

Name _____

decide	different	friendship	glance
proper	relationship	stares	trade

A. Read each clue below. Then find the vocabulary word on the right that matches the clue. Draw a line from the clue to the word.

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| 1. look at quickly | _____ | a. proper |
| 2. not the same | _____ | b. friendship |
| 3. correct | _____ | c. decide |
| 4. looks at for a long time | _____ | d. trade |
| 5. make up your mind | _____ | e. glance |
| 6. being pals | _____ | f. different |
| 7. give one thing for another | _____ | g. relationship |
| 8. a connection with someone | _____ | h. stares |

B. Choose one vocabulary word from the box above. Write the word in a sentence of your own.

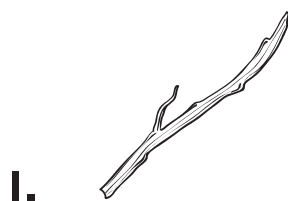
Possible response provided.

9. **The dog stares at the cat.**

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Two letters can be blended together, such as **cl**, **dr**, **sk**, **sl**, and **st**. Listen to the beginning sounds in **slip** and the ending sounds in **best**.

A. Look at the picture. Write the missing blend for each word.



_____ **st** ick

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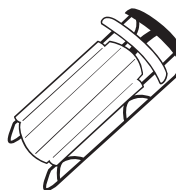
ma _____ **sk**

3.



_____ **cl** ock

4.



_____ **sl** ed

5.



ca _____ **st**

6.



_____ **dr** ess

When two consonants come between two vowels, you divide the word between the two consonants to find the syllables.

B. Divide each word into syllables. Write the syllables on the lines provided.

7. velvet _____ **vel** _____ **vet**

8. contest _____ **con** _____ **test**

9. picnic _____ **pic** _____ **nic**

10. sudden _____ **sud** _____ **den**

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Read the passage. Ask and answer questions as you read to check your understanding.

A Pet of His Own

Jeff lived with his family and their three pets. His
10 sister Kim had a bird. His brother Rick had two mice.
21 Jeff wanted a pet of his own. “May I get a snake?” he
34 asked his parents. He was polite because he knew good
44 manners were important.

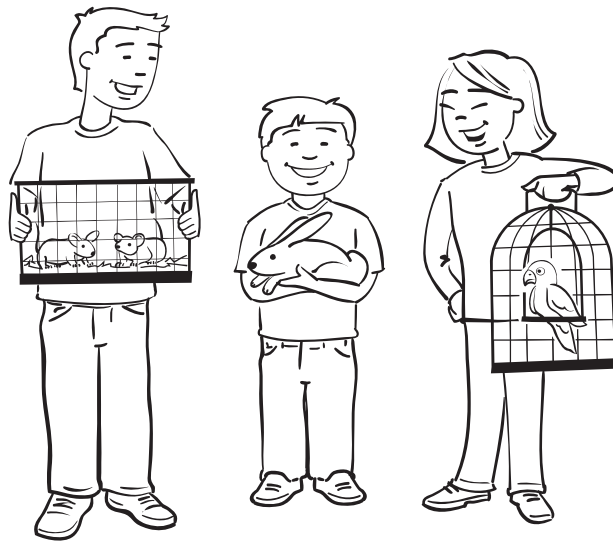
47 “A snake will eat my bird,” shrieked Kim loudly. Her
57 yell upset her bird. The bird started to chirp.

66 Jeff had another idea. “May I get a cat?” he asked
77 politely.

78 “A cat will eat my bird,” cried Kim.

86 “And a cat will eat my mice,” said Rick.

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95 Jeff was stumped by his pet problem and didn't know
105 how to solve it. He wanted a pet that was different and
117 unique. There was already one bird and two mice. He
127 couldn't get a snake or a cat. What kind of pet wouldn't
139 disturb or upset the others?

144 Then one day Jeff saw an ad for a rabbit. This pet was
157 different. This pet could get along with the others.

166 Jeff's parents got him the rabbit. He was so thrilled to
177 have a pet of his own that he shouted for joy.

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A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.

1. Who were the characters in the story?

The characters in the story were Jeff, Kim, Rick, and their parents.

2. Where did the story take place?

The story took place in the home where Jeff lived with his family.

3. What event took place at the end of the story?

Jeff got a pet rabbit.

B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to how your voice rises and falls as you speak naturally. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.

	Words Read	–	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		–		=	
Second Read		–		=	

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Read the selection. Complete the Character, Setting, Events chart.

Character	Setting	Events

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A. Read the draft model. Use the questions that follow the draft to help you use more precise words.

Draft Model

My kitten is a good size for my family’s small apartment. She can sleep on my lap. She has nice fur. My kitten likes to be outside and so do I.

1. What size is the kitten?
2. What color is the kitten’s fur? How does it feel?
3. What does the kitten like to do outside?

B. Now revise the draft by replacing general words with more precise, interesting words about the kitten.

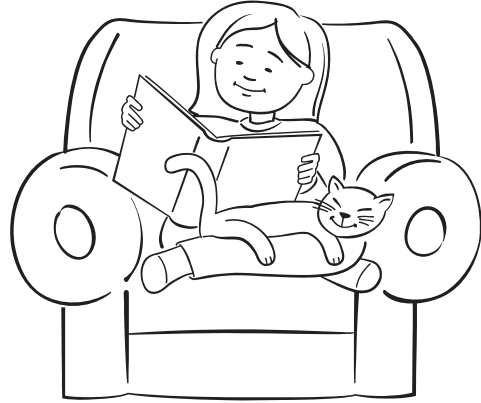
Answers will vary but should include precise words about the kitten’s

size, fur, and outside activities.

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The Perfect Reading Partner

Reading was not easy for Lizzie. One day, her cat Gumbo jumped in her lap while she was reading. Lizzie read aloud to Gumbo. She did not make one mistake. Gumbo was a great listener!



Answer the questions about the text.

1. How can you tell that this text is fiction?

It is a made-up story about Lizzie and her cat. It has a beginning,

middle, and end.

2. What happens at the beginning of the story?

Lizzie's cat jumps on her lap.

3. What happens in the middle?

Lizzie reads aloud to her cat.

4. What happens at the end?

Lizzie reads without making a mistake.

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Look at this example of **context clues**. The underlined words explain what *polite* means.

He was **polite** because he knew good manners were important.

Read each sentence. Then circle the meaning of the word in bold print that makes sense. Underline the context clues.

1. "A snake will eat my bird," **shrieked** Kim loudly.

yelled

whispered

2. Jeff was **stumped** by his pet problem and didn't know how to solve it.

happy

confused

3. He wanted a pet that was different and **unique**.

the same

not like others

4. What kind of pet wouldn't **disturb** or upset the others?

bother

enjoy

5. He was so **thrilled** to have a pet of his own that he shouted for joy.

angry

excited

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Reread “A Pet of His Own.” Write about how the author used character, setting, events. Use the words and picture to complete the sentences. Possible responses provided.

1. In the beginning of the story, the author tells us that the main character lives with his family and three pets. He wants a pet of his own

2. In the middle of the story, Kim and Rick say he can't have a snake or cat; Jeff needs a pet that won't upset the other animals

3. At the end of the story, Jeff gets a rabbit. All the people and animals are happy

4. The author organized the events in this order to show Jeff's steps to finding the best pet for himself and the others

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