player must touch to score a point.
- out When you get out in baseball, your turn is over and you do not score.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story^{7–9}

Baseball is a fun game to play. It is played with a bat and ball. The pitcher throws the ball. The batter tries to hit the ball. The batter runs when he hits the ball. He runs to first base. He runs to second base. He runs to third base. He tries to run to home base. He gets one run if he gets to home base. The other team tries to tag him with the ball. If they do, he is out. The team with the most runs wins the game. Baseball is a fun game to watch too.

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Baseball

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. how to throw a ball
 - b. how to hit a ball
 - c. how to play baseball
2. What does a baseball team need to win?
 - a. more bases
 - b. more runs
 - c. more players
3. What does the word pitcher mean in this story?
 - a. a jug that holds water
 - b. a painting or drawing
 - c. the person who throws the ball
4. When does the batter run to first base?
 - a. when he hits the ball
 - b. when the pitcher tags him
 - c. when he is out
5. What are some things baseball players do?

_____ Number Correct: _____

Retell the Story

_____ Number of Words Written: _____

Soccer

Story 5, Tracks 1–4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words¹

- team A team is a group of people that work together.
- goalie The goalie is the player who stays near the goal and tries to keep the ball from going into it.
- kick When you kick something, you hit it with your feet.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

Boys and girls like to play soccer. It is a fun game to play. You can play soccer with a ball. You can kick the ball with your feet. You can hit the ball with your head. You can hit the ball with your knees. The goalie can touch the ball with his hands. The rest of the players cannot use their hands. There are 11 players on a soccer team. Each team tries to get the ball in the goal. Each goal is one point. The team with the most goals wins. Soccer is played all over the world.

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Soccer

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. playing soccer
 - b. kicking balls
 - c. the goalie
2. How does a team win?
 - a. by getting the most goals
 - b. by using their hands
 - c. by having 11 players
3. What does the word **goals** mean in this story?
 - a. balls that players hit
 - b. games that people play
 - c. points that players get
4. How does a team score a point?
 - a. gets the ball in the goal
 - b. plays all over the world
 - c. touches the ball with their hands
5. Name three things soccer players can do.

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Retell the Story

_____ Number of Words Written: _____

Snakes

Story 6, Tracks 6-9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

mice	Mice are small, furry animals with small ears and long tails.
slide	When things slide, they move smoothly.
sizes	Sizes tell how big or little things are.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

7 Snakes are animals. Snakes do not have
 16 arms or legs. But they can move very fast.
 24 They slide on the ground. Snakes come in
 31 many sizes. Some snakes are very long.
 38 Other snakes are very small. Snakes live
 46 all over the world. Some snakes live in
 54 the desert. Other snakes live in the forest.
 62 Some snakes live in the water. You may
 69 have snakes in your yard. Snakes eat
 76 animals. They eat animals in one bite.
 83 Farmers like snakes. They eat mice and
 91 bugs. Snakes eat birds' eggs too. They can
 98 eat big animals. Snakes sleep with their
 100 eyes open.

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Snakes

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. why farmers like snakes
 - b. many things about snakes
 - c. how snakes move

2. What do snakes eat?
 - a. deserts
 - b. farmers
 - c. animals

3. What does the word desert mean in this story?
 - a. to leave
 - b. sweet food
 - c. dry land

4. Why do farmers like snakes?
 - a. Snakes eat mice and bugs.
 - b. Snakes do not have legs.
 - c. Snakes move very fast.

