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Date 9-1-16

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Comprehension Questions: A Trip to the Orchard

- When did the family go to the apple orchard?
- Was the apple orchard close to home? How do you know?
- Were all the apples the same?
- What kind of apples does mom like?

Helpers in Our Community

There are many people that help in our community. Teachers are community helpers. They help us learn. Firefighters and police officers help to keep us safe. Doctors and nurses help to keep us healthy and take care of us when we are sick. Dentists take care of our teeth. Mail carriers deliver mail to our house. Some community helpers fix things, and some help keep things clean. We love our community helpers!

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Comprehension Questions: Helpers in Our Community


- How are teachers community helpers?
- Who helps to keep us safe?
- Can you think of a helper who fixes things or keeps things clean?
- Why are community helpers important?

Fire Safety

Fire can be very dangerous. Do not play with matches or lighters. Also, be careful when you are around a fire on the stove or a candle. If your clothes catch on fire, do not run. Stop. Drop to the ground, and roll around until the fire goes out. If there is a fire in your house, go outside. Do not hide under the bed or in a closet. Firefighters will be there soon to help!

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Comprehension Questions: Fire Safety

- Why should kids not play with matches or lighters?
- What should you do if your clothes catch on fire?
- Should you hide or go outside if there is a fire?
- Who will come to help if there is a fire?

The Best First Day

I was scared. It was the first day of school. What if I did not like my teacher? What if I did not have any friends in my class? I walked in the room and my teacher smiled at me. She looked nice. I looked for my seat. It was next to my friend! I saw lots of other kids I knew too! We played a fun game and read a funny story. Then we did math. I love math! It was the best first day ever!

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Comprehension Questions: The Best First Day


- Why was the child scared?
- Where was the child's seat?
- What things happened at school that day?
- Why was it the best first day ever?

Fall Fun

The leaves on the trees are nice and green. In fall, they change and they are not green any more. The leaves turn many colors. You can see yellow, red, orange and brown leaves in the fall. Then they fall off the trees onto the ground. Dad and Mom rake the leaves into big piles and we jump and hide in them. Fall fun is the best!

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Comprehension Questions: Fall Fun

- What are the leaves like before they changed colors?
- What colors do the leaves change to?
- Who rakes up the leaves?
- Why is fall fun the best?

Playground Safety

It is fun to play outside on the playground. It is not fun to get hurt. When you are on the playground, you have to be safe. The slide is so much fun. When you are on the slide, one person should slide down at a time. Swings are fun too. When you are on a swing, you should sit down. Do not walk too close to someone who is on a swing. Have fun and be safe!

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Comprehension Questions: Playground Safety


- How can you be safe on the slide?
- What should you do on the swing?
- What should you do if you are walking by the swing?
- Why do you have to be safe on the playground?

The Life Cycle of an Apple

I planted an apple seed. I made a hole and put the seed inside. I gave it water. The seed grew leaves. That is called a seedling. It got bigger and then it was a small tree. The tree got very big. Soon the tree had flowers on it. After the flowers were gone, I saw tiny round balls. They were apples! The apples grew big and red and I picked them! Guess what was inside? More seeds!

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Comprehension Questions: The Life Cycle of an Apple

- How did the child plant the seed?
- What is the seed called when it grows leaves?
- What came on the tree before the apple?
- What could the child do after they ate the apple?

Fall Weather

In the summer, it is very hot. The sun shines all day. It comes up early in the morning and does not go down until it is night. In the fall, it starts to get cooler. The sun is not out as long and the days are shorter. When you wake up in the mornings, you might need to put on a sweater. The crisp cool air brings us colorful leaves and lots of fruits and vegetables to pick.

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Comprehension Questions: Fall Weather


- What season comes before fall?
- What happens to the temperature in the fall?
- Are the days longer or shorter in the fall?
- Can you think of fruits or vegetables we pick in fall?

I Love the Library

I love going to the library! I go there every week. I walk around and look at all the books. There are so many! I pick out a book about dogs and a funny story about school. I play on the computers too. My library has a play room with a lot of toys. Playing there is so much fun. I can't wait to go home and read my new books!

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Comprehension Questions: I Love the Library


- How often does the child go to the library?
- What books does the child pick out?
- What else does the child do at the library?
- Why do you think the child likes the library so much?

Making an Apple Pie

Have you ever made an apple pie? It is fun to make and good to eat! I like to help my dad make apple pie! He cuts the apples. He mixes in sugar and spices. He lets me make the crust. We put the crust in a pie pan and then put in the apples. Next we put more crust on top and dad puts it in the oven to bake. Soon our pie is done and it is time to eat it. Yum!

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Comprehension Questions: Making Apple Pie

- What does dad mix into the apples?
- What part does the child help with?
- What goes on top of the apples?
- Does the child like apple pie? How do you know?

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Comprehension Questions for Each Passage

Higher-level and text-dependent questions!