










# Answer Key

**Beautiful Beginnings**




1.     
 b                      b                      n




2.     
 d                      d                      w




3.     
 l                      3                      2

3

**Beautiful Beginnings**




1.     
 f                      f                      s




2.     
 h                      h                      s




3.     
 3                      2                      l

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**Beautiful Beginnings**




1.     
 j                      j                      h




2.     
 l                      l                      t

3.     
 3                      l                      2

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**Beautiful Beginnings**

1.     
 h                      s                      m

2.     
 n                      n                      m

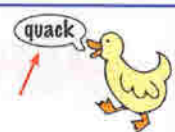


3. 




ten	—	clap
snap	—	dime
chime	—	pen
four	—	score




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# Answer Key

### Beautiful Beginnings




1.     
 q                  q                  k



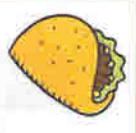
2.     
 r                  r                  m



3.     
 l                  3                  2

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### Beautiful Beginnings




1.     
 s                  s                  h




2.     
 t                  s                  t

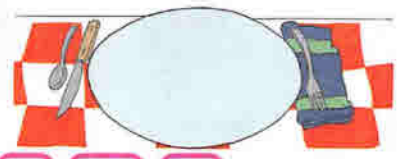
3.    
 in over under below      in over under below

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### Exceptional Endings and Blends




1.     
 t                  n                  p




2.     
 sp                  bl                  tr

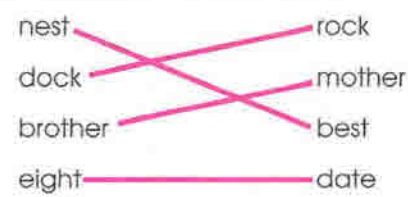
3.   
 fork spoon knife plate napkin  
 All utensils that help one eat.  
 Answers may vary.

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### Exceptional Endings and Blends

1.     
 d                  d                  g

2.     
 st                  pr                  gr

3.   
 nest — rock  
 dock — mother  
 brother — best  
 eight — date

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# Answer Key

## Exceptional Endings and Blends

1.

 f	 l	 m
--	--	--

2.

 pr	 sh	 st
---	---	---




3. It is sharp. It can hurt you. Be careful when you use it. What is it?  
An eraser  
A pair of scissors  
A piece of paper

4. It is chewy. You can blow bubbles with it. What is it?  
Ice cream  
Gum  
Soda

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## Endless Endings


1.


 n	 d	 r
--	--	--

2. school, student, teacher, doctor

3. bird, frog, human, dog

4. circle, two, eight, six



5.   
There are four birds.  
There are five birds.

6.   
There are 5 - 2 toads.  
There are 1 + 3 toads.




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## More Endings

1.

 n	 s	 t
--	--	--

2.

 tr	 fr	 gr
---	---	---




3. Write a sentence that includes one of the words above in #2.

Answers will vary. Example:  
My grandfather has freckles.

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## Keep on Blending

1.

 g	 n	 r
--	--	--

2.

 fr	 st	 pr
---	---	---

3.




 3	 1	 2
--	--	--

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# Answer Key

## Is the End in Sight?

1.

 n	 p	 s
--	--	--

2.

 gr	 gr	 fr
---	---	---

3.

seven	brick
trick	eleven
sneak	leak
treat	beat

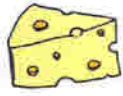


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## Valuable Vowels

1.

 a	 e	 i
--	--	--

2.

 ch	 ch	 _____
---	---	--




3.

  
nickel, dime




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## Vowels

1.

 o	 o	 i
--	--	--

2.

 sh	 sh	 _____
---	---	--




3.

  
fork, knife

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## Dynamite Digraphs

1.

 th	 th	 _____
---	---	--

2.

 a	 u	 o
--	--	--

3.

Answers will vary.




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# Answer Key

## Dynamite Digraphs

1.

 wh		 wh
---	---	---

2.

 i	 e	 i
--	--	--




3.