5. Name some places snakes can live.

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Retell the Story

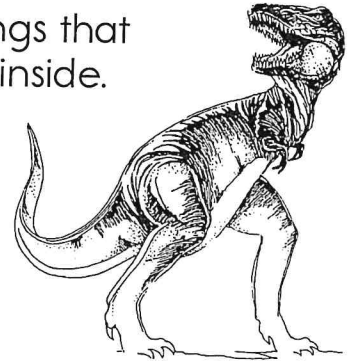
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Dinosaurs

Story 7, Tracks 1–4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words¹

- eggs Eggs are the round or oval-shaped things that have baby birds, fish, snakes, or insects inside.
- plants Plants are living things. Many plants have leaves and roots.
- kinds Kinds are types.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

Dinosaurs lived a long time ago. There
7 were many kinds of dinosaurs. There were
14 many sizes of dinosaurs. Some dinosaurs
20 were very, very big. Other dinosaurs were
27 not as big. Some dinosaurs could move
34 very fast. Most dinosaurs moved very
40 slowly. Most dinosaurs walked on four legs.
47 Some dinosaurs walked on two legs. A few
55 dinosaurs could fly. Some dinosaurs liked
61 to eat plants. Some dinosaurs ate other
68 dinosaurs. A few of them ate the eggs of
77 other dinosaurs. Dinosaurs lived before
82 people. There are no more dinosaurs.
88 Some animals look like small dinosaurs.
94 Some lizards look like small dinosaurs.

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Dinosaurs

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. animals that eat plants
 - b. animals from long ago
 - c. animals that fly
2. How many legs did most dinosaurs walk on?
 - a. four
 - b. three
 - c. one
3. What does the word sizes mean in this story?
 - a. what things eat
 - b. how things move
 - c. how big things are
4. Why is it hard to find out everything about dinosaurs?
 - a. Dinosaurs lived long ago.
 - b. Dinosaurs moved slowly.
 - c. Dinosaurs looked like lizards.
5. What are some things dinosaurs ate?

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Retell the Story

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George Washington

Story 8, Tracks 6-9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

United States	The United States is a large country in North America.
President	President is the title some countries use for the person who is the leader of that country.
truth	Telling the truth means telling what really happened.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

7 The United States was a new country.
13 George Washington helped start it. He
21 was the first President. He is called the
30 father of the country. His picture is on the
33 one-dollar bill.

39 There are many stories about him.
46 Some stories are true. Some stories are
53 not true. They are legends. One legend
59 tells how he told the truth.

66 The legend is about when George was
76 a boy. It says he cut down a cherry tree.
85 His father asked him if he cut it down.
94 George said, "I cannot tell a lie." He knew
103 he was in trouble. But he told the truth.

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George Washington

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. the first President of the United States
 - b. telling a lie to a father
 - c. cutting down a cherry tree
2. What does the legend say George Washington did?
 - a. asked for one dollar
 - b. told a lie
 - c. cut down a tree
3. What does the word lie mean in this story?
 - a. to set on top of something
 - b. to rest on a bed
 - c. something that is not true
4. Why is Washington called the father of the United States?
 - a. He was the first President.
 - b. He told the truth.
 - c. He is on the one-dollar bill.
5. Why is George Washington's picture on one-dollar bills?

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Retell the Story

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Abraham Lincoln

Story 9, Tracks 1-4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words¹

- President** President is the title some countries use for the person who is the leader of that country.
- cabin** A cabin is a little house often made of wood.
- honest** An honest person does not steal or lie.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

6 Abraham Lincoln was a great President.
 16 He was born in a log cabin. He liked to
 24 read books. He read books at night. A
 33 candle was his light. One time, he had a
 41 farmer's book. He read the book until the
 50 candle went out. Then he put the book in
 58 a crack between two logs. It rained that
 66 night. The book got wet. Abe wanted to
 75 pay for the book. He did not have any
 82 money. He worked hard for the farmer
 90 for three days. The farmer let Abe keep
 97 the book. Some people call him Honest
 98 Abe.

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Abraham Lincoln

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. a log cabin
 - b. reading books
 - c. Abraham Lincoln
2. Where was Abraham Lincoln born?
 - a. in a log cabin
 - b. in the city
 - c. in a big house
3. What does the word call mean in this story?
 - a. to sing a song
 - b. to yell out
 - c. to name something
4. Why did Abe work for the farmer?
 - a. He liked to read books.
 - b. He wanted to pay for the book.
 - c. He wanted to help the farmer.
5. What did Abe Lincoln do to show he was honest?

