

Read Closely, Answer Carefully

Grade 3 • ELA • Reading comprehension: longer passages • Standards: RL.3.1

Read each passage twice before answering the questions. Underline the part of the text where you found each answer!

1. Passage: Maya walked to the park with her yellow backpack. She sat under a tall oak tree and pulled out her notebook. She drew pictures of birds and clouds for an hour.

Question: What color was Maya's backpack?

2. Passage: The library was busy on Saturday morning. Children sat at round tables reading books about space and animals. Mrs. Chen, the librarian, helped a boy find a book about sharks. She smiled as she handed him the book with a blue cover.

Question: What day of the week was it?

3. Passage: Leo loved to bake with his grandfather. Every Tuesday after school, they made something special together. Last week they baked apple muffins. This week, Grandfather suggested they try making banana bread instead. Leo agreed because bananas were his favorite fruit.

Question: Why did Leo agree to make banana bread?

4. Passage: The garden behind the school had been empty for two years. Weeds grew everywhere and the fence was broken. Then Principal Rodriguez had an idea. She asked students and teachers to help create a new vegetable garden. Everyone worked together for three weekends. They pulled weeds, fixed the fence, and planted tomatoes, carrots, and lettuce. Now the garden looks beautiful and provides fresh food for the school cafeteria.

Question: How many weekends did everyone work together?

5. Passage: Jasmine noticed something strange on her way home from school. A small gray kitten was sitting alone near the bus stop, meowing loudly. Jasmine looked around but saw no other cats or people nearby. She carefully picked up the kitten and carried it home. Her mother called the animal shelter, and they said someone had reported a missing kitten that morning. The owner came that evening and thanked Jasmine for keeping the kitten safe.

Question: What did Jasmine's mother do after Jasmine brought the kitten home?

6. Passage: Marcus had been practicing his trumpet for the spring concert for six weeks. He felt nervous because he had never performed in front of so many people before. On the night of the concert, his hands shook as he walked onto the stage. But when the music started, Marcus forgot about his nervousness. He focused on the notes and played his best. After the concert, his music teacher told him he had played beautifully. Marcus felt proud and was already looking forward to the next concert.

Question: How did Marcus feel after his music teacher talked to him?

Answer Key — Read Closely, Answer Carefully

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. yellow (*The passage states 'Maya walked to the park with her yellow backpack.'*)
2. Saturday (*The first sentence says 'The library was busy on Saturday morning.'*)
3. Because bananas were his favorite fruit (*The last sentence explains 'Leo agreed because bananas were his favorite fruit.'*)
4. three (*The passage states 'Everyone worked together for three weekends.'*)
5. She called the animal shelter (*The passage says 'Her mother called the animal shelter.'*)
6. proud (*The last sentence states 'Marcus felt proud and was already looking forward to the next concert.'*)