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WORKBOOK

The Elephant's Child

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Reading Activities

[Chapter 1] So Many Questions!

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think it is good to ask a lot of questions? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 9. What animals do you see?
- 3 Who do you think will ask many questions?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What did elephants have many, many years ago?

- a. No noses
- b. Short little noses
- c. Long trunks

B. Match the question to the animal the elephant's child asked.

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| 1. "Why do you have so many spots?" | • | • Aunt Ostrich |
| 2. "Why are your eyes red?" | • | • Uncle Giraffe |
| 3. "Why do you have such long tail feathers?" | • | • Uncle Baboon |
| 4. "Why do melons taste so good?" | • | • Aunt Hippo |

[Chapter 2] Walking to the Gray-Green River

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Who do you think will walk to the gray-green river?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 12. What animals are talking together?
- 3 What do you think they are talking about?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

Why did the elephant's child need a lot of food?

- a. Because he was strong
- b. Because he was very hungry
- c. Because he was going on a long trip

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. First, ____ 2. Next, ____ 3. After that, ____ 4. In the end, ____

- a. the elephant's child saw many beautiful things as he walked along.
- b. the elephant's child asked the python a question.
- c. the elephant's child said goodbye to his family.
- d. the elephant's child found the crocodile.

[Chapter 3] The Crocodile's Secret

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 In this chapter, the crocodile says he has a secret. Why do you think he says this?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 15. What is the elephant's child doing?
- 3 How do you think the crocodile is feeling?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What did the elephant's child ask the crocodile?

- a. He asked the crocodile what he eats for dinner.
- b. He asked the crocodile to tell him a secret.
- c. He asked the crocodile to come closer to him.

B. Write the information in the right place.

★ asked a question

★ said he had a secret

★ got down on his knees

★ bit the short little nose

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[Chapter 4] Pull Hard!

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think the crocodile will try to do?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 17. What is happening?
- 3 Do you think the python is trying to help the elephant's child? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

Why did the python follow the elephant's child?

- a. He was hoping to eat him for dinner.
- b. He was worried something bad would happen.
- c. He was going to ask him a question.

B. Write the information in the right sentence.

elephant's nose / into the mud tied himself / back legs
pulled / crocodile

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The elephant's child _____, and the _____ pulled the other way.



The python _____ around the elephant child's _____.



The crocodile let go of the _____ and sank back _____.

[Chapter 5] The New Trunk

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think the elephant's child will like his new trunk? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 19. What is the elephant's child doing with his trunk?
- 3 How do you think the elephant's child is feeling?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

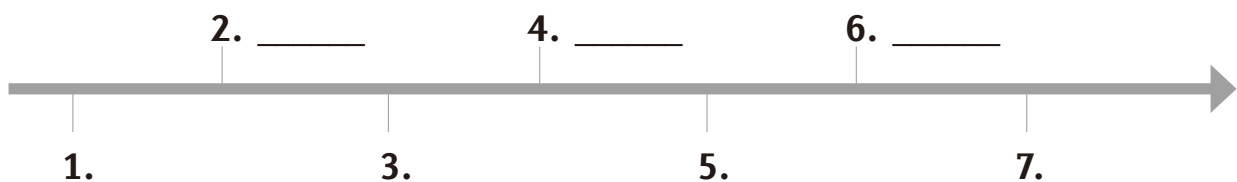
What happened to the elephant's child's nose?

- a. The crocodile bit it off.
- b. It fell off on the third day.
- c. It got stretched into a long trunk.

B. Write the information in the right place.

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| a. starts to like his new nose | b. waits for three days |
| c. says good-bye to the python | d. uses his new trunk to kill a fly |
| e. says he missed his family | f. says his nose hurt |
| g. uses his new trunk to eat grass | |

The elephant's child . . .



[Chapter 6] Singing and Trumpeting

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 In this chapter, the elephant's child sings a song. Why do you think he does that?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 22. What do you think the elephant's child is doing?
- 3 Does the elephant's child like doing this? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What surprised the elephant's child?

- a. His new laugh
- b. His new voice
- c. His new song

B. Put a check next to the things the elephant's child did with his new trunk.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ate grass as he walked | <input type="checkbox"/> bathed himself in cool mud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> waved hello to different friends | <input type="checkbox"/> practiced trumpeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spoke to birds flying above him | <input type="checkbox"/> picked fruit from the trees |

[Chapter 7] Home Again!

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think the elephant's child will be happy to be home again? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 25. What do you think is happening?
- 3 How do you think the animals are feeling?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What did the elephant's child do before he saw his family?

- a. He practiced what he would say to them.
- b. He rolled up his nose.
- c. He trumpeted very loudly.

B. Put the elephant's child's actions in order from 1 to 7.

- He pulled Uncle Giraffe's tail. _____
- He swatted everyone on the bum. _____
- He picked melons and bananas. _____
- He squirted mud all over everyone. _____
- He squirted water into his own mouth. _____
- He grabbed bunches of grass and sticks of sugar cane. _____
- He used a feather to tickle Aunt Hippopotamus. _____

[Chapter 8] Father's Solution

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think Father Elephant's solution might be?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 28. What is the crocodile doing?
- 3 Do you think the elephants look happy? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What does the crocodile like to eat?

- a. Melons and bananas
- b. Bananas and apples
- c. Grapes and melons

B. Write T for True or F for False.

1. The elephant's child gathered bananas, melons, and sugar cane. _____
2. The elephants went to visit the python. _____
3. The crocodile lay in the mud, fast asleep. _____
4. The crocodile was in a good mood. _____
5. Father Elephant's nose became a trunk. _____
6. The crocodile hurt Mother Elephant's nose. _____
7. The elephants were grateful for the crocodile's help. _____
8. The elephants gave the crocodile a lot of food. _____