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Comprehension Questions

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April Fool's Day Surprise

I woke up and walked into the kitchen. 8

My mom said "breakfast is ready." I took a 17

bite of oatmeal but it tasted funny. It was 26

salty! Then I went to get dressed. I tried to 36

put on my socks but my foot would not go 46

inside. They were sewn shut! When I got to 55

school I was hungry so I took out my snack. 65

I opened my bag of chips, but there were 74

carrots inside! Then I saw a note from my 83

mom. It said "Happy April Fool's Day!" My 91

mom is so funny! 95

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Comprehension Questions: April Fool's Day Surprise

1. What was the problem with the child's oatmeal?

2. What happened when the child went to put on their socks?

3. Why do you think the child was hungry as soon as they got to school?

4. What did the child find from their mom?

Earth Day Fun

I wanted to do something to help the earth 9
 because we had been learning about Earth 16
 Day. I asked my friends to help. We went 25
 around the playground and picked up lots of 33
 trash. "We are really helping the earth!" my 41
 friend Mya said. "Let's go to the park and 50
 clean up there too." After school we went 58
 to the park and picked up trash by the pond 68
 so that the water would be safe and clean 77
 for the animals that live there. "It was fun 86
 helping the earth today," Mya said. "Let's do 94
 this all the time!" 98

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Comprehension Questions: Earth Day Fun

1. What made the child decide to do something to help the earth?

2. What was the first thing the children did to help the earth?

3. How did picking up trash by the pond help the animals?

4. What could you do to help the earth on Earth Day?

The Poet

I am a poet. You can be a poet too! When I 12
 write a poem, I like to go to a quiet place. 23
 I think about what I want to write about. 32
 You can write a poem about anything! Then, 40
 I just write what I am thinking. Some poems 49
 rhyme and some do not. Some are long and 58
 some are short. There are not any rules 66
 about poems! I like to write poems about 74
 how I feel. Sometimes they are funny, and 82
 other times they are about being sad, mad, 90
 happy or excited. Anyone can be a poet! 98

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Comprehension Questions: The Poet

1. Where does the child like to go to write poems?

2. Does the child say that all poems have to rhyme?

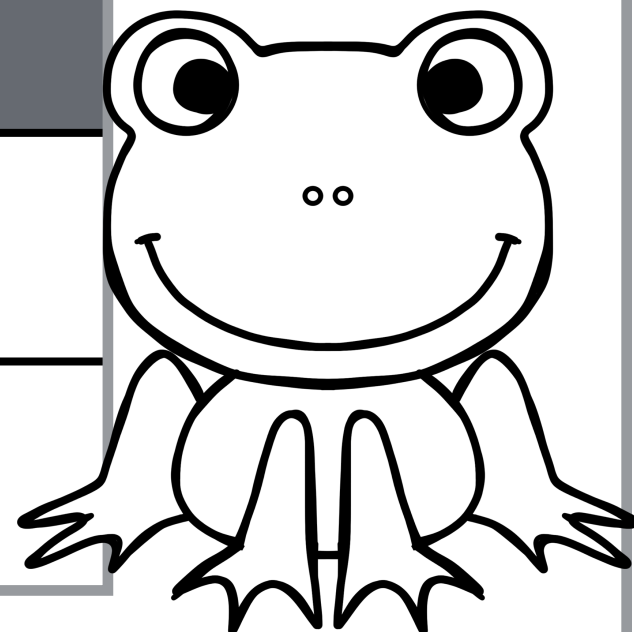
3. What does the child like to write about?

4. What are the rules for writing a poem?

Freda the Frog

“Wake up! It is Spring!” Freda the Frog woke 9
 up her family. “Spring is here!” she shouted. 17
 Freda hopped to her friend Franky’s house. 24
 Franky was asleep. “Franky, wake up! Spring is 32
 here!” Franky hopped out of bed. “Let’s go 40
 have fun!” Franky smiled. “What do you want 48
 to do?” Freda asked. “Let’s go to the pond and 58
 see who else is awake,” he said. The frogs 67
 hopped to the pond where they found all their 76
 friends waiting. “It is about time you got 84
 here!” they laughed and they all jumped into the 93
 pond together. 95

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Comprehension Questions: Freda the Frog

1. Why do you think Freda's family and friends had been sleeping?

2. Where did Freda go when she woke up?

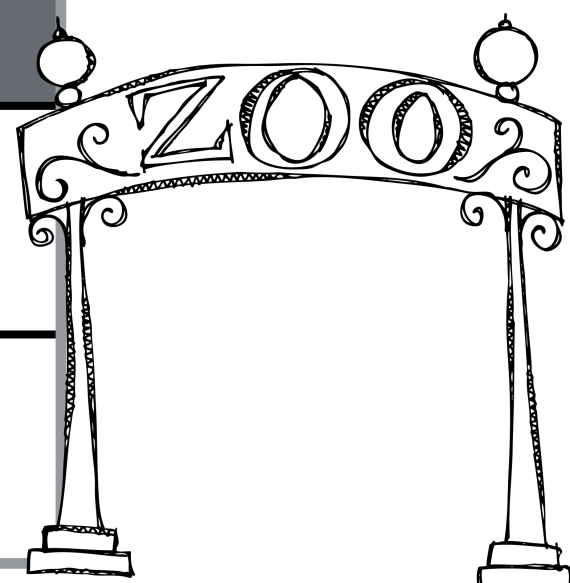
3. Where did Franky say he wanted to go?

