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### My Pet Bird

Many people have cats or dogs for pets, but I have the perfect pet for me! I have a big green bird named Polly! Polly is a parrot and she is the best pet ever. Polly likes to sit on my shoulder when I do my homework or watch television. I have taught Polly to say some words too! When people come to my house she says "hello" and when she wants a treat she says "cracker." Polly is the best pet ever!

Comprehension Questions: My Pet Bird

1. What is Polly?

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2. What does Polly like to do?

3. Why is Polly a good pet?

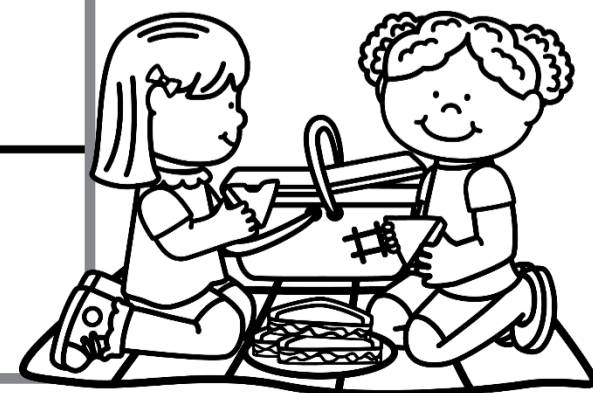
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## The Picnic

“It is such a beautiful day. We should go on a picnic,” my friend Kelly said. “That is a good idea,” I answered. Kelly said, “I will go make sandwiches.” “I will bring some fruit and chips,” I said. “Meet me at the park in fifteen minutes,” she said. I packed the food and walked to the park. Kelly was waiting there for me. After we ate our lunch I said, “I packed some cookies for us.” Kelly laughed. “I packed some cookies too!” she said. “I guess we have a lot of cookies to eat,” I smiled.

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# Comprehension Questions: The Picnic

1. What did Kelly make for the picnic?

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2. What did the author bring to the picnic?

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3. Where did the children have the picnic?

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4. What funny thing happened in the story?

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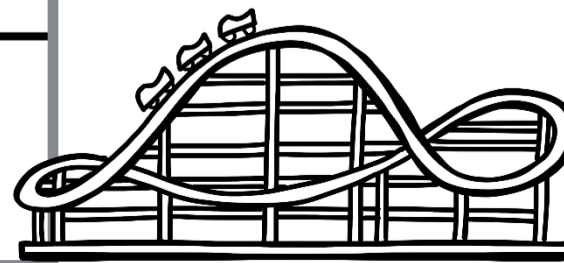
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## Fun at the Amusement Park

Every year, my family goes to the 7  
 amusement park. My sister is afraid of 14  
 roller coasters, but I love them! When 21  
 we got there, I wanted to go on it right 31  
 away. My sister said, "I think I will try." 40  
 "Are you sure?" I asked. "This one is 48  
 super scary!" "Yes," she said. "I want to 56  
 go." When it was our turn, I asked her, 65  
 "Are you ready?" "Yes," she smiled. The 72  
 ride was scary, but very fun. When we 80  
 got off my sister said, "Let's go again!" 88

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# Comprehension Questions: Fun at the Amusement Park

1. Where does the family go every year?

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2. What does the author say they love?

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3. Why do you think the sister decided to try riding the roller coaster?

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4. How do you think the sister felt about riding roller coasters at the end of the story?

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## The Wild West

When people think of the Wild West, they think 9  
of both a time and a place. During the late 19  
part of the 1800s and early part of the 1900s, 29  
many people were moving to the western part 37  
of the United States. Many people decided to 45  
move west because there was a lot of land 54  
available. Many of them traveled in covered 61  
wagons or stagecoaches. There were many 67  
cowboys who rode on horses and took care of 76  
cattle. The first railroads were also being built 84  
during this time. The Wild West was a very 93  
exciting place! 95

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# Comprehension Questions: The Wild West

1. When is the period people think of as the wild west?

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2. Why did people start to move to the west?

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3. What did cowboys do in the wild west?

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4. Why do you think the author says the wild west was an exciting place?

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# Comprehension Questions: My Pet Bird

1. What kind of bird is Polly?

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2. What does Polly like to do?

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3. What can Polly say?

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4. Do you think a bird would be a good pet for you?

Why or why not?

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## The Ice Cream Shop

A new ice cream shop just opened by my house. On Saturday afternoon, I went there to try it out. There were so many flavors to choose from that I had a hard time deciding. First, I wanted to have strawberry. Then, I wanted chocolate. Then, I changed my mind again and wanted to have vanilla. Finally, I decided to have a banana split so I could have all three. The man who worked there put all three scoops in a dish with a banana and lots and lots of whipped cream! It was delicious!