3 The crowd cheers.  
1 The batter comes to the plate.  
2 The batter strikes out.




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## Beautiful Beginnings

1.

 i	 i	 i
--	--	--

2.

 tr	3.  ch	4.  sh
---	--	--

5.

 wh	6.  th	7.  dr
--	---	---

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## Go Short or Go Long: Aa

- ate long
- at short
- ape long
- act short
- ant short
- age long
- rake long
- ray long
- able long
- rat short
- rack short
- rate long
- Andy short
- Alex short
- Abe long



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## Go Short or Go Long: Ee

- pen short
- pencil short
- pea long
- pea long
- glee long
- green long
- tea long
- ten short
- teen long
- hen short
- fence short
- bee long
- be long
- bend short
- Ben short













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# Answer Key

## Classified Information

- sad    glad    mad   cage 
- five    alive    nine   thirteen 
- boat    don't    won't   did 
- wheat    seat    beat   cat 
- pie    pine   pin    spine 
- jump    true    cube    June 
- oat    coat   spot    moat 
- glee    green   gem    greet 
- hen    ten    tent   teen 
- ray   rat    rake   rate 

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## Reading Skills

- This story is about
  - Carolyn wanting a pet.
  - Carolyn wanting a toy.
  - how Carolyn is sad.
- Carolyn has posters on the walls of
  - horses.
  - puppies.
  - flowers.
- The **setting** is where a story takes place. What is the setting for this story?
  - Carolyn's kitchen
  - Carolyn's living room
  - Carolyn's bedroom
- In the picture on page 50, how does Carolyn look?
  - sad
  - happy
  - bored



## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- Do you think Carolyn will get a real pet or more teddy bears? How come?

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## Reading Skills

- This story is about
  - Carolyn hearing about how pets are bad.
  - Carolyn hearing about how pets take work.
  - Carolyn hearing about how dirty pets are.
- Carolyn's aunt's name is  Lucinda.  Lucy.  Linda.
- What does Mrs. Jones want Carolyn to do?
  - get a new stuffed animal
  - think about whether she is ready for a pet
  - forget about getting a pet
- Carolyn comes to talk to Mom while Mom is
  - reading.
  - working.
  - napping.



## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- Do you think Carolyn would take good care of a pet? How come?
- Do you think Carolyn's mother will help her get a pet? How come?

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## Reading Skills

- In this story,
  - Carolyn thinks that she will have lots of time to care for a pet.
  - Carolyn thinks she might not have enough time for a pet.
  - Carolyn decides she doesn't want a pet.
- Carolyn talks to her
  - aunt.
  - teddy bear.
  - posters.
- In this story, Carolyn feels
  - excited.
  - worried.
  - mad.
- Which of these is NOT something that takes up Carolyn's time?
  - soccer practice
  - homework
  - a school play



## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- Do you think Carolyn can handle both a pet and school work?
- Do you think if Carolyn gets a pet, she will take good care of it?
- If Carolyn had a pet, do you think she would talk to it? Why or why not?

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# Answer Key

## Reading Skills

1. In this story,

- Carolyn's dad tells her she can't have a pet.  
 Carolyn's dad talks about other types of pets.  
 Carolyn's dad says he will get her a dog.

2. Carolyn's dad mentions a possible pet. It is a

- turtle.  bunny.  pony.

3. Who is the main character in the story?

- Mrs. Jones  
 Mr. Jones  
 Carolyn



4. Carolyn's mom and dad \_\_\_\_\_ about pets being a lot of work.

- agree  do not agree

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- Do you think Carolyn would enjoy a pet turtle?
- Do you think Carolyn's dad knows why she wants a pet? Why or why not?

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## Reading Skills

1. In this story,

- Carolyn explains how she would take care of her new pet.  
 Carolyn says she is sad.  
 Carolyn talks about her friends at school.



2. The pet will be named  Prince.  Promise.  Misty.

3. This story takes place

- In the morning.  at lunchtime.  before bed.

4. When will Carolyn's parents tell her their answer?

- tomorrow  Monday  after lunch

5. Who is telling the story?

- Carolyn  the author  Carolyn's mom

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- Do you think Carolyn has explained herself well? How do you know?
- Do you think Carolyn's parents like her plan? Why or why not?

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## Reading Skills

1. This story is about

- Carolyn waking up early to find out if she will get a pet.  
 Carolyn waking up early to go to school.  
 Carolyn sleeping because she is so tired.