4. What did Franky and Freda find when they got to the pond?

A Trip to the Zoo

It was a beautiful spring day. My dad said 9
 “Let’s go to the zoo.” “That’s a great idea!” 18
 I said. “I love the zoo.” “Spring is a great 28
 time to visit.” Dad said. “Why is it a good 37
 time to go in the spring?” I asked. “Lots of 48
 animals have their babies in the spring,” my 56
 dad answered. When we got to the zoo, we 65
 saw lots of new baby animals, like a baby 74
 leopard, gorilla and giraffe. “You were 80
 right,” I told my dad. “Spring is a great time 90
 to come to the zoo.” 95

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Comprehension Questions: A Trip to the Zoo

1. What was the weather like in the story?

2. Why did the dad say they should go to the zoo?

3. What are some of the animals they saw at the zoo?

4. Why did the child say their dad was right?

Earth Day

Each year on April 22, we celebrate Earth Day. Earth Day was created in 1970 as a way to get people to start thinking about how to take care of the earth. Earth Day helps people to think about ways to help protect the earth. One way we can help care for the earth is by making less trash. If we reuse items, or recycle them, we can make less trash. We can also try to use less water, gas and electricity. What ideas do you have about how to help take care of the earth?

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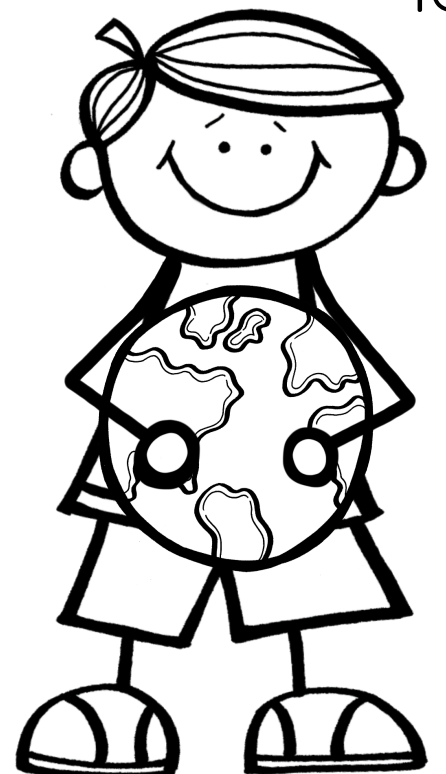
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Comprehension Questions: Earth Day

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2. When was Earth Day first celebrated?

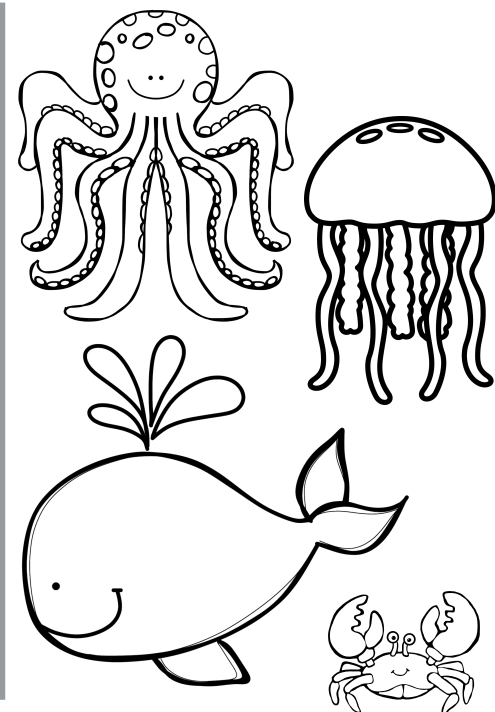
3. Why was Earth Day created?

4. What are some ways we can help to take care of the earth?

The Aquarium

The aquarium is a place where you can see 9
 marine animals. Marine animals are animals 15
 that live in the water. When you go to an 25
 aquarium you can see things like fish, jellyfish 33
 or stingrays. You may see small sea animals 41
 like starfish and crabs. You may see large 49
 sea animals like an octopus or a shark. Other 58
 animals you may see at the aquarium are 66
 turtles or sea otters. Some of the animals 74
 at an aquarium live in tanks with fresh 82
 water, and others live in salt water. The 90
 aquarium is an interesting place to visit. 97

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Comprehension Questions: The Aquarium

