

Reading comprehension

1. GOING HOME

William is going home with the present for his sister. Near his house he meets his friend George. George comes up to William and William asks him:

‘Can you tell me what I have in this basket?’

‘Apples?’ says George.

‘No’ says William.

‘Pears?’

‘No,’ says William again. ‘It’s a little cat for my sister Diana. It’s a birthday present from her friend Mrs. Romford.’

‘May I look at it?’ asks George.

‘No, I mustn’t open the basket. I must give it to Diane,’ answers William.

‘Oh, please, William, may I have a little look?’

‘All right then. You can have a little look,’ says William.

George opens the basket and puts his finger into it. But the little cat has good little teeth. George pulls out his finger and the cat jumps out of the basket and runs away.

Answer these questions:

1. Where is William going?
2. What is he carrying in his hand?
3. Where does he meet his friend George?
4. What does George want to do?
5. What does he open?
6. Where does he put his finger?
7. What does the cat do?

2. A PRESENT FOR DIANA’S BIRTHDAY

William is walking down the street. He sees a woman with a basket in her hand. She is Mrs. Romford, his sister’s friend. She comes up to him.

‘Hello, Mrs. Romford,’ says William.

‘Hello, William,’ Mrs. Romford answers. ‘Are you going home now?’

‘Yes, I am,’ says William.

‘Will you give this to your sister, please? It’s a present from me for her birthday. But don’t open the basket, please. There is a little cat in it.’

‘All right,’ says William and he takes the basket.

‘You must give it to your sister Diana,’ Mrs. Romford says, ‘but you mustn’t open it in the street.’

Answer these questions:

1. Is William walking in the park?
2. Who does he see in the street?
3. What has Mrs. Romford got in her hands?
4. Who is Mrs. Romford?
5. What does she ask William to do?
6. What mustn't William do? Why?
7. What is there in the basket?

3. IN THE VILLAGE

William and George are in the country. They can see a lot of people on the road.

'What's going on?' William asks.

'Let's have a look,' says George.

'A donkey is standing on the road!' an old farmer tells them.

Then the donkey's master comes.

'You must move your donkey,' the policeman tells him.

The farmer pulls and the policeman pushes, but the donkey doesn't move. The boys laugh and laugh but the donkey's master is very angry, because he can't move his donkey.

'What can we do?' the policeman asks.

'Give him a carrot,' William says.

'That's a good idea,' the farmer says and he gives the donkey a carrot. The donkey follows his master down the road. Everybody laughs.

Answer these questions:

1. Where are William and George?
2. What can they see on the road?
3. Where is the donkey standing?
4. What does the farmer do with the donkey?
5. Who helps the farmer move the donkey?
6. Why is the donkey's master angry?
7. What does the farmer give the donkey?