2. Carolyn's last name is  Jones.  Promise.  Linda.

3. Which of these is NOT something Carolyn will do for her pet?

- brush its fur  
 love it  
 clip its nails



4. Look at the picture on page 60. Carolyn looks

- excited.  sneaky.  grumpy.

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- What will the decision be?
- Why do people love pets?
- How do you think Carolyn feels as she comes running down the stairs?

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## Reading Skills

1. This story is about

- Carolyn finding out that she will get a pet.  
 Carolyn finding out that she will not get a pet.  
 Carolyn finding out she's late for school.

2. Carolyn hugged her  mother.  father.  parents.

3. Carolyn's dad has a big smile on his face when he has something \_\_\_\_\_ to say.

- strange  good  bad

4. What is the setting for this story?

- the kitchen  
 the den  
 Carolyn's bedroom



## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- Where will the Jones family get their pet?
- Do you think Carolyn's parents made the right decision? How come?

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# Answer Key

## Reading Skills

1. This story is about

- Carolyn telling her friends about getting a pet.  
 Carolyn telling her friends about her school project.  
 Carolyn's visit to the pound.

2. What was the name of Carolyn's friend who asked about her new pet? His name is

- Freddy.  Eddie.  Betty.

3. Carolyn tells Freddy that she would like to get a puppy or

- an alligator.  
 a kitten.  
 a goldfish.



4. Where will the Jones family go to get a pet?

- the pound  the pet store  a farm.

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

1. Do you think Carolyn will show her pet to her classmates? Why or why not?

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## Reading Skills

1. This story is about

- Carolyn learning about the pound.  
 Carolyn wanting to go to the pet store.  
 Carolyn changing her mind about getting a pet.



2. Mrs. Jones and Carolyn will go to the

- pound.  pet store.  zoo.

3. In the picture above, what is Carolyn thinking about?

- a stuffed dog  a teddy bear  a real dog

4. Which kind of animal will Carolyn and her mom NOT see at the pound?

- cats  rabbits  chickens

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

1. Do you think it's a good idea to go to the pound for a pet? Why or why not?

2. What will Carolyn do when she chooses her pet?

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## Reading Skills

1. This story is about

- Carolyn seeing all sorts of animals at the pound.  
 Carolyn feeling scared.  
 Carolyn playing with a lizard.



2. Carolyn plays with a kitten that is

- eating.  sleeping.  drinking.

3. How did the fat cat's tongue feel on Carolyn's hand?

- scratchy  soft  slimy

4. There was only one kind of animal at the pound.

- true  
 false

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

1. Will Carolyn choose a pet after all? How do you know?

2. Will Carolyn get more than one pet? How do you know?

3. What kinds of words are used to describe the dogs?

fat, skinny, furry

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## Reading Skills

1. This story is about

- Carolyn realizing that taking care of only one pet is still a good thing.  
 Carolyn realizing that she should take five pets.  
 Carolyn leaving the pound with no pets.



2. The pets are living in  cages.  houses.  boxes.

3. The pound needs more

- cats.  dogs.  workers.

4. Carolyn wishes that all the animals had someone to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

- wash  love  name

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

1. Do you think Carolyn will feel better about taking only one pet? How come?

2. Do you think Carolyn is a caring person? Why or why not?

3. The next time Carolyn gets a pet, do you think she will go to the pound again? Why or why not?

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# Answer Key

## Reading Skills

1. This story is about

- Carolyn choosing a kitten.  
 Carolyn choosing a puppy.  
 Carolyn choosing two puppies.



2. What color is the kitten?  white  black  brown.

3. Which sentence is true?

- Mom had to choose for Carolyn.  
 Carolyn chose the sleeping kitten.  
 Carolyn decided to get a kitten and a puppy.

4. Carolyn thinks the kitten looks like

- a baby cloud.  a snowball.  a cotton ball.

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- Do you think Carolyn will always take good care of her kitten? How come?
- Do you think Carolyn will be happy with her new pet? Why or why not?

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## Reading Skills

1. In this story,

- Carolyn realizes she cannot have her kitten until tomorrow.  
 Carolyn learns that the kitten belongs to someone.  
 Carolyn learns that the kitten is 3 years old.



2. The kitten is a  boy.  girl.

3. Before the kitten can come home with Carolyn, it needs to have its \_\_\_\_\_.

- food  shots  training

4. Mrs. Jones thinks that the kitten is

- too little.  too wild.  beautiful.