1. What are marine animals?

2. What are some of the animals you may see at an aquarium?

3. Why do you think there are different kinds of water at the aquarium?

4. Why do you think the author said the aquarium is an interesting place to visit?

All About Arbor Day

Arbor Day is a national holiday that is 8
 celebrated on the last Friday in April. This is 17
 a day for people to celebrate trees. On 25
 Arbor Day, people are encouraged to care 32
 for trees, and to plant new ones. This 40
 holiday was first celebrated in 1872. One 47
 million trees were planted on the first Arbor 55
 Day! Trees are important to the earth for 63
 many reasons. They make the world more 70
 beautiful and healthier. They provide homes 76
 for many animals. This year, maybe you can 84
 plant a new tree on Arbor Day! 91

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Comprehension Questions: All About Arbor Day

1. When is Arbor Day celebrated?

2. What is Arbor Day?

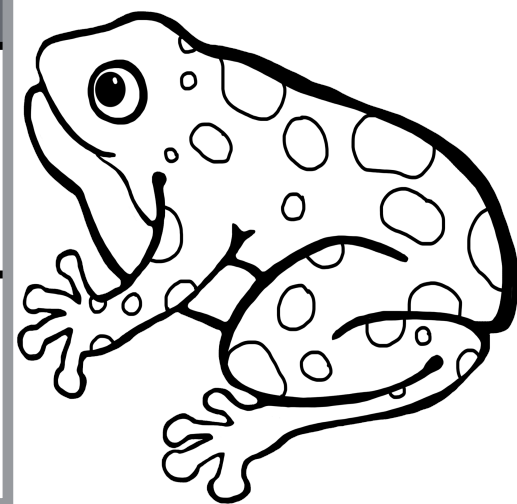
3. How many trees were planted on the first Arbor Day?

4. What are some of the reasons that trees are important to the earth?

Fantastic Frogs

Frogs are interesting animals. Frogs are in the 8
 group of animals called amphibians. Other 14
 amphibians are toads and salamanders. Frogs 20
 are cold blooded. This means that their bodies 28
 are the same temperature as the water or air 37
 around them. They lay in the sun to get warm, 47
 or go into the water to cool off. Mother frogs 57
 lay eggs. When they hatch, they become 64
 tadpoles. The tadpoles look like little fish. 71
 They grow and begin to look like adult frogs. 80
 As eggs and tadpoles, they live in the water. 89
 When they become adults, they live on land. 97

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Comprehension Questions: Fantastic Frogs

1. What group of animals do frogs belong to?

2. What does it mean to be cold blooded?

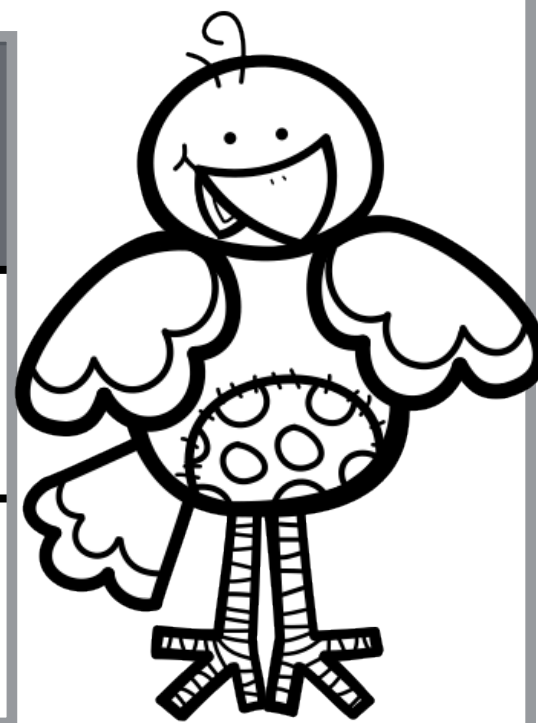
3. What do baby frogs look like?

4. Where do frogs live?

Spring

We have four seasons: winter, spring, summer 7
 and fall. Spring begins every year on March 21st 16
 or 22nd. When spring comes, the weather begins 24
 to get warmer and the sun shines longer every 33
 day. Many animals, like birds, sheep and cows, 41
 have babies in the spring. In the spring, the grass 51
 begins to grow, and buds form on trees and 60
 flowers. Many animals that hibernate in the 67
 winter wake up in the spring. You can see frogs, 77
 squirrels and chipmunks in the spring. Many birds 85
 come out in spring too. Spring is over in June, 95
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Comprehension Questions: Spring

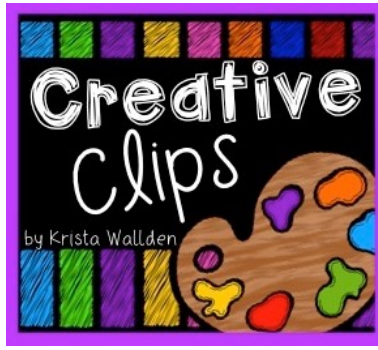
1. When does spring begin?

2. What happens to the weather in spring?

3. What animals can you see in spring?

4. Why do you think hibernating animals wake up in spring?

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