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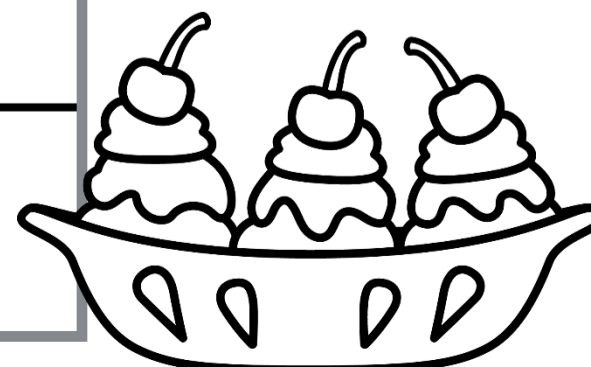
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## Comprehension Questions: The Ice Cream Shop

1. Why was the child visiting the ice cream shop?

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2. Why did the child have a hard time deciding what flavor they wanted?

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3. How did the child solve their problem of choosing which flavor to have?

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4. What flavor ice cream would you choose if you were at the ice cream shop?

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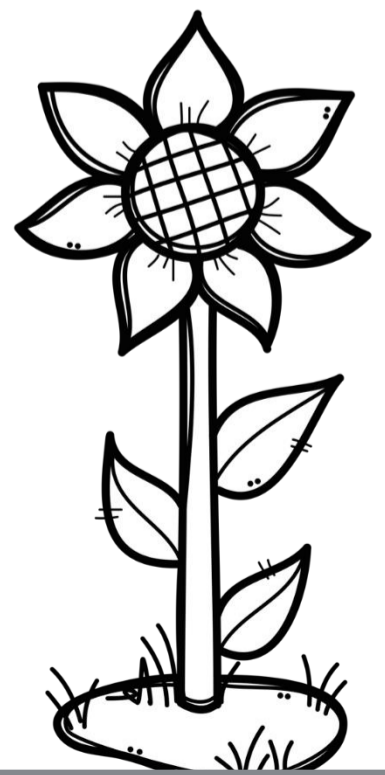
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## All About Sunflowers

Sunflowers are very beautiful flowers. There 6  
 are about 60 different types of sunflowers, 13  
 but they all have large centers that are filled 22  
 with tiny flowers. Every one of the little 30  
 flowers will make a seed. Many people like 38  
 eating sunflower seeds as a snack. You can also 47  
 use the seeds to make sunflower oil. People 55  
 cook with sunflower oil. The petals that go 63  
 around the middle are bright yellow. Sunflowers 70  
 grow quickly and they can get very large. 78  
 Sunflowers can grow to be 8-12 feet tall! The 88  
 tallest sunflower ever was 27 feet tall! 95

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# Comprehension Questions: All About Sunflowers

1. About how many different types of sunflowers are there?

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2. What is the center of a sunflower filled with?

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3. How can people use sunflower seeds?

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4. How large can sunflowers grow?

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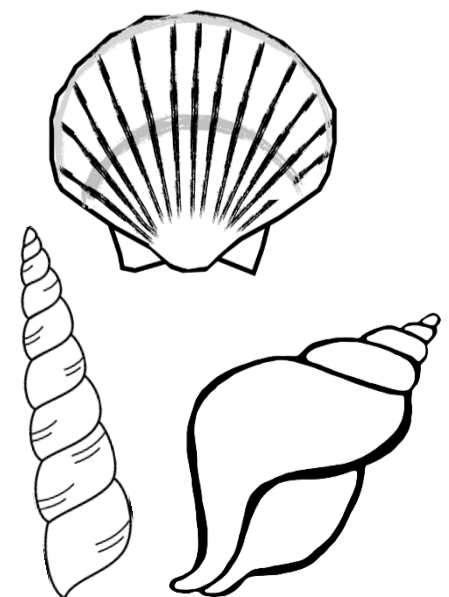
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## Looking for Shells

One day, I decided to go to the beach. When 10  
 we got to the beach, the water was very cold. 20  
 “Now what can we do?” I asked. “We can look 30  
 for shells,” my dad said. “That sounds like 38  
 fun,” I replied. “Let’s see who can find the 47  
 biggest shell,” I said. We walked up and down 56  
 the beach finding shells. They were very 63  
 pretty, but they were all small. I walked close 72  
 to the water. I saw something shiny and I 81  
 dug it out. It was the biggest shell I had ever 92  
 seen. “I win!” I shouted. 97

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# Comprehension Questions: Looking for Shells

1. Why did the child end up looking for shells at the beach?

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2. Who was the child at the beach with?