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- Do you think Carolyn will be upset that she can't have the kitten right away? How come?
- Do you think Carolyn will be nervous for the kitten because he needs shots? How come?

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## Reading Skills

1. This story is about

- Carolyn getting a gift from her dad.  
 Carolyn learning to study.  
 Carolyn playing with Promise.



2. The new kitten is like a

- cotton ball.  paper.  snow.

3. Carolyn's dad asks if they should call the kitten Cloudy or

- Buttons.  Snowy.  Mr. Cotton.

4. What does Mr. Jones buy as a gift for Promise Jones?

- a cat bed  a scratching post  litter

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- Do you think Carolyn makes the right decision about keeping Promise's name the same? Why?
- Do you like soft things? Why?
- If you got a kitten, what would you name it?

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## Reading Skills

1. This story is about

- Carolyn promising to care for her cat.  
 Carolyn eating dinner with her cat.  
 Carolyn having a party with her parents.



2. Carolyn plays with her new pet in the

- bedroom.  family room.  kitchen.

3. How do you think Promise Jones felt?

- shy  sad  lazy

4. What is Carolyn's promise to her new kitten?

- She will play with him every day.  
 She will not get any more pets.  
 He has found a home.

## Thinking Further and Predicting Outcomes

- Do you think Carolyn will ever want another pet? Why?
- Would you want somebody like Carolyn as your friend? Why or why not?

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# Answer Key

## Revisiting Blends

1.

 st	 cl	 fl
--------	--------	--------

2.

 sh	 gr	 pl
--------	--------	--------

3. It has lots of animals. It is fun to visit. You can learn a lot. What is it?  
a school  
**a zoo**  
the moon

4. You can swim here. It feels cool. Have fun! What is it?  
**a pool**  
a bathtub  
a glass of water

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## Finding the Correct Word

1. Do you like to \_\_\_\_\_ songs?  
**sing**  
sings  
sang

2. The duck enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ corn.  
eaten  
**eating**  
to eat

3. Jimmy has \_\_\_\_\_ into the pool.  
jumping  
**jumped**  
jump

4. Josefina \_\_\_\_\_ to play piano.  
like  
**likes**  
liking

5.

 4	 1	 6
 2	 5	 3

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## Blends Review

1. st    sn    p

3. gr    st    k

5. st    r

6. sl    d

7. tr    n

8. sc    f

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## Blends Review

1. w    t    b

2. cl    pl    sn



3.



zba	a	b	z	hia	a	h	i
guk	g	k	u	bnu	b	n	u



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# Answer Key

## Where Are You?

- 


next to over above below    in over under below
- 






under inside around below    outside inside under below
- 


in next to around above    in beneath under next to
- 


down up sideways under    down up around near

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## Classify Me

- three    six    five   food   
- orange    lemon    lime   ham   
- penny    dime    nickel   dollar   
- mouse    rat   bug    lion   
- truck    car   boat    bus   
- June    July    August   flag
- green    yellow    brown   tired
- stone    rock    brick   rug
- mom    dad   dog    sister
- funny    smile    laugh   mad

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## Reading Skills

- What might you see if you lived in Alaska?
  - robins
  - moose 
  - lions
- Alaska is two times as big as Texas.
 

two times   three times   ten times
- What did Joe Juneau search for in Alaska? Gold

bears   gold   diamonds
- Which state is bigger?
 


Alaska    Texas
- What is the special ice cream in Alaska made from?
  - berries, cream, and seal oil
  - snow, seal oil, and fish
  - berries, snow, and seal oil

## Thinking Further

- Would you want to live in Alaska? Why or why not?
- What are a few words that describe Alaska?

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## Reading Skills

- What might you see if you lived in New Mexico?
  - bunches of chili peppers 
  - bunches of bananas
  - bunches of green peppers
- Santa Fe was founded in  1610.  1615.  1910.
- Adobe houses are made from \_\_\_\_\_ bricks.
 

clay    rock    concrete
- Why does Santa Fe have a star next to it on the map of New Mexico?
  - The author lives there.
  - It is the biggest city.
  - It is the capital.

## Thinking Further

- Would you want to live in New Mexico? Why or why not?
- What are a few words that describe New Mexico?
- Were you surprised to find out that it snows in New Mexico? Why or why not?

