
Reading for Understanding - Level 3

About the Book

The *Reading for Understanding* books have been designed to improve students' skills in the areas of sequencing, recognising details, main idea, character analysis, drawing conclusions, predicting outcomes, similarities and differences, cause and effect, evaluation, inference and following directions. Each page features 'real' kids facing 'real' situations, making learning easy and fun for students. This book is a valuable tool for any reading program.

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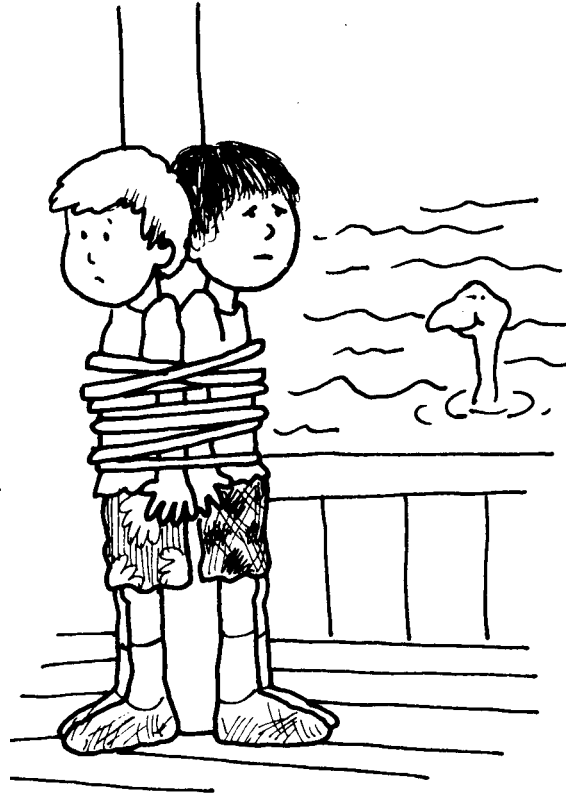
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Will They Walk the Plank?

Captain Crook and his pirates tie Jack and Lee to a tree and then dig up the treasure. Short Jack Nickel carries the chest in one hand and Jack and Lee in the other hand. He ties them to the ship's long mast. Jack and Lee will walk the plank after the crew eats dinner.

Jack and Lee can hear them eating in the captain's cabin. Pirates have such terrible table manners! While they eat, the boys untie the ropes that hold their hands together. They grab one jewel from the chest and dive into the water. As they swim to the shore, they get very tired. Then, they hear a gentle splash and see a flash of green. It's the Lake Nest Monster who is very fond of those two boys. Jack and Lee climb on her back, and she takes them to the shore.

When Jack and Lee tell the grown-ups, the grown-ups don't believe them. They think it's just another story the kids made up.



Tick

What is the main idea of this story?

Jack and Lee hear pirates eating.

Jack and Lee swim to shore.

Jack and Lee get away from pirates.

Write

Short Jack Nickel

Lake Nest Monster

Jack and Lee

Grown-ups

_____ untie the ropes that hold their hands together.

_____ takes the boys safely to shore.

_____ ties Jack and Lee to the ship's mast.

_____ think Jack and Lee made up the story.

Circle

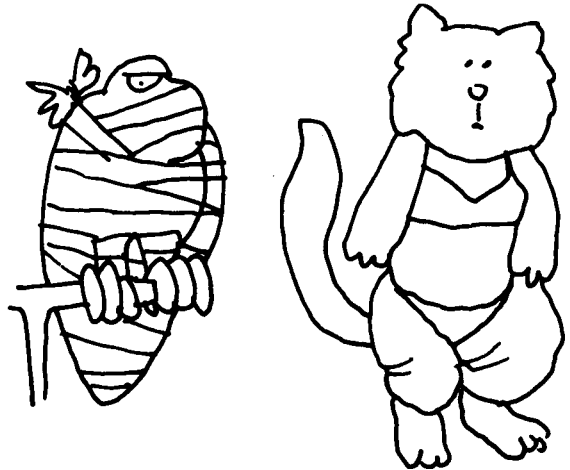
Jack and Lee grab one rope and dive.
jewel and run.

