

What is a panda?

- There are two kinds of pandas. One panda is the size of a large cat. It is called the little panda.
- Another panda looks like a bear in a clown suit. It has a white coat with black arms and legs. Its white face has a black spot around each eye. This panda is 6 feet tall. It is called the giant panda.
- The giant panda lives far away. Its home is in the mountains of China. No other animals try to hurt this panda. It eats leaves and young plants. Sometimes it will catch a fish or eat a bird's egg.
- In a zoo, giant pandas drink from a pan. They pick up the pan with both paws. Sometimes food falls on their fur. They lick each spot clean. Pandas also like to lie on their backs to eat.
- Giant pandas are hard to find. They don't understand that we would like to know them better.



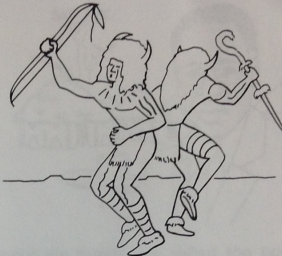
Mark the circle (○) beside the right answer.

- The little panda is about the size of a _____.
 bear fish cat clown
- Which word in paragraph 3 means very high hills?
 far mountains animals leaves
- The story does not tell about the panda's _____.
 size color food babies
- Which paragraph tells the colors of the giant panda?
 1 2 3 4 5
- GIANT means almost the same as LARGE. Little means almost the same as _____.
 tall clean small big
- Giant pandas never eat fish. True False
 Giant pandas live in China. True False
- Leaves can have the following meanings. Mark the meaning used in paragraph 3.
 goes away parts of a plant

Name _____

Why did the Indians paint their bodies?

- The early Plains Indians were fighters and hunters. They often used war paint. They put it on before a fight to scare the other side. They also thought that war paint brought them good luck.
- The big buffalo hunt was another important time. The men wanted a good hunt. Then everyone would have enough to eat. So the Indians had a buffalo dance before the big hunt. They painted their faces and bodies for the dance.
- The Indians used paint at other times, too. They might need rain. Someone might be sick. Or a boy would be old enough to be a brave.
- Colors for the paint were found everywhere. The Indians got yellow and blue from roots or berries. Clay from the ground came in red, brown, or yellow. A burned stick was used to make black.
- We still paint ourselves today. Look around you. The paint is different. But it is there.



Mark the circle (○) beside the right answer.

- The Indians used _____ to make red or brown colors.
 fire clay berries sticks
- Which word in paragraph 5 means not the same?
 still around different there
- The story does not tell about the Indians' _____.
 fighting painting dancing singing
- Which paragraph tells why a good hunt was important?
 1 2 3 4 5
- COME is the opposite of GO. Good is the opposite of _____.
 early luck bad old
- We still paint ourselves today. True False
 Indians used paint if someone was sick. True False
- Ground can have the following meanings. Mark the meaning used in paragraph 4.
 cut up into very small pieces earth or dirt

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- If this people...
 - we would not use
 - both A and B

Name _____

How did Alex Haley change America?

- 1 Roots are part of a tree. They hold the tree in the ground. A tree needs roots to live and grow. People have roots, too. Their roots are their families.
- 2 Alex Haley wanted to know about his roots. So he tried to learn all about his family. He spent 12 years at it. He even found the village in Africa where his family had started.
- 3 Then Alex Haley wrote a book about his family. He called the book *Roots*. Many people read it. A TV show was made from the book. Even more people saw the show.
- 4 Suddenly people wanted to know more about their roots. They began asking their grandparents questions. They looked up their family names in old books. Some people even visited the countries where their families had come from. After all, most American families began someplace else. Only the Indians have their roots here.



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1. Alex Haley wanted to learn about _____.
 his family TV books trees
2. Which word in paragraph 2 means a very small town?
 years roots family village
3. The story tells about Alex Haley's _____.
 grandmother book job friends
4. Which paragraph tells what people's roots are?
 1 2 3 4
5. HERE is the opposite of THERE. Ask is the opposite of _____.
 begin write answer learn
6. Alex Haley's family came from Africa. True False
Most Americans have their roots in America. True False
7. The story does not say, but we can decide that _____.
 Alex Haley is not well known writing a book is easy
 finding out about your roots can take a long time

Is there a dog that does not bark?

- 1 Only one kind of dog does not bark. This dog is the basenji (buh-SEN-jee). It comes from Africa. The basenji can make a strange sound. But it never barks.
- 2 The basenji belongs to the hound family. A hound's job is to find an animal for a hunter. Some hounds find the animal by using their eyes. Other hounds find the animal by smelling. The basenji is one that uses its nose. In Africa, it hunts with a bell around its neck.
- 3 Most hounds have long ears that hang down. The basenji's short ears are pointed and stand up straight. Its coat is black and white or tan and white. The basenji also has a curled-up tail.
- 4 People like the basenji's face. It has lines, or wrinkles, above the eyes. These wrinkles give the basenji a puzzled look. Maybe it is wondering why it can't bark.



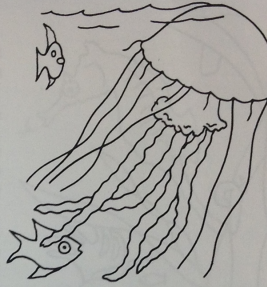
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1. The basenji dog has ____ ears.
 pointed long round curled-up
2. Which word in paragraph 3 means very light brown?
 black tan white tail
3. The story does not tell about the basenji's _____.
 food color tail job
4. Which paragraph tells where the basenji has wrinkles?
 1 2 3 4
5. BIG is the opposite of LITTLE. Long is the opposite of _____.
 strange kind short puzzled
6. The basenji belongs to the hound family. True False
The basenji uses only its eyes to hunt animals. True False
7. The story does not say, but we can decide that in Africa the basenji wears a bell _____.
 to scare animals so the hunters know where the dog is
 because the dog looks pretty with the bell

Name _____

What is a jellyfish?

- 1 Many animals have bones. But the jellyfish can live without any bones at all. The jellyfish is a sea animal. It looks like a blob of jelly. The jelly holds the jellyfish together.
- 2 One kind of jellyfish looks like an open umbrella. Long strings hang down from the inside. These strings have stingers. The jellyfish stings small sea animals with them. Then water carries this food into its mouth.
- 3 The jellyfish can swim. It just opens and closes its body. This pushes it along in the water. But sometimes a jellyfish is washed up on land. Then it dries up and dies.
- 4 Some jellyfish are as small as an egg. Others may be as wide as a car. They may be yellow, orange, pink, or blue. Or they may have no color at all. One jellyfish even shines in the dark. There are over 200 kinds of jellyfish. And not one of them has a bone.



Mark the circle (○) beside the right answer.

1. If the jellyfish is washed up on land, it will _____.
 shine live sink dry up
2. Which word in paragraph 1 means a lump?
 sea bones blob jelly
3. The story does not tell about the jellyfish's _____.
 stingers eggs size color
4. Which paragraph tells how the jellyfish gets its food?
 1 2 3 4
5. UP is the opposite of DOWN. Opens is the opposite of _____.
 closes needs hangs pushes
6. The jellyfish stings small sea animals. True False
The jellyfish opens and closes its body to swim. True False
7. The story does not say, but we can decide that the jellyfish cannot live without _____.
 bones water colors shining

e. If this part
a. people w
b. we would not us
c. both A and B
d. both A and B
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