

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Main Idea:

This story is about:
The best title for this story is:
Select a topic sentence for this story:

Detail:

Who _____?
What did _____ do?
When did this story take place?
Why did _____ (do something)?
How did _____ (do something)?
How many _____ were mentioned?
What size was the _____?
What color was the _____?

Sequence:

What happened first (last) in the story?
What happened before (after) _____?
Number the following 1,2,3,4,5 in the order mentioned in the story?

Vocabulary:

What did the word “_____” mean in this story? (good question for multiple-meaning words)
A word which means the opposite of “_____” is:
Draw a picture of a “_____”.
A word which means “_____” is:

Sensory

Impression:

Which sense would you use to detect “_____?”
You can use your sense of _____ to:
What kind of feeling do you get when you read “_____?”

Characterization & Feelings

How did _____ feel in this story?
Which character was _____? (selfish, greedy...)
(Character) was a _____ person.
What in the story illustrates that _____ was
(was not) _____?

Setting:

Where could this story have taken place?
From the clues given in the story, where do you think the action took place?
Name a place where this story could not have happened.

Time:

When could this story have taken place?
Can you guess what time of _____ it is?
How long did the _____ take?

Author's Tone,
Mood and
Purpose:

How did the writer feel about _____?
Why did the author write this story?
What style of writing did the author use?
Which line exemplifies a _____ mood? (humorous...)

Perceiving

Relationships:

_____ is related to _____ in the same way that _____ is related to: _____
The relationship between _____ and _____ was one of: _____
In what way was _____ dependent upon _____?

Comparison & Contrast

A _____ and a _____ are alike in what way?
A _____ and a _____ are different in what way?
List two ways in which _____ and _____ are similar (different)?
How were the viewpoints of _____ and _____ alike (unlike)?

Drawing Conclusions & Generalizing:

Various clues given in the story might lead you to think that: _____
Using the evidence in the story, which of the following is possible (impossible): _____
What evidence can you find to support (negate) the conclusion that _____?

Predicting

Outcomes:

As you think about what has just happened, what do you think will happen next?
The next sentence in this story could be: _____
Which of the following would probably not be a sensible continuation of this story: _____
Give two possible outcomes.

Cause & Effect:

What happened when _____?
What made the _____?
What caused the _____?
When the x the y. (give either x or y in the stated question)
What reaction occurred when _____?
_____ was caused by?

Critical Reading:

Which of the following things is really not true: _____
Which of the following statements made by the author is an opinion and not necessarily true: _____
Is _____ always true? Explain.

Figurative

Language:

When the author said, "_____", he really meant that: _____
The words the author used to say that _____ were: _____
How is a _____ like a "_____?"