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# Answer Key

## Reading Skills

1. What might you see if you visited Oregon?

the deepest lake      \_\_\_\_\_ the widest lake  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the coldest lake

2. Some people went to Oregon because it had rich soil.  
rich poor dirty

A **table of contents** tells you where to find things in a book. Use this table of contents to answer the questions.

Table of Contents	
Map of Oregon	3
The Oregon Trail	5
Oregon's Natural Beauty	17
Famous People of Oregon	25
Oregon Today	33

3. If you want to find out about Oregon's national parks, turn to page (5) 17.

4. If you want to find out where the city of Portland, Oregon is, turn to page (3, 25).



## Thinking Further

- Do you think there are farmers in Oregon? How do you know?
- What are a few words that describe Oregon?

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## Reading Skills

1. What island could you see in Rhode Island?

Block Island  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Kidd Island  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Watch Island

2. Rhode Island is the smallest state.  
smallest largest prettiest

3. Rhode Island has a nickname. It is

"Little Rhody."  
 \_\_\_\_\_ "Bay State."  
 \_\_\_\_\_ "Pirate State."

4. If you wanted to go to Block Island, you could take a

ferry, \_\_\_\_\_ train, \_\_\_\_\_ bus.



## Thinking Further

- Would you want to travel to Block Island? Why or why not?
- Give Rhode Island another nickname.
- Do you think that Captain Kidd's gold is still buried on Block Island? Why or why not?

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## Reading Skills

1. What might you see if you live in Vermont?

green mountains      \_\_\_\_\_ green rivers  
 \_\_\_\_\_ blue mountains

2. You can climb

Bread Loaf Mountain.      \_\_\_\_\_ Meatloaf Mountain.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Butter Mountain.

3. Maple tree sap is turned into syrup. This happens in a

\_\_\_\_\_ milk house.       sugarhouse.      \_\_\_\_\_ sap house.

4. What does Vermont's name mean?

\_\_\_\_\_ Tall Mountains      \_\_\_\_\_ Maple Mountains  
 Green Mountains

5. Vermont's name comes from two \_\_\_\_\_ words.

\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish      \_\_\_\_\_ German       French



## Thinking Further

- Would you want to live in Vermont? Why or why not?
- What kind of tree is in the picture on page 94? How do you know?  
maple: It is being tapped for syrup.

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## Reading Skills

1. What horse race takes place in Kentucky?

Kentucky Derby  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Kentucky Doggie  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Kansas Derby

2. President Lincoln was born in Kentucky.

Lincoln Kennedy Washington

3. Kentucky has the longest cave in the world.

cave wave

4. In what month does the Kentucky Derby take place?

May      \_\_\_\_\_ June      \_\_\_\_\_ July

5. What kind of school did Lincoln go to?

a log cabin school      \_\_\_\_\_ a small stone schoolhouse  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a school for wealthy children



## Thinking Further

- Do you like horses? Would you want to see a race? Why or why not?
- Give Kentucky a nickname.

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# Answer Key

## Reading Skills

1. Noah Webster grew up in

West Hartford.

East Hartford.

West Hattyfields.



2. He lived in a red saltbox house.

black brown red

3. In what year did Noah publish his first dictionary?

1706

1806

1906

4. In Connecticut in the winter, it is

very cold.

damp.

warm.

## Thinking Further

1. Would you want to meet Noah Webster? Why or why not?

2. Would you want to write a dictionary?

3. Why do you think spelling bees are held at Noah's old house?

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## Reading Skills

1. Robert Frost was a famous

song writer.

poet.

singer.



2. Many of his poems are about

roses.

buildings.

nature.

3. What do you think Robert Frost would rather write a poem about?

bikes

trees

trucks

4. Which of these statements is NOT true?

Robert Frost lived in a town called Derry.

Robert Frost wrote poems about fall leaves.

No one knows where Robert got his ideas.

## Thinking Further

1. Would you want to live in New Hampshire? Why or why not?

2. What would you like to write a poem about?

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## Reading Skills

1. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ in Wisconsin.

teachers

dairy farmers

cowboys

2. Dairy farmers make

orange juice.

cheese.

cookies.