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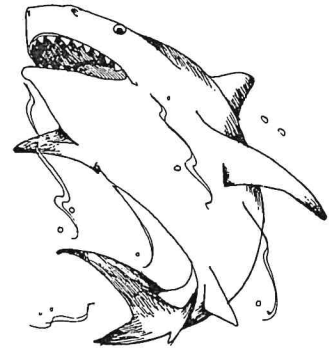
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Sharks

Story 10, Tracks 6–9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

teeth	Teeth are the white, bony parts in the mouth that are used for biting and chewing food.
fish	Fish are animals that live and breathe in water. Most fish have scales and fins.
sharp	Sharp means having an edge or point that can cut things easily.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story^{7–9}

	Sharks live in the water. Sharks are
7	fish. But most sharks are not like other fish.
16	Most sharks never stop swimming. They
22	sink if they do. Most fish lay eggs. But
31	most shark babies are born alive. Many
38	sharks can swim very fast. Sharks have
45	many rows of teeth. Some sharks have
52	sharp teeth. Some sharks have flat teeth.
59	If a shark loses a tooth, a new one takes
69	its place. Sharks use up many teeth each
77	year. Sharks come in many sizes. The
84	dwarf shark is the size of a hand. The
93	whale shark is longer than a bus.
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Sharks

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. many things about sharks
 - b. how sharks swim
 - c. how sharks are born
2. What will happen if a shark stops swimming?
 - a. It will get bigger.
 - b. It will sink.
 - c. It will lose its teeth.
3. What does the word rows mean in this story?
 - a. a red color
 - b. makes a boat go
 - c. things in lines
4. How are most sharks different from other fish?
 - a. They live in water.
 - b. They are many sizes.
 - c. Their babies are born alive.
5. How are sharks like other fish?

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Retell the Story

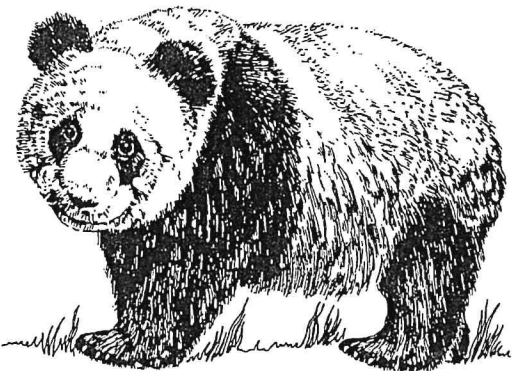
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Panda

Story 11, Tracks 1-4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words'

- pounds Pounds are used to show
 how heavy something is.
- grow When things grow, they get
 bigger, taller, or longer.
- bamboo Bamboo is tall, hard grass.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

9 A panda is a big animal. It looks like
16 a bear. Pandas have round faces. They
24 have black and white fur. Their fur looks
33 soft. But it is not soft. Baby pandas are
41 very, very small. They are half a pound
49 when they are born. When they grow up,
58 they are very, very big. A grown panda is
65 300 pounds. Pandas like to eat bamboo.
73 They eat for 12 hours each day. Pandas
81 come from a small part of China. Most
89 pandas still live in China. Some pandas are
97 in zoos. Have you ever seen a panda?

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Panda

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. where pandas live
 - b. what pandas eat
 - c. a big animal from China
2. How many pounds is a panda when it is born?
 - a. half a pound
 - b. 12 pounds
 - c. 300 pounds
3. What does the word China mean in this story?
 - a. a sound
 - b. a country
 - c. a dish
4. How do pandas get so big?
 - a. They look like bears.
 - b. They are 300 pounds.
 - c. They eat a lot of bamboo.
5. Where would you go to see a panda?

