

MP5094 - Reading and Writing

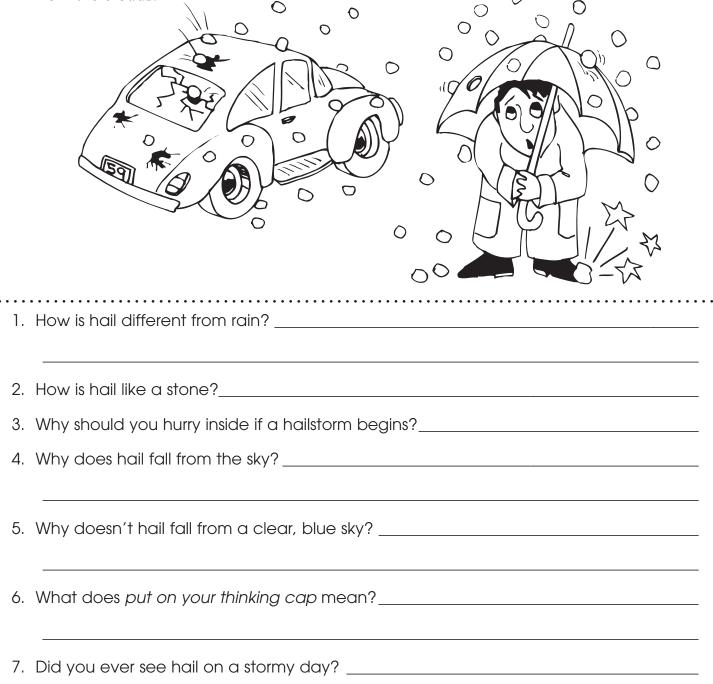
Reading Comprehension

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What Is Hail?

What is hail, and where does it come from? How does it form? Why does it fall? To find out this information, put on your thinking cap. Then read these facts about hail.

Hail is made from rain. Hail is made when rain freezes into little hard pieces. Because hail is frozen, it is very hard. That is why we can say "hailstones." The hard stones of hail are heavy. They are heavy enough to fall to the ground. Sometimes hail hits cars, houses and windows. Hail hurts if it hits a person. Hail cannot form in a clear, blue sky. However, on a cold and rainy day, watch out for hail! Hail might fall from the clouds.



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Call It a Canoe

There is not just one kind of canoe. There are canoes of many shapes, sizes and materials. A person in the canoe uses both hands to control one long paddle. One person paddles a small canoe. A group of people paddle a large canoe.

Most canoes are long and thin. However, in one country, you can find round canoes! Most canoes are for one or two people to paddle. There are also huge canoes that 10 or 20 people paddle. Many canoes are made of wood or the bark of trees. Some other canoes are made from a whole, heavy tree log! All types of canoes offer a swift way to travel.



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1. How does a person make a canoe go?

2. What do you think the word *material* means? _____

3. What do you think the word *swift* means? ______

4. What is a common material for making a canoe? _____

5. What is the most common shape of a canoe? _____

6. Write about why you would or would not enjoy a cance trip.

K for Kentucky

Kentucky is a very pretty state. There are many rivers in Kentucky and many state parks. There are mountains, too. However, the mountains in Kentucky are quite small. There are also many gentle hills. Here is something surprising. The grass in Kentucky is a beautiful shade of blue!

Kentucky has some areas of good farmland. Kentucky also has some very thick forests. In the forests, there are many different types of trees. Some of Kentucky's trees include oak, maple and wild cherry. Kentucky has plenty of rain. Wildflowers grow very well, and so do flowering bushes.

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1. Name five things that make Kentucky pretty.

2. What size are Kentucky's mountains?_____

3. Why do flowers grow well in Kentucky?_____

4. What do you think *thick forest* means? _____

5. What do you think *gentle hills* means?_____

6. What trees grow well in Kentucky? _____

7. Describe what grows in your state.

Animals Hide Away

Some animals hide in the winter. These animals *hibernate*. They cannot live in the snow because they can't stand the cold. They look for a warm place to sleep. They rest through the winter until spring comes.

One animal that hibernates is the bear. The bear hides away in a dark cave. It sleeps and rests and waits for the springtime. He snores deeply as he sleeps.

Many other animals hibernate. Turtles have their own shell in

which to sleep. Frogs stay under the deep mud in the winter. Snakes hide in dark holes to hibernate. Insects hide under flat rocks. Lizards also escape the cold weather.

•	What does hibernate mean?
	What six creatures in this story hibernate?
	What are five actions of a hibernating bear?
I.	When do snakes come out from their holes?
•	When do insects come out from the rocks?
).	Why don't we see frogs in the winter?