3. Check the items below that are dairy products.

milk

apples

butter

cheese

beef

4. What finally ended up happening to "The Belle of Wisconsin"?

It got moldy.

It was sliced and sold.

It was turned into butter.



## Thinking Further

1. Would you want to live in Wisconsin? Why or why not?

2. Would you want to tour America in the "Cheesemobile"? Why or why not?

3. What is your favorite dairy product?

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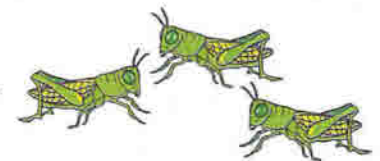
## Reading Skills

1. Montana is called

"Big Time."

"Big Sky Country."

"Big Cow."



2. Grasshopper Glacier has \_\_\_\_\_ of frozen grasshoppers.

a couple

hundreds

millions

3. Why are the Rocky Mountain goats hard to see?

There are only a few of them.

They blend in with the mountain.

They live high up on the rocks.

4. In Montana, the sky seems to meet the

land.

sea.

lake.

## Thinking Further

1. Would you want to live in Montana? Why or why not?

2. Which would you want to see more, a grasshopper, glacier, or a Rocky Mountain goat? Explain why.

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# Answer Key

## Reading Skills

1. Nevada is the \_\_\_\_\_ state in the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_ rainiest

driest

\_\_\_\_\_ hottest



2. Huge piles of cement were used to make Hoover Dam

strong. \_\_\_\_\_ gray. \_\_\_\_\_ cold.

3. Who was Hoover Dam named after?

\_\_\_\_\_ the person who built it

a president

\_\_\_\_\_ the governor of Nevada

4. The water in Lake Tahoe is

clear. \_\_\_\_\_ cloudy. \_\_\_\_\_ shallow.

## Thinking Further

1. Would you want to live in Nevada? Why or why not?

2. Would you want to help build a giant water dam? Why or why not?

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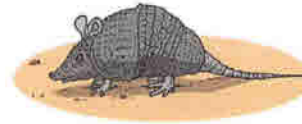
## Reading Skills

1. Texas is so big that it has \_\_\_\_\_ time zones.

\_\_\_\_\_ three

two

\_\_\_\_\_ one



2. If you visit Big Bend National Park, what might you see?

bats

\_\_\_\_\_ bears

\_\_\_\_\_ baboons

3. Why did the author write this article?

\_\_\_\_\_ to tell about armadillos

to tell about the state of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_ to make the reader laugh

## Thinking Further

1. Would you want to live in Texas? Why or why not?

2. If you visited, what animal would you most like to see?

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## Reading Skills

1. Over \_\_\_\_\_ islands make up Hawaii.

one hundred

\_\_\_\_\_ two hundred

\_\_\_\_\_ three hundred



2. The word *aloha* means

\_\_\_\_\_ like. \_\_\_\_\_ pretty.

love.

3. Volcanoes make Hawaii's

islands. \_\_\_\_\_ weather. \_\_\_\_\_ oceans.

4. Saying *aloha* is a way to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

\_\_\_\_\_ confuse

welcome

\_\_\_\_\_ call

## Thinking Further

1. Would you want to live in Hawaii? Why or why not?

2. Would you want to tour a volcano?

3. What is unusual about some of the plants and animals in Hawaii?

*They are not found anywhere else.*

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## Reading Skills

1. What might you see in Maryland?

bays

\_\_\_\_\_ a rain forest

\_\_\_\_\_ the tallest mountain



2. Maryland has things to do for

everybody. \_\_\_\_\_ a few people.

3. Which of these is Maryland's nickname?

\_\_\_\_\_ "little America"

\_\_\_\_\_ "the Bay State"

"mini America"

4. Francis Scott Key was on a \_\_\_\_\_ in a harbor when he wrote America's anthem.

\_\_\_\_\_ plane

boat

\_\_\_\_\_ beach

## Thinking Further

1. Would you like to live in Maryland? Why or why not?

2. What would you nickname Maryland?

3. How do you think Maryland got its nickname?

*Possible answer: It has mountains, valleys, and beaches, just like America does.*

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# Answer Key

## Reading Skills

1. What might you see in California?

- movie making      \_\_\_\_\_ cornfields  
 \_\_\_\_\_ kangaroos

2. Why do so many people visit California?

- There are many pretty places to visit.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ There are lots of cars.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ There are lots of people.