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Retell the Story

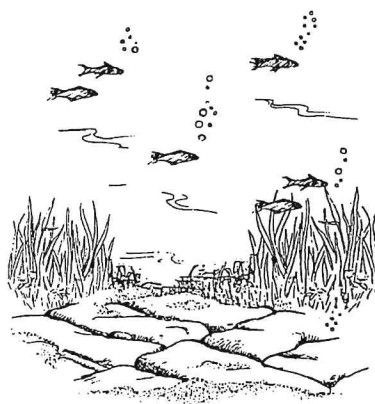
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Oceans

Story 12, Tracks 6-9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

- salt water Salt water is the water found in oceans.
- beach A beach is the sandy land next to a lake or ocean.
- sand Sand is little pieces of rocks that can be found in deserts and next to lakes and oceans.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

8 An ocean is a body of water. Oceans
15 are very big. There are many oceans
23 on Earth. The biggest ocean is the Pacific
30 Ocean. Ocean water is salt water. It
38 does not taste very good. Many things live
46 in the ocean. Many kinds of animals live
54 in the ocean. Sharks and whales live in
63 the ocean. A lot of plants live there too.
72 Some people like to go to the ocean. They
82 like to play in the sand on the beach. They
90 like to play in the waves. Ocean waves
99 are very big. Have you ever been to an
100 ocean?

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Oceans

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. the taste of salt water
 - b. bodies of water called oceans
 - c. sand on the beach
2. What lives in the ocean?
 - a. salt
 - b. people
 - c. plants
3. What does the word waves mean in this story?
 - a. wind that moves
 - b. a hand that moves
 - c. water that moves
4. Why does ocean water taste bad?
 - a. Ocean water is salt water.
 - b. Oceans are very big.
 - c. Oceans have sand and waves.
5. Name some things you can find on a beach.

_____ Number Correct: _____

Retell the Story

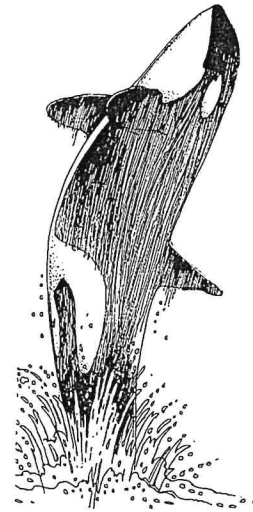
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Mammals of the Sea

Story 13, Tracks 1-4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words'

- air Air fills the space all around us, but we cannot see it.
- breathe When you breathe, you take in and let out air.
- blowholes Blowholes are small holes on top of the heads of whales or dolphins that help them breathe.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

10 A whale looks like a fish. But a whale is
19 not a fish. A whale is a mammal. People
26 and dogs are mammals too. Like other
32 mammals, whales breathe air. But they
42 live in the water. They come to the top of
50 the water for air. Whales get air through
55 their blowholes. Like other mammals,
63 whales do not lay eggs. Whales are born
70 alive. Babies are fed with their mothers'
77 milk. Mammals have fur or hair. Whales
85 have a little hair on their heads. Whales
93 are very big animals. The blue whale is
100 the biggest animal that has ever lived.

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Mammals of the Sea

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. whales
 - b. fish
 - c. babies
2. What is a whale?
 - a. a dog
 - b. a fish
 - c. a mammal
3. What does the word mammals mean in this story?
 - a. the fur of animals
 - b. mothers of animals
 - c. a kind of animal
4. How are whales like most other mammals?
 - a. They look like fish.
 - b. They have fur or hair.
 - c. They live in water.
5. How are whales like fish?

_____ Number Correct: _____

Retell the Story

_____ Number of Words Written: _____

Kayaks

Story 14, Tracks 6–9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

- float When things float, they stay on top of the water or up in the air.
- rivers Rivers are long bodies of water that flow into seas or lakes.
- paddle Paddle means to move a boat by pulling a paddle or an oar through the water.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

9 Kayaks are boats. They are long. They are thin.
19 Kayaks float in the water. People sit in kayaks. They
25 paddle. Paddling makes kayaks move through
33 water. Kayak paddles have a blade on each
41 end. People paddle kayaks on lakes. They paddle
50 kayaks on rivers. They paddle kayaks on the ocean.
57 People paddle kayaks for fun. People paddle
65 kayaks in races. People paddle kayaks to fish.
73 People paddle kayaks to hunt. People have used
82 kayaks for thousands of years. The first kayaks were
91 used in the Arctic. They were used for hunting.
100 Now there are many kinds of kayaks. Some kayaks
109 are made of wood. Some are made of plastic.