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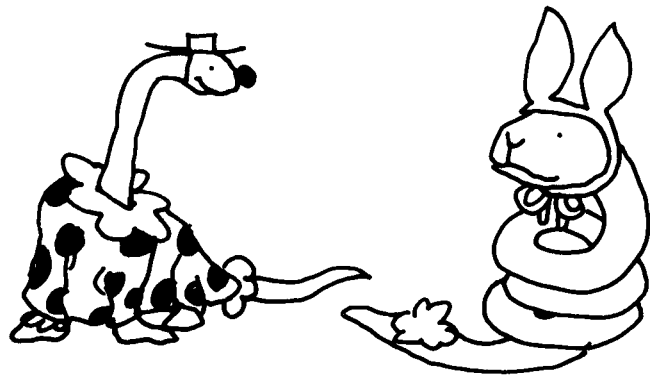
Draw a picture of a jewel Jack and Lee can show the grown-ups to prove their story is true.

The Pet Contest

The City of Dukwilma is having a pet contest at the park on Saturday afternoon. The pet in the best costume and its owner will win a trip to Disneyland. Lee's parrot Percy is wrapped up like a mummy. Cassie's pet snake Georgina is dressed up like a bunny. Maria's cat Toby is dressed up like a dancer. Jack brings the Lake Nest Monster dressed up like a clown.



The pets and their owners line up for the judges. The owners look hopeful and proud. The pets look sad and uncomfortable. Jack wins the contest. The judges ask him how he will get his monster on the aeroplane. Jack will send her ahead by parcel post in a big box stamped, 'Handle With Care'.



Underline

Dukwilma is having a pet dance contest at the park on Friday Saturday afternoon.

Write in the puzzle

1. Percy is wrapped up like a...
2. Georgina is dressed up like a...
3. Toby is dressed like a...
4. The Lake Nest Monster looks like a...

Check

The owners look...

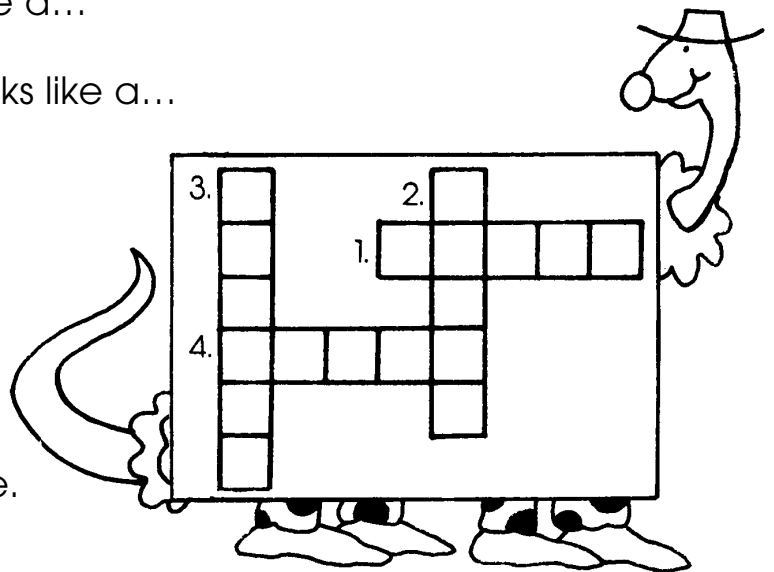
excited and mad.

hopeful and proud.

The pets look...

sad and uncomfortable.

happy and proud.



• SOMETHING EXTRA •

Make a list of other funny ways Jack could take the Lake Nest Monster to Disneyland.

Dinner at Eight

All of Dudley’s dinner guests arrive promptly at eight except Pamela Poodle who couldn’t decide what she should wear. Dudley greets them with a glass of milk and little beef bones. Then, he rings a small bell and tells all the guests, “Dinner is served.”

Dudley wheels in a cart loaded with food. First, he serves salad in small wooden bowls. After the salad, he serves chicken chow mein. Some of his guests try to use chopsticks, but dogs will be dogs, so they finally give up and eat like dogs usually do. Then for dessert, each guest gets a fortune cookie with a fortune inside that Dudley promises will come true.



Write

Why does Pamela Poodle arrive after eight o’clock?

Circle in 1, 2, 3 order

Dudley serves...

- 1 2 3 chicken chow mein.
- 1 2 3 salad.
- 1 2 3 fortune cookies.



Underline

Each fortune cookie has a...
 fortune inside.
 lolly inside.

