

READING

Comprehension



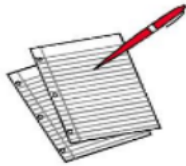
7 GOLDEN RULES FOR READING COMPREHENSIONS



1. Always read the passage carefully once through, for meaning.

2. Read the questions to check what you will be looking for.

3. Re-read the passage, locating where you will find the answers.



4. When answering, always write in full sentences.

5. Use evidence from the passage to back up your points. This could be quotations or examples.

6. Don't just copy sections from the passage – write in your own words.



7. Take ten minutes at the end of the test to check that your spelling and punctuation are correct, and your work makes sense!

THE BEST IDEA EVER!

Jake and Luke were best friends. In the mornings, they went to school together; at lunchtime, they ate lunch together and when school finished, they caught the bus home together. They bought the same cell phone, they liked the same computer games and sometimes, they even wore the same clothes! One day, Jake had a brilliant idea. He thought it was very special and he told only one person: his best mate, Luke.

Jake



Luke was stunned. The idea was excellent. Then he thought, 'This is my chance to look good.' He rushed to the head teacher's room and explained the ingenious idea. The head teacher stood up and shook

Luke



Luke's hand. 'Superb idea, lad!' he exclaimed. 'I will tell the whole school about this!' Now, Luke began to think that the idea really was his own.

The day after that, the whole school went to the hall for assembly. The head teacher made an announcement to everyone about the fantastic idea and he asked Luke to come to the front. Jake looked at Luke in shock. He felt betrayed! Luke had pretended the idea was his! Luke saw Jake's shocked expression. He felt the blood rush to his face. He felt guilty, really bad.

He went to the front. Then, he turned to face the whole school and he said, 'This extraordinary idea is my friend Jake's, not mine.' Finally, he told the truth! He felt much better. OK, the bright idea was not his, but he showed that he was a decent, honest boy. The whole school clapped their hands at the wonderful idea which would change all their lives. 'Jake! Jake!' they all shouted. 'We want Jake!' Jake walked to the front, turned round and took a bow. Then he hugged his friend Luke. Luke had done the right thing. He had told the truth.

Answer the questions:

- 1) Name three things that Jake and Luke did together.
- 2) Who did Jake tell his wonderful idea to?
- 3) Did Luke keep the idea secret?
- 4) Why did Luke go to the head teacher?
- 5) When did the students go to assembly?
- 6) What did the head teacher announce to the school?
- 7) How did Jake feel when he realised that Luke had claimed his idea?
- 8) How did Luke feel when he confessed the truth?
- 9) What did the students do when they heard the idea?
- 10) What did Jake do when he got to the front?
- 11) Does it matter what the great idea was?

Answer TRUE or FALSE

- a) Jake and Luke were best friends.
- b) They didn't share any interests.
- c) One day, Luke had a brilliant idea.
- d) Jake had a brilliant idea but didn't share it.
- e) Luke pretended the idea was his.
- f) The head teacher told Luke he was a liar.
- g) Luke wished the idea was his.
- h) Luke went to see the head teacher and told him that his friend Jake had a great idea.
- i) The head led the assembly and he told the school about the idea.
- j) When Jake realised that Luke had stolen his idea, he felt really happy.
- k) Luke felt bad about claiming the idea.
- l) The students all shouted for Jake.
- m) Jake went to the front and he hugged Luke.
- n) In the end, Luke told the truth.

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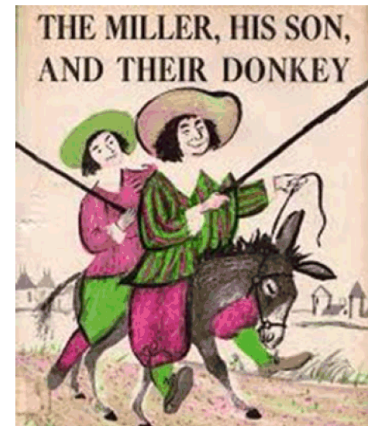
The Miller, His Son and Their Ass

Read the story below.

Once upon a time there was a miller who lived in a little house beside his mill. One day this miller made up his mind that he would take his ass to the fair and sell it. They met a number of girls; "Look!" said one of them. "They are walking when one of them might be riding." When the miller heard this he bade the boy get up on the ass, while he tramped along merrily by its side. Soon they came to a number of old men, "Look at that young boy riding, while his poor father has to walk." Upon this the son got down, and the miller took his place. "My good fellow" said a townsman, "Is that ass your own?"

"Yes," replied the miller. "You two are better able to carry the beast than he is to carry you." So he and his son tied the legs of the ass, slung him on a pole, and carried him on their shoulders. It was such a funny sight that the people laughed at them.

The poor ass tried hard to get off the pole. At last, he pulled his legs out of the rope and tumbled to the ground. He was so frightened that he jumped off the bridge into the river and was drowned.



Answer each question.

1. What did the miller do with the ass?

2. What did one of the girls say to them?

3. Why did the son get down

4. Did the townsman befool them? How?

5. What did happen with the poor ass?



NOTE: READ THE RULES.

READ THE COMPREHENSION PASSAGES CAREFULLY, WRITE THE ANSWERS OF THE QUESTIONS, MAKE A PDF FILE, THEN SEND IT TO ME FOR CORRECTION.

