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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.

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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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Read this story about Calvin's race and then answer the questions that follow.

Calvin Wins

The starter yelled to the runners, "Take your lanes!" Calvin slowly walked up to lane six, the outside lane. Although this lane wasn't the best position, Calvin felt good about the race.

Calvin looked at the faces of the other runners. They looked like they wanted to win too. But Calvin knew he could win because he had worked hard. He was ready.

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- D. Calvin showed Lou a picture.
8. Why did Calvin think he could win the race?
- A. He took off like a shot.
B. The other runners looked nervous.
C. He had worked very hard.
D. He was in lane six, a good position.
9. Which word in the passage means almost the same as *location*?
- A. trophy
B. position
C. outside
D. winner

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

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

10. 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

11. What mood is Mama in when she is standing with her shovel?

- A. angry
- B. happy
- C. sad
- D. pleased

12. What has Mama been smelling?

- A. dust bunnies
- B. crayons
- C. dirty socks
- D. crackers

13. 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.

14. 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

Sometimes children are made to do things they do not wish to do. “My Mom Made Me Go To Camp” tells how one child felt about going to camp. Read it and answer the questions.

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from **My Mom Made Me Go to Camp**

by Judith Delton

“Camp,” I said. “I’m not old enough to go to camp.”

“Sure you are,” said my mom. “Camp is fun. You will weave baskets and swim and fish and learn the names of wildflowers. You will put up a tent and gather firewood. You will roast hot dogs and marshmallows over an open fire.”

The marshmallows sounded like fun.

The grass got greener. The sun got warmer. Flowers started coming up in our yard. And school was out. I knew it was summer.

“We have to shop for your camp things,” said my mother.

“What things?” I said.

“Shoes and a swimsuit and a sleeping bag. Shorts and bug spray and a first-aid kit.”

“I don’t want to sleep in a sleeping bag. I hate bugs. And I don’t want any first aid.”

“You’ll have a good time,” said my mother. “We have a lot to do. I have to sew labels in all your clothes.”

“Don’t they know who I am?” I cried. “I don’t want to be labeled!”

“That’s just in case they lose your things,” she said.

“Or if they lose ME,” I muttered.

Soon it was time to go to camp. It was pouring rain. I didn’t know anybody. And my new sneakers gave me a blister.

“Good-by!” called my mother, outside of the bus window. “Have a good time! Don’t go into deep

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water! Be careful near the fire! Take your vitamin pill! Write me a postcard!”

The bus started and soon my mother was just a little dot in front of the drugstore. I was on my way to camp.

15. The child went to camp in the

- A. fall.
- B. spring.
- C. winter.
- D. summer.

16. Look at the words below. How are they alike?

we you me anybody

- A. They are words that tell WHO.
- B. They are words that tell WHEN.
- C. They are DESCRIBING words.
- D. They are ACTION words.

17. This story is mostly about a

- A. camper trying to put up a tent.
- B. child getting ready to go to camp.
- C. bus driver taking children on a trip.
- D. mother shopping for shoes and shorts.

18. Which word sounds like *write* but has a different meaning?

- A. rate
- B. wait
- C. right
- D. white

19. A COMPOUND word is a new word made of two other words. Which word is a compound word?

- A. window
- B. sleeping

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C. firewood

D. sneakers

20. "My mother was *just a little dot in front of the drugstore.*" This sentence means that the mother

A. was hidden in the crowd of people.

B. looked in the drugstore at all the small things.

C. was left behind and soon forgotten.

D. looked tiny because she was so far away.

21. Which word means the OPPOSITE of *colder*?

A. roast

B. fire

C. deep

D. warmer

22. Which word has three syllables?

A. baskets

B. firewood

C. wildflowers

D. anybody