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Amazing Babies

by Lelia Novak

When a blue whale calf is born, it weighs as much as 5,000 pounds. That's half the weight of a full-grown elephant! The mother whale feeds her calf by squirting milk into its mouth. The mother can squirt 33 gallons (125 liters) of milk at a time—enough milk to fill a bathtub!

Not all large mothers have large babies. A polar bear weighs as much as 650 pounds (295 kilograms), but her cub weighs less than a pound and a half. It is about the size of a guinea pig. The cub huddles close to its mother for warmth and milk. In three months, the cub is ready to face the cold winds of the arctic spring.

A newborn kangaroo is barely bigger than a baked bean. It must seek the protection of its mother's pouch as soon as it is born. Using its tiny front claws, the baby crawls up the mother's fur into the pouch. There it drinks milk and grows. Six months later, it emerges from the pouch a full-sized joey (baby kangaroo) ready to hop and explore.

1. What is this passage mainly about?

- A. food that baby animals eat
- B. animal babies and their mothers
- C. how baby animals travel
- D. where baby animals live

2. The author compares how big a baby blue whale is to

- A. a house
 - B. an automobile
 - C. a bear
 - D. an elephant
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3. The passage says that the polar bear is different from the whale. How is it different?

- A. The baby of the whale is larger.
 - B. The polar bear weighs more.
 - C. The polar bear gives more milk.
 - D. The baby of the whale is smaller.
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4. What is the FIRST thing a kangaroo does after it is born?

- A. hops off to explore on its own
 - B. goes off to find food
 - C. climbs into its mother's pouch
 - D. finds friends to play with
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5. As used in the passage, what is the meaning of the word huddles?

- A. eats near by
 - B. plays with
 - C. gets close to
 - D. climbs on top of
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Johnny's Room

“JOHNNY!!!!!!”

Oh no—that’s Mama yelling!

Is it your dirty sock mountain she has been smelling?

Could it be your room is a mess?

Johnny, please do confess!

Baseball cards stuck to banana peels hiding with cracker crumbs under the clothes pile

Dust bunnies, crumpled paper, crayons and toy critters line Johnny’s sticky, sloppy mile

Mama is mad and standing with her shovel!

Where are you Johnny—boy are you in trouble!

“JOHNNY!!!!!!”

Mama yells again, and this time Johnny finally appears

She hands him the big shovel, and smiling she says, “Start digging through your mess, my dear!”

6. When does Johnny finally appear before his mother?

- A. after she yells once
 - B. after she yells twice
 - C. after Johnny has the shovel
 - D. after Johnny confesses
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7. What mood is Mama in when she is standing with her shovel?

- A. angry
 - B. happy
 - C. sad
 - D. pleased
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8. What has Mama been smelling?

- A. dust bunnies
 - B. crayons
 - C. dirty socks
 - D. crackers
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9. What did Johnny do?

- A. He broke some toys in the room.
 - B. He forgot to clean his room.
 - C. He left crackers out on his floor.
 - D. He came home late for dinner.
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10. What will Johnny most likely do next?

- A. make a bigger mess
 - B. try to hide from Mama
 - C. start cleaning up his room
 - D. ask Mama to help him
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How Giraffe's Neck Got So Long

Long ago, when all animals were friends, Giraffe's neck was only as long as a horse's neck. This was not a problem because there were plenty of leafy plants that were easy for Giraffe to reach. But then the climate changed, and Giraffe had to move to a different homeland.

"I am a guest here," he thought. "I cannot take the best food for myself and leave my hosts without the food that they need. I should try to eat only the food that the other animals cannot reach."

Giraffe wanted to figure out how to get the leaves at the top of the trees. He tried to climb the trees, but his hooves couldn't get a good hold on the bark. Then he tried to fly to the treetops, like his friends the birds, but he had no wings.

Each day, he worked to reach the leaves. Finally, he devised a plan. He decided to eat the leaves off only one tree. Each day, he stretched his neck just a little bit to reach the leaves that had been too far away the day before. At the end of a week, he could feel his neck muscles loosening as he stretched them.

The other animals noticed the change in Giraffe. They asked, "Are you getting taller, or are we getting smaller?" When Giraffe explained what he had been doing, the other animals were pleased. They said, "What a good guest you are! As long as you eat only the high leaves, you will always be welcome in our land."

Giraffe thanked his hosts and to this day he has eaten only the leaves at the top of the trees.

11. Which of the following is an opinion about Giraffe?

- A. Giraffe is the nicest of all animals.
 - B. Giraffe had to move to a new land.
 - C. Giraffe eats leaves high in the tree.
 - D. Giraffe tried to climb the trees.
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12. How does Giraffe look at the beginning of the passage?

- A. His legs are bigger.
 - B. His neck is shorter.
 - C. His body has wings.
 - D. His hooves are less slippery.
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13. This passage is an example of a

- A. letter.
 - B. poem.
 - C. folk tale.
 - D. report.
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14. How did the other animals feel when they found out why Giraffe was changing?

- A. angry
 - B. amused
 - C. confused
 - D. delighted
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15. What does Giraffe eat?

- A. bark
 - B. leaves
 - C. grass
 - D. birds
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Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

How are you? I am doing fine. What's new? I've been enjoying my summer. I have a paper route to earn some extra money. I am putting some of it in the college fund that you started for me.

Besides my paper route, I've been taking swimming lessons from Uncle Vincent. I asked him to help me with my front crawl. I always seem to get water in my nose and mouth whenever I do that stroke. I'm really good at swimming the backstroke and the dog paddle. And, if I ever get into any real trouble in the water, I can always tread water.

How's the weather in Florida? Here in Georgia it's been very warm. To keep cool, I've been running through the sprinkler and drinking lots of lemonade. I'm thinking of opening a lemonade stand after my swimming lesson today.

School starts in about four weeks. I'm going to be in 3rd grade. Can you believe it? My teacher will be Mrs. Reese. I have heard that she is very nice and makes you work really hard. I will do my best to make you proud of me.

Mom says that if I keep my grades up that I can take flute lessons at school. I want to be able to play a song or two for you when you come for the holidays. I can't wait to see the two of you. You might not be able to recognize me! Maybe, I'll wear a nametag! I've grown two inches and I have grown my hair to my shoulders. Finally, Mom has let me grow my hair to where I want it. Now, I can wear my fancy barrettes and put my hair in a ponytail.

Well, that's all for now. Give each other a hug from me. Keep healthy and keep safe.

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16. Which of the following BEST describes this passage?

- A. fiction
 - B. nonfiction
 - C. letter
 - D. folktale
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17. What can the reader find out about Marybeth's grandparents from this passage?

- A. They are good swimmers.
 - B. They play musical instruments.
 - C. They like to drink lemonade.
 - D. They live in Florida.
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18. Who is teaching Marybeth to swim?

- A. Mrs. Reese
 - B. Uncle Vincent
 - C. her grandparents
 - D. her mother
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19. Which BEST completes the analogy? Flute is to musical instruments as lemonade is to

- A. refreshing drinks.
 - B. hot afternoons.
 - C. fresh lemons.
 - D. drinking glasses.
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20. What is the purpose of this passage?

- A. to tell an entertaining tale
 - B. to teach a lesson
 - C. to describe things that have happened
 - D. to convince someone to do something
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21. Which of the following is a compound word?

- A. backstroke
 - B. swimmer
 - C. paddle
 - D. barrettes
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