3. Based on the article, you know that California is near

- the ocean.      \_\_\_\_\_ Florida.      \_\_\_\_\_ a big lake.

4. California is the largest state. Is this true or false?

- \_\_\_\_\_ true       false

## Thinking Further

- Would you like to live in California? Why or why not?
- What would you nickname California?
- Look at the picture near the top of this page. What does it help you understand about California?

How big redwood trees are.

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## Reading Skills

1. What might you see in Florida?

- \_\_\_\_\_ polar bears  
 alligators  
 \_\_\_\_\_ bears



2. What fruit is grown a lot in Florida?

- \_\_\_\_\_ bananas      \_\_\_\_\_ apples       oranges

3. In paragraph 2, what does the word *launched* mean?

- \_\_\_\_\_ moved       sent into the air      \_\_\_\_\_ stored

4. Based on the pictures, what kinds of trees do you think grow in Florida?

- palm trees      \_\_\_\_\_ redwood trees      \_\_\_\_\_ birch trees

## Thinking Further

- Would you like to live in Florida? Why or why not?
- What nickname would you give Florida?
- Tell what you know or have heard about hurricanes.

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## Reading Skills

1. What might you see in New York?

- the Statue of Liberty      \_\_\_\_\_ the Painting of Liberty  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the Statue of Freedom

2. Why might it be fun to visit New York City?

- There are a lot of fun things to do.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ It is sunny.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ There are a lot of roads.



3. Which of these best describes New York?

- \_\_\_\_\_ a small city       a busy city      \_\_\_\_\_ a country town

4. New York has more \_\_\_\_\_ than any other American city.

- \_\_\_\_\_ statues       people      \_\_\_\_\_ buses

## Thinking Further

- Would you like to visit New York? Why or why not?
- What would you nickname New York?
- When people are new to America, why do you think they go to New York?

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## Reading Skills

1. What might you see in Pennsylvania?

- the Liberty Bell  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the Statue of Liberty  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the Liberty Well



2. Philadelphia is a city where famous people signed

- \_\_\_\_\_ baseball cards.       important papers.      \_\_\_\_\_ art.

3. Who is Pennsylvania named after?

- William Penn  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sylvia Penn  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ben Franklin

4. Which of these is NOT a city in Pennsylvania?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pittsburgh      \_\_\_\_\_ Philadelphia       Penn City

## Thinking Further

- Would you learn a lot by going to Philadelphia? Why or why not?
- What are two words to describe Pennsylvania?
- Tell what you know about the Declaration of Independence.

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# Answer Key

## Reading Skills

1. Mount Rushmore has \_\_\_\_\_ faces carved out of stone.

\_\_\_\_\_ three

\_\_\_\_\_ two

four



2. The Badlands are

\_\_\_\_\_ bad.

\_\_\_\_\_ good.

filled with gorges.

3. Whose faces are carved in Mount Rushmore?

\_\_\_\_\_ hikers

presidents

\_\_\_\_\_ athletes

4. What is a mesa?

\_\_\_\_\_ a desert

\_\_\_\_\_ a lake

a hill with a flat top

## Thinking Further

1. Would you want to see Mount Rushmore? Why or why not?

2. Do you think it would be hard to carve people's heads out of stone? Why or why not?

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## Reading Skills

1. What president was born in Virginia?

George Washington

\_\_\_\_\_ George Bush

\_\_\_\_\_ King George



2. What was the name of the first English town?

Jamestown

\_\_\_\_\_ Jimstown

3. The first English \_\_\_\_\_ was built in Virginia.

\_\_\_\_\_ town \_\_\_\_\_  
park town barn

## Thinking Further

1. Would you like to visit Virginia? Why or why not?

2. What do you think you might see in an old fashioned town like Williamsburg?

3. In the second paragraph, it says that Jamestown was founded in 1607. What do you think *founded* means?

Possible answer: started; begun

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## Reading Skills

1. Winters in Minnesota can be so cold that wet hair turns to

\_\_\_\_\_ snow.

ice.

\_\_\_\_\_ dark.