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Kayaks

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. places to use kayaks
 - b. ways to make kayaks go
 - c. many things about kayaks
2. How do people move kayaks through the water?
 - a. by paddling
 - b. by hunting
 - c. by sitting
3. What does the word blade mean in this story?
 - a. the sharp end of a knife
 - b. the wide end of a paddle
 - c. a long leaf of grass
4. What were the first kayaks used for?
 - a. fishing
 - b. hunting
 - c. racing
5. What does a kayak look like?

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Retell the Story

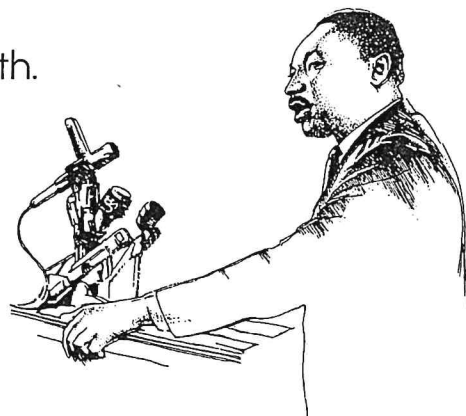
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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Story 15, Tracks 1-4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words'

world	The world is every place on Earth.
peace	Peace means everyone is getting along.
fair	Fair means right, equal, or following the rules.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

7 Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great
15 American. When he was a boy, he had
22 good friends. But when they went to
29 school, Martin could not play with them.
37 He was black and they were white. Black
44 and white children could not play together
52 at school. Martin was very sad. He could
59 not forget this. Martin worked hard at
66 school. He wanted to make the world
73 better. Martin had a dream. He wanted
81 all children to be able to play together.
89 Martin wanted the world to be fair for
97 all people. He wanted all people to live
100 together in peace.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. how Martin made friends
 - b. working hard in school
 - c. a great man and his dream
2. Who could not play together?
 - a. boys and girls
 - b. black and white children
 - c. Martin and black children
3. What does the word dream mean in this story?
 - a. a play
 - b. a nap
 - c. a hope
4. Why was Martin sad?
 - a. He could not play with his friends.
 - b. He had many good friends.
 - c. He was dreaming.
5. What was Martin's dream?

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Retell the Story

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Winter

Story 16, Tracks 6-9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

- ice-skate Ice-skate means to move over smooth ice wearing special shoes with blades on them.
- snows When it snows, frozen white flakes fall from the sky.
- mittens People wear mittens on their hands to keep them warm.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

7 Winter can be very cold. People must
15 wear coats, hats, and mittens in the winter.
22 Coats, hats, and mittens help keep people
29 warm. It snows in the winter. Children
37 must wear boots in the winter. Boots help
45 keep feet warm. Boots help feet stay dry
55 too. It is very fun to play in the snow.
63 Children like to make a snowman in the
71 winter. Children like to slide down hills in
82 the winter too. It is fun to ice-skate in the
89 winter. Hockey is a game people play.
96 People wear ice skates when they play
100 hockey. Winter is fun.

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Winter

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. People wear boots in the winter.
 - b. Children slide down hills.
 - c. Winter can be cold but fun.
2. Why do children wear boots in the winter?
 - a. to keep feet warm
 - b. to play hockey
 - c. to ice-skate
3. What does the word play mean in this story?
 - a. to act out a story
 - b. to make something
 - c. to have fun
4. Where do people play hockey?
 - a. on the ice
 - b. in the snow
 - c. on a hill
5. What do people wear to keep warm and dry in the winter?

