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Reading RI 2.1

Apples

Apples are a kind of fruit. They are crisp and juicy and have a round shape. There are over 7,000 kinds of apples! They come in many colors like green, yellow, and red. Sometimes, you might see all three colors in one apple.

An apple has many different parts. The stems found at the top of the apple. It looks like a small twig. The stem is what once kept the apple attached to the tree. Apples also have skin. The skin covers the apple. It is the part that you see on the outside. Inside the apple, there is flesh. This is the part of the apple that you eat. The flesh is usually white. Apples also have a hard center, or core. This is where the seeds are found.

Apples can be used in many ways. People often use apples to make applesauce, pie, jelly, muffins, bread, cider, and juice. It takes about four apples to make one single glass of apple juice.

1. How many different kinds of apples are there?

2. What is the part of the apple that you can eat?

3. Name one way that people use apples?

4. What is the center of the apple called?

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Hide and Seek

Janet and her best friend, Lilah, were playing a game of hide and seek in the house. It was Janet's turn to count. She sat at the kitchen table, covered her eyes, and counted to 20 as Lilah hid. When she was finished counting, Janet called out "Ready or not, here I come!" Janet began to look for Lilah. She looked behind the couch, in the closet next to the stairs, behind the long curtains framing the large window in the living room, and even in the giant toy box in the corner of the room. Janet was so confused; she had looked everywhere but could not find Lilah anywhere. "Where could she be?" Janet said aloud. Suddenly, she heard a soft giggle from across the room. Janet followed the sound of the giggle to the table where she had counted to 20. Janet heard the giggle one more time, crouched down onto the ground and found Lilah. She had been hiding under the table the whole time.

5. Who played hide and seek? _____

6. Where did the girls play hide and seek?

7. Why was Janet confused? _____

8. How did Janet finally find Lilah?

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Lady Bugs

Ladybugs are insects that have round, red bodies with small black spots. They also have little black heads with white patches on each side, and six short legs. Not all ladybugs are spotted. Since there are over 5,000 kinds of ladybugs, some ladybugs look different. Some do not have any spots. Some have stripes instead of spots. A ladybug's spots are more than just decorative. Its spots and coloring are meant to warn its predators to stay away. A ladybug can also protect itself by releasing an oily, foul tasting fluid from its joints when it is attacked, or feels threatened by its predators. Sometimes a ladybug will play dead when it feels threatened. A ladybug's predators include birds, frogs, wasps, spiders, and dragonflies. Ladybugs live in fields, meadows, gardens, and even in cities. No matter where they live, they are helpful to humans because they eat small insects that destroy crops and garden plants. One ladybug can eat up to 5,000 insects in its lifetime!

9. How many different kinds of ladybugs are there?

10. How are ladybug's spots more than just decorative?

11. When do ladybugs play dead? _____

12. Who are a ladybug's predators?

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Max and Chopper

Max loves his little dog Chopper. Chopper is full of energy and likes to play. One day, Max and Chopper were playing fetch in the back yard. As they played, Max noticed that the gate to the back yard had been left open. When Chopper saw this, he quickly ran through the gate and out to the neighborhood. Max ran after Chopper, calling after him to stop, but Chopper did not stop. Instead, Chopper ran faster. He thought that Max wanted to play! Max continued to run after Chopper because he was very worried that something bad might happen to his dog. As he ran faster and faster, Max finally got close enough to grab Chopper, or so he thought. After three attempts, Max was finally able to grab Chopper and scoop him up into his arms. Max was so relieved to have caught Chopper. He held his dog tight while Chopper licked his face repeatedly. The two headed home and stayed inside the rest of the day.

13. What is Max's dog's name? _____

14. Where did Chopper go when he ran out of the yard?

15. Why did Chopper continue to run when Max chased after him?

16. How did Max and Chopper spend the rest of the day?

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Polar Bears

Polar bears are large mammals. They are also called sea bears. They live in the icy, cold lands called the Arctic. They have adapted to survive the freezing temperatures of their habitat. Their fur is made of clear hollow tubes. Each clear tube of fur reflects the light from the sun, making it look white. The special fur coat traps heat from the sun, which helps keep them warm. Polar bears also have black skin, which absorbs, or soaks in, heat from the sunlight. They also have a thick layer of blubber, or fat that protects them from the cold temperatures.

Polar bears hunt for their food. They mostly eat seals, but will also eat beluga whales and walrus. Polar bears usually use "still hunting" to attack and capture their prey. They sit motionless beside a seal's breathing hole and wait for the animal to surface. When it does, the polar bear bites the head or neck of the animal and brings it to the surface. Polar bears also hunt animals on land.

17. What kind of animal is a polar bear?

18. How do polar bears usually hunt their prey?

19. Polar bears fur appears to look white because

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20. According to the text, polar bears live

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The Best Day Ever

This morning when Jacob woke up his mom made him a delicious plate of chocolate chip pancakes with bacon on the side. "My favorite! Thanks, Mom!" he exclaimed as he grabbed up his food. Soon after, Jacob and his dad went bowling. Jacob beat his dad twice. He cheered and jumped up and down. His dad gave him a high five for playing so well. Before Jacob and his dad headed back home, they stopped at the toy store. Jacob's dad let him pick out a new toy. Making a decision was difficult, but he finally picked out a new remote control car. Later in the day, Jacob and his parents went to the movies. His parents let him get a huge bucket of buttered popcorn and his very own soda. After the movie, Jacob and his family went home and played board games. They laughed and had a great time together. That night, when his parents put him to bed Jacob told them, "Today was the best day ever! Thank you for such a great day!"

21. Who made the plate of delicious chocolate chip pancakes?

22. What did Jacob pick out at the toy store?

23. What did Jacob and his dad do after Jacob ate his breakfast?

24. When did Jacob and his parents go to the movies?
