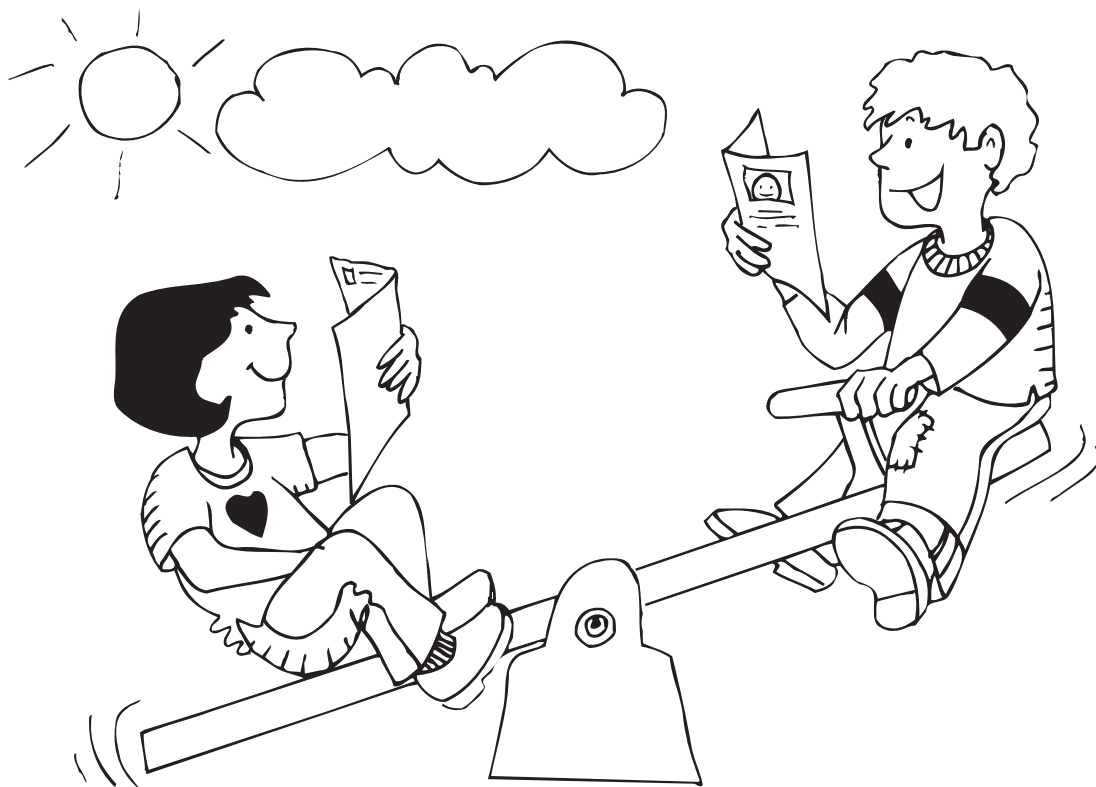


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Little Hedgehog

A hedgehog is a small animal. It is covered with rough hair and sharp spines. To protect itself from a fox, it rolls up into a ball. The pointy spines stick out all over it. Now the fox cannot eat the hedgehog!

A hedgehog likes to have a lot of space. It travels all over the fields. It moves through the forests, too. It also climbs up and over hills of dirt. A hedgehog is always searching for food. It feeds on soft worms. It also dines on crunchy insects! That is why it lives on the ground. A hole in the ground is a perfect home for a hedgehog!



1. Why is the ground a good place for a hedgehog? _____

2. How does a hedgehog keep safe from a fox? _____

3. What are three actions that a hedgehog makes? _____

4. What are two words that describe the spines? _____

5. What does a hedgehog choose to eat? _____

6. In what kinds of places might you see a hedgehog? _____

7. Write a story about a fox and a hedgehog.

Boogie Boarding

The August sun was bright! The morning was already hot! “We will go to the beach after breakfast,” said Mom.

Dad packed the truck. Anita and Jose grabbed their colorful beach towels. “Who will get the first turn on the boogie board?” Dad asked. “We will flip a coin to see,” laughed the children.