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Retell the Story

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Clowns

Story 17, Tracks 1–4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words¹

- parades Parades are people moving down streets in long lines while others watch.
- wigs Wigs are made of real or fake hair and are worn on the head.
- silly If a person or thing is silly, it makes people laugh.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

Clowns are very funny to watch. They like to make children laugh. They make children laugh by wearing funny clothes. They wear clothes that are many colors. They wear clothes that are too big. Some clowns wear shoes that are too big. Some clowns wear funny wigs and hats. Some clowns have big, red noses. Clowns make children laugh by doing tricks. They make children laugh by acting silly. Clowns like to ride bikes and cars that are too little. Clowns like to give balloons to children. You can see clowns at the circus. You can see clowns at parades.

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Clowns

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. funny bikes and cars
 - b. things clowns do
 - c. funny wigs and noses
2. What do clowns give to children?
 - a. parades
 - b. funny wigs
 - c. balloons
3. What does the word watch mean in this story?
 - a. to keep safe
 - b. to tell time
 - c. to look at
4. What makes clowns funny?
 - a. They walk in parades.
 - b. They act silly.
 - c. They give away balloons.
5. Name some things clowns do to make children laugh.

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Retell the Story

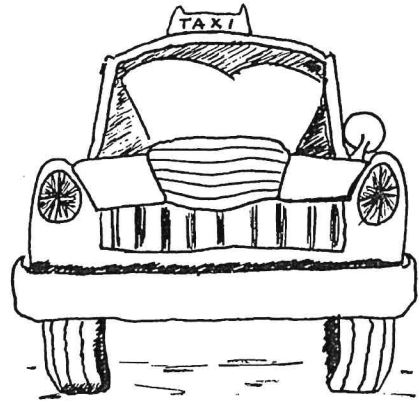
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Taxi

Story 18, Tracks 6–9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

- trip You take a trip when you go from one place to another.
- pay When you pay, you give money for something.
- driver A driver is a person who makes a car, bus, truck, or other vehicle go from one place to another.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story^{7–9}

11 A taxi is a car. People pay to ride in a
20 taxi. A taxi driver drives a taxi. The taxi
27 driver picks people up. The driver takes
35 them where they want to go. Taxi drivers
43 know the way. They know all the street
51 names. They know the way to the airport.
59 They know the way to stores. People pay
69 the driver at the end of the trip. They pay
78 for how far the taxi took them. Taxis come
86 in lots of colors. Some are yellow. Some
96 are white. A taxi has a sign. The sign tells
103 people that the car is a taxi.

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Taxi

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. getting to the airport
 - b. the color of taxis
 - c. taxis and their drivers
2. What tells people that a car is a taxi?
 - a. the stores
 - b. the driver
 - c. the sign
3. What does the word tells mean in this story?
 - a. shows
 - b. knows
 - c. picks
4. What do people do first?
 - a. tell the driver where they want to go
 - b. look for a car with a sign
 - c. pay the driver
5. Name some places people can go in taxis.

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Retell the Story

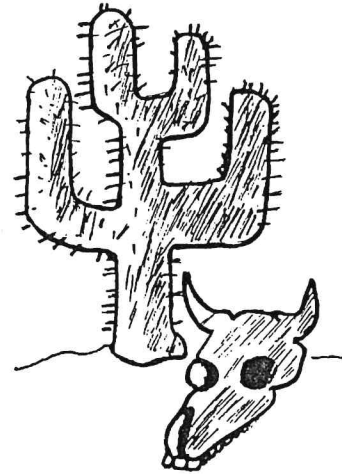
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Deserts

Story 19, Tracks 1–4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words¹

dry	Dry means there is not very much water or rain.
sand dunes	Sand dunes are big piles of sand made by the blowing of the wind.
wind	Wind is moving air.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story^{2–4}

7 Some deserts are hot and dry. These
 14 deserts are made of sand and rocks.
 23 They get little rain. They are very hot in
 31 the daytime. They are very cool at night.
 39 Few plants can live in these deserts. Some
 47 plants that live there are called cacti. Not
 55 many big animals can live in these deserts.
 63 But some snakes live there. There is not
 70 much food. There is not much water.
 79 The wind can blow the sand into little hills.
 86 These hills are called sand dunes. Have
 94 you ever been to a desert? Would you
 100 like to live in a desert?