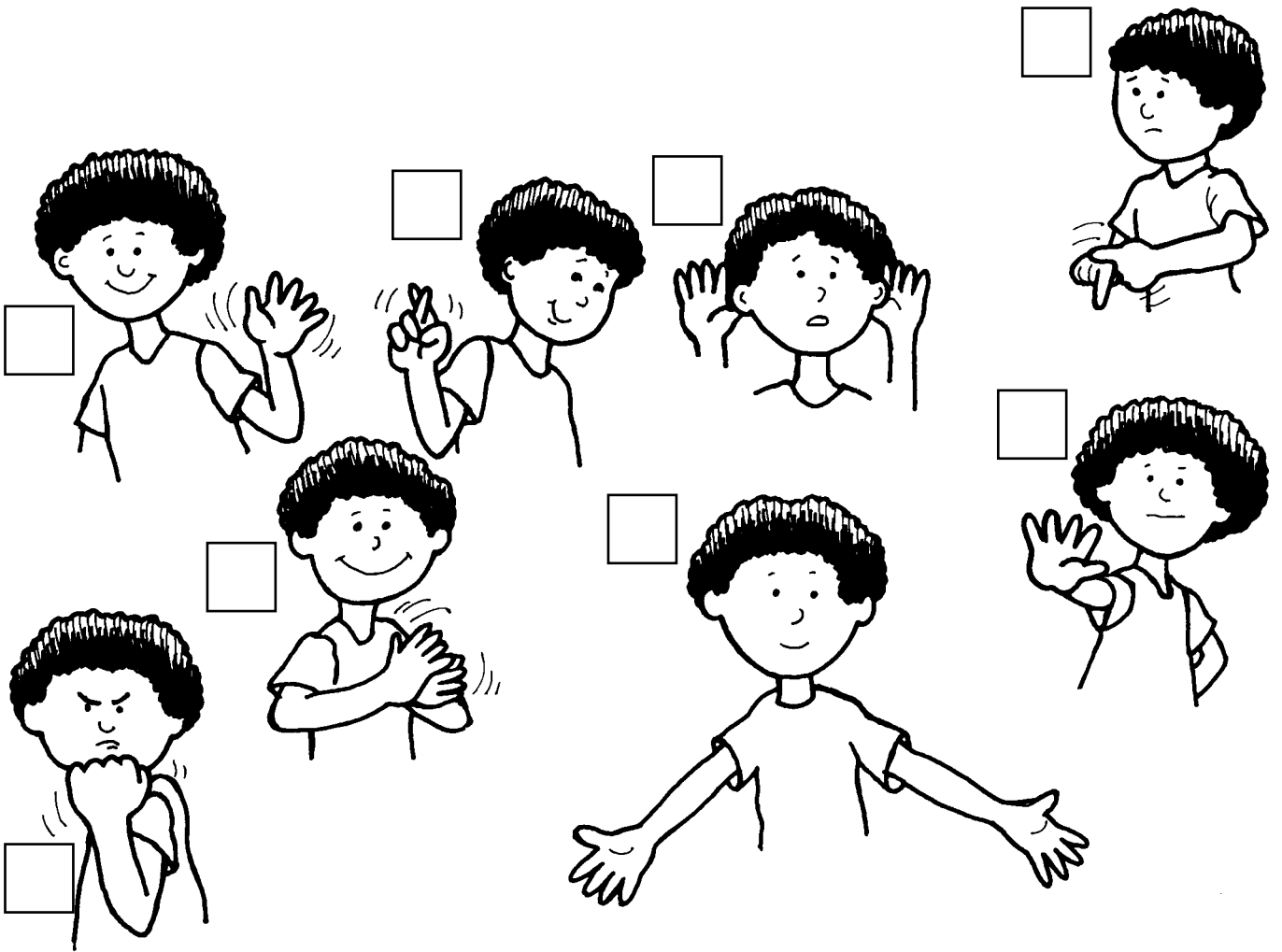
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Write a fortune for Montgomery Mutt on his paper.

Gestures: Talking Without Words

Donald can talk without words by using gestures. Gestures are the way he uses his hands. Match each sentence with its correct gesture.

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|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Good Luck! | 4. Give it to me! | 7. Stop! |
| 2. Hello! | 5. Shame on you! | 8. I'm mad! |
| 3. I can't hear. | 6. That was great! | |



Draw a gesture that means 'Be quiet'.