2. Where might you go swimming in Minnesota?

lakes

\_\_\_\_\_ parks

\_\_\_\_\_ oceans

3. The cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul are known as the

\_\_\_\_\_ "Double Cities."

"Twin Cities."

\_\_\_\_\_ "Chilly Cities."

4. Fishing and boating are fun to do in Minnesota during the

\_\_\_\_\_ winter.

summer.

## Thinking Further

1. Would you want to visit Minnesota? Why or why not?

2. What are two words that describe Minnesota?

3. If you lived in Minnesota, would you like summer or winter better? Why?

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## Reading Skills

1. The city of Denver is \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky.

\_\_\_\_\_ low

high

\_\_\_\_\_ blue



2. Some people come to this state to

ski.

\_\_\_\_\_ surf.

\_\_\_\_\_ see fish.

3. What is the capital of Colorado?

\_\_\_\_\_ Rocky Mountain

\_\_\_\_\_ Mile City

Denver

## Thinking Further

1. Would you like to ski, bike, or raft in Colorado? Why?

2. What are two words to describe Colorado?

3. What does the red star by Denver on the map mean?

It means that Denver is the capital of Colorado.



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# Answer Key

## Reading Skills

1. Why do people come to see the Grand Canyon?

- \_\_\_\_\_ the sunshine
- the shapes of the rocks
- \_\_\_\_\_ the food



2. What are some things you can do at the Grand Canyon?

- look for fossils
- \_\_\_\_\_ take a train ride
- \_\_\_\_\_ make soap

3. How many people visit the Grand Canyon every year?

- millions
- \_\_\_\_\_ thousands
- \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds

## Thinking Further

1. Would you like to see the Grand Canyon? Why or why not?
2. What are two words to describe the Grand Canyon?
3. How does the author feel about Arizona? How do you know?

*Possible answer: The author likes it. The first sentence says that Arizona is a great place.*

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## Words to Know

1. duck  
dog  
did
2. for  
fish  
from
3. grass  
green  
go
4. bowl  
bee  
big
5. call  
can't  
cold
6. water  
wet  
won't
7. pond  
put  
play
8. foot  
farm  
for
9. can  
class  
corn
10. hop  
hat  
him
11. road  
run  
red
12. sun  
son  
sit
13. pull  
push  
pail
14. soft  
set  
says
15. sleep  
slip  
sled

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## Words to Know

1. snap  
snail  
snore
2. has  
hand  
her
3. pine  
penny  
pinch
4. was  
wing  
wish
5. fox  
for  
from
6. dinner  
dime  
don't
7. am  
apple  
ape
8. want  
wish  
will
9. whale  
wink  
what
10. friend  
feet  
from
11. fly  
try  
fun
12. sun  
star  
skip
13. kit  
kite  
kiss
14. gift  
give  
get
15. string  
step  
skunk

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## Contractions



1. do not don't
2. let us let's
3. will not won't
4. was not wasn't
5. is not isn't
6. that is that's
7. can not can't
8. did not didn't
9. I will I'll

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# Answer Key

## Lost Letters

1. Why does Little Duck want to fly?

He wants to see the blue sky.



2. How can he fly?

With his wings.



3. Do boys and girls have wings?

Not that I can see.



4. Do fish have wings?

No, but they have fins.



5. Can Little Duck dive?

Yes, he can dive.



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## Lost Letters

1. What animal did Carolyn pick?

She picked a kitten.



2. How did the kitten feel?

The new kitten felt soft.



3. What kind of pets do most people have?

Most people have cats or dogs.



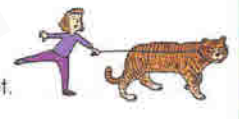
4. Do some people have different pets?

Max has a pet frog and a pet turtle.



5. Would a tiger make a good pet?

No, a tiger wouldn't make a good pet.



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## Words to Know

1.



hall  
home  
hop

2.



bear  
bee  
big

3.



pat  
pet  
pit

4.



green  
great  
good

5.



bench  
boat  
belt

6.



like  
love  
log

7.



to  
two  
toe

8.



bend  
back  
bath

9.



big  
bring  
bow

10.



bars  
bug  
birds

11.



call  
can't  
can

12.



land  
lick  
lip

13.



can  
cage  
call

14.



play  
pan  
pin

15.



ran  
run  
rock

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