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Deserts

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. cacti that live in the desert
 - b. what it is like in the desert
 - c. sand dunes in the desert
2. What do most deserts have?
 - a. a lot of plants
 - b. a lot of sand
 - c. a lot of animals
3. What does the word **cacti** mean in this story?
 - a. snakes
 - b. food
 - c. plants
4. Why don't many animals live in the desert?
 - a. There is not much food in the desert.
 - b. There is too much wind in the desert.
 - c. There are too many snakes in the desert.

5. Name some things you can find in a desert.

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Retell the Story

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Swimming

Story 20, Tracks 6–9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

lessons Lessons are times when you learn something new.

lifeguards Lifeguards are people who make sure swimmers are safe.

lake A lake is a body of water with land all around it.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

8 Swimming is very fun to do. People like
17 to swim on hot days. The water helps us
27 to feel cool. We can go to the beach and
37 swim in a lake. We can go to the beach
45 and swim in the ocean. We can swim
53 in a pool. Boys and girls take swimming
59 lessons. Lifeguards help children learn to
66 swim. Children learn to swim under the
74 water. They learn to swim on their backs.
81 Lifeguards watch us swim too. They make
87 swimming safe. Lifeguards help people in
96 the water. Do you know how to swim? Do
100 you like to swim?

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Swimming

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. swimming underwater
 - b. people swimming
 - c. lakes and oceans
2. How does water make people feel?
 - a. cool
 - b. hot
 - c. safe
3. What does the word pool mean in this story?
 - a. a game people play
 - b. swimming lessons
 - c. a place for swimming
4. How do lifeguards make swimming safe?
 - a. They watch people swim.
 - b. They swim on their backs.
 - c. They go to the beach.
5. Name some places people go to swim.

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Retell the Story

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The Frisbee

Review Key Words

- catch Catch means to grab and hold something.
- flat When something is flat, it only has a little space between the top and the bottom.
- plastic Plastic is something that can be molded into many things.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

Boys and girls like to play Frisbee. A Frisbee is round. A Frisbee is flat. Some Frisbees are made of plastic. They come in many colors. Some have a hole in the middle. People throw Frisbees to each other. The Frisbee spins as it moves. People play Frisbee on the beach. They play in their backyards. Some people can throw a Frisbee far. A lot of dogs like to play Frisbee too. Dogs can catch Frisbees in their mouths. Dogs are very good at playing Frisbee. They can jump high to catch a Frisbee. Do you like to play Frisbee?

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The Frisbee

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. playing with Frisbees
 - b. playing with dogs
 - c. playing with boys and girls
2. What can dogs do with Frisbees?
 - a. eat them
 - b. spin them
 - c. catch them
3. What does the word spins mean in this story?
 - a. throws fast
 - b. moves in circles
 - c. jumps high
4. When does a Frisbee spin?
 - a. when you jump
 - b. after you catch it
 - c. when you throw it
5. Name some places where people play Frisbee.

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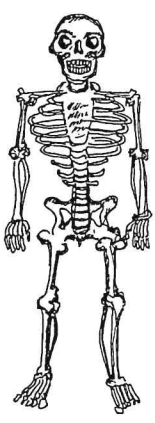
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Your Skeleton

Review Key Words⁸

- taller Taller means higher than something else.
- grow When things grow, they get bigger, taller, or longer.
- bones Bones are the hard parts inside bodies.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

7 Everyone has a skeleton. There is one
15 inside of you. Many bones make up a
21 skeleton. Your skeleton gives you shape.
28 Because of your bones, you are shaped
35 like other people. There are 206 bones
43 in your skeleton. Not all of your bones
51 are the same. Most of them are hard.
60 A few of them are soft. Some bones are
67 big. Other bones are small. You have
74 flat bones and round bones. Your bones
82 grow as you grow. When your bones get
89 longer, you get taller. Your bones help
97 you. They help you to run and jump.