Jose won the coin toss! Time and again he pulled the boogie board out into the powerful surf and rode the waves to shore. He bounced and bumped on the strong waves! Salt water splashed on his face and hair. Finally, Anita could not wait any longer. She waded into the sea. The ocean pulled at her legs. She waved to Jose, and he steered the boogie board toward her. “It’s my turn!” Anita shouted into the wind.



1. What did the children have to share? _____

2. Where do you go to use a boogie board? _____

3. What do you do on a boogie board? _____

4. What did they take to the beach besides the boogie board? _____

5. What are five actions words in this story? _____

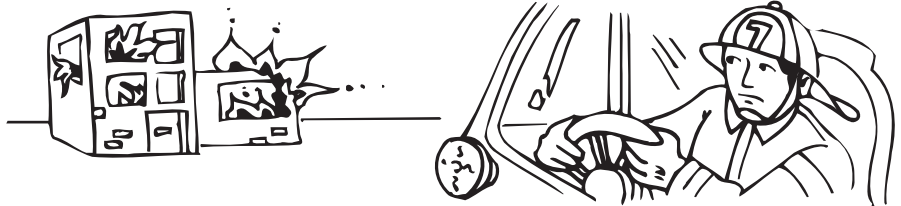
6. How did they decide who got the boogie board first? _____

7. What do you like to do in the summer? _____

My Work as a Firefighter

“Good afternoon, boys and girls! I’m so happy that you could come to the fire station on your field trip. My name is Chris, and I am going to discuss my work as a firefighter. I will also let you climb up on the pumper truck, but only three children at a time. The pumper truck has a lot of heavy hoses on it. Please be careful, and watch your step.

“There! Did each one of you have a turn up on the pumper truck? My job is to drive that truck to the scene of a fire. Sometimes, we arrive at accident scenes, also. The work of my team is to save people’s lives. We work to save people’s property. We are brave, and we are very strong. We must be strong to pull and support those heavy hoses. When those hoses are filled with water, they are powerful. The force of the water can put a fire out.”



1. What does the word *discuss* mean? _____

2. What does the word *scene* mean? _____

3. What is a fire truck with hoses called? _____

4. Where do pumper trucks go? (two answers) _____

5. Why must firefighters be strong? _____

6. What were the children allowed to do? _____

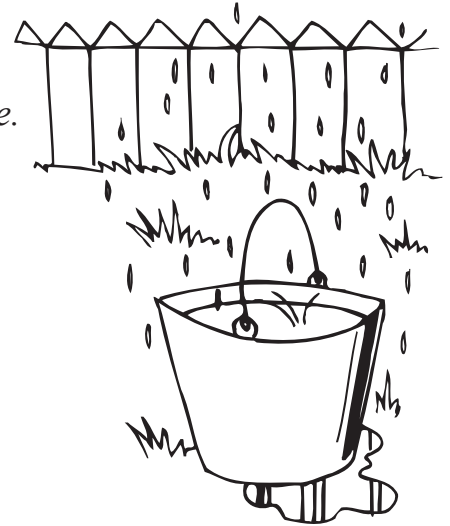
7. Make a list of things a firefighter can save. (List six or seven ideas.)

My Backyard Bucket

I enjoy my backyard! It is not a large, fancy backyard. My backyard is just a small, simple place, but it is wonderful to me. I keep a shiny, tin bucket in my backyard. When the rain falls, the rainwater fills my bucket. My bucket of rainwater is one of my favorite things. I like to stay home and listen to the rain filling my bucket. Sometimes it rains when I am at school.



*A rainy day at school
Is a long, long day for me.
I hear the raindrops falling
And I smile and laugh with glee.
My bucket will be filling
With the water from the sky.
I must wait 'til school is over,
Then I check to see how high
The water in my bucket is
So fresh and clean and cool.
For a tiny frog or turtle
It is better than a pool!*



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1. What words describe the bucket? _____
 2. What word is the opposite of *simple*? _____
 3. What do you think *glee* means? _____

 4. What word in the poem rhymes with *sky*? _____

 5. What besides a frog or turtle might enjoy the bucket of water? _____
 6. Write down some ways to use a bucket of rainwater.