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3. What game did the child say they should play?

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4. How did the child win the game?

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# All About Independence Day

When people think of the Fourth of July, they usually think of picnics and fireworks. Did you know that the Fourth of July is a holiday called Independence Day? Americans used to be ruled by England. A group of Americans wrote the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 to tell the British King that they wanted to become their own country. After that, a war began, and Americans won their freedom. Independence Day is a holiday that celebrates the beginning of America. Happy Birthday America!

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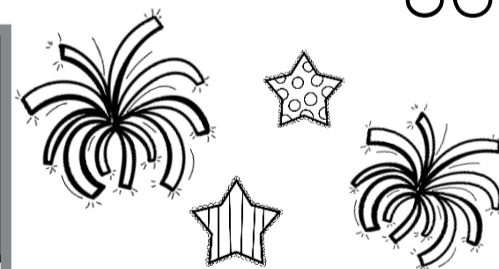
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# Comprehension Questions: All About Independence Day

1. When is Independence Day?

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2. Who was America ruled by before they became a free country?

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3. What was the Declaration of Independence?

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4. Why would we say Happy Birthday to America on July 4<sup>th</sup>?

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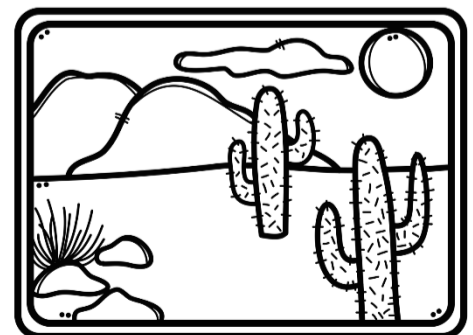
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## The Desert

Deserts are very dry areas where there is 8  
 very little rain. Some deserts are sandy, 15  
 while others are rocky. Although it can be 23  
 very hot during the day, it can get very cold 33  
 at night. Some deserts can be 100 degrees 41  
 during the day and 32 degrees at night. The 50  
 largest desert in the world is the Sahara 58  
 Desert in Africa. It covers 3 million square 66  
 miles! Many desert animals are nocturnal. 72  
 Desert animals get their water from the 79  
 food they eat. Other animals, like the camel, 87  
 store water so they can use it later. 95

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# Comprehension Questions: The Desert

1. What is a desert?

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2. Is it always hot in the desert?

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3. What is the largest desert in the world?

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4. Why do you think many desert animals are nocturnal?

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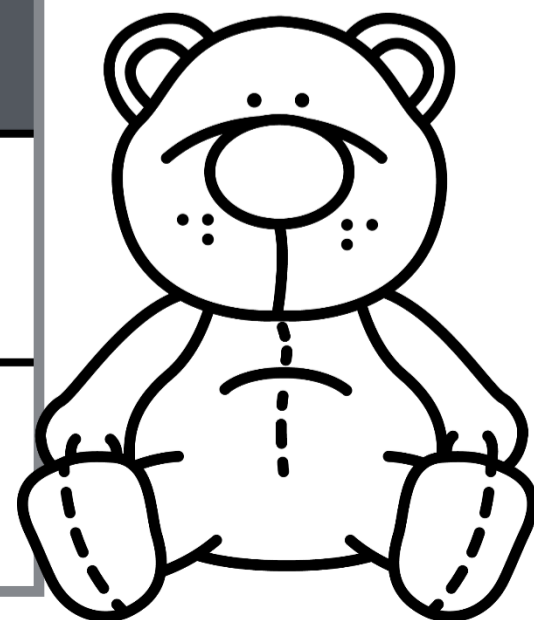
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## How a Teddy Bear is Made

Everyone loves a teddy bear! Have you ever 8  
 wondered how a teddy bear is made? There 16  
 are many companies that make teddy bears. 23  
 First, they get the material that will be the 32  
 bear fur. Next, they cut out the different 40  
 pieces of the bear. Then, someone sews the 48  
 pieces together to make the arms, legs, 55  
 body, head, and ears. A worker uses a 63  
 machine to stuff the parts and then all the 72  
 pieces are sewn together. Finally, the nose 79  
 and eyes are put on. The teddy bear is all 89  
 done! 90

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# Comprehension Questions: How a Teddy Bear is Made

1. What is the first step in making a teddy bear?

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2. What are some of the different pieces of a teddy bear?

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3. How does the stuffing get inside a teddy bear?

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4. What is the final step for making a teddy bear?

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