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Your Skeleton

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. the bones in your body
 - b. how bones get longer
 - c. how bones help you
2. What are most bones like?
 - a. soft
 - b. hard
 - c. big
3. What does the word shape mean in this story?
 - a. the form of something
 - b. to make something soft
 - c. something that jumps
4. What makes you get taller?
 - a. growing bones
 - b. your shape
 - c. running and jumping
5. How do bones help us?

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Retell the Story

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Words That Sound the Same

Story 23, Tracks 1–4
Spanish, Track 5

Review Key Words¹

mean	When you tell what words mean, you explain them.
sound	When things sound, you can hear them.
look	The way things look is what your eyes see.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

To, two, and too are three little words. They sound the same. Do they look the same? They all start with *t*. They all end with *o*. But they are not the same. They look a little different. How are they different? Do they mean the same thing? No, they mean different things. To means toward or until. Two is a number. Too means also or very. To, two, and too are homophones. Homophones are words that sound the same. But homophones look different from each other, and they mean different things. Be and bee are also homophones. So are son and sun. Can you think of other homophones?

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Words That Sound the Same

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. Words can mean many things.
 - b. Words can look the same.
 - c. Different words can sound the same.
2. Which words are homophones?
 - a. two and three
 - b. also and very
 - c. be and bee
3. What does the word different mean in this story?
 - a. the same
 - b. not the same
 - c. not good
4. How are homophones the same?
 - a. They sound the same.
 - b. They mean the same thing.
 - c. They look the same.
5. Why are homophones hard to learn?

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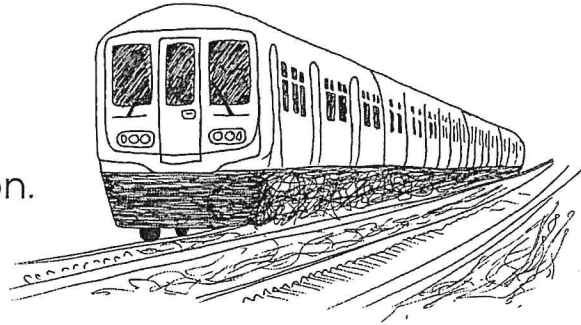
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Trips on Tracks

Story 24, Tracks 6-9
Spanish, Track 10

Review Key Words⁶

- cars** Cars are the large parts of a train that have space for people or things.
- connected** Connected means joined together.
- tracks** Tracks are the structures made for trains to move on.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

8 Trains are made of many big cars. The
15 cars are connected. Trains run along tracks.
23 Trains take things to many places. They take
31 people to many places too. Many trains go
41 from city to city. They may stop in small towns
49 too. They can travel very far. Some go
56 across a country. Some go through deserts.
63 Some run in the mountains. Some trains
72 move very fast. Some go well over 150 miles
80 an hour. Some trains move people within a
88 city. Many of these trains are subways. Most
95 subway tracks run under the ground. Other
103 trains have tracks that run above the streets.

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Trips on Tracks

Answer the Questions

1. What is most of this story about?
 - a. what trains are and where they travel
 - b. how trains move people in the city
 - c. how fast trains travel across the country
2. Where do most subways run?
 - a. in the mountains
 - b. under the ground
 - c. across the country
3. What does the word run mean in this story?
 - a. to race or to jog
 - b. to move or to go
 - c. a point in a baseball game
4. Why do people ride subways?
 - a. to move within a city
 - b. to go across a country
 - c. to go through deserts
5. Name some places trains go.

_____ Number Correct: _____

Retell the Story

_____ Number of Words Written: _____