**Chapter 1 Christmas Eve**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I do. I buy presents for my family and friends.

2. I think they are happy to see the castle.

3. My puppy is the best gift I’ve ever received.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Write the information in the right place.

**Fritz Marie Uncle**

loves to play with soldiers received a wooden doll created a clock castle

**Chapter 2 The Story of the Nutcracker**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think it’s something used for cracking nuts. I’ve never used one.

2. It looks like a toy soldier that has a big mouth for cracking nuts.

3. I think the story could be about a nutcracker that can do some magic.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Write the information in the right sentence.

Uncle held the wooden doll and lifted the lever to open his mouth.

“A long time ago, the nutcracker was a real young man,” said Uncle.

“The young man shrank and turned into this wooden doll.”

**Chapter 3 Prince of the Toys**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think the prince of the toys is the nutcracker.

2. I think Marie’s putting the nutcracker in the display case.

3. My favorite toy is my white bear. It is so soft and fluffy that I love to hug.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Write T for True or F for False.

1. T

2. F

3. F

4. F

5. F

6. T

7. F

**Chapter 4 Attack of the Mouse Army**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. They want to attack because they don’t like the nutcracker.

2. One of the mouse soldiers is biting Marie.

3. I would fight the mice.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Write the information in the right place.

**The Mouse King Marie**

got hit in the face with a slipper was bitten in the arm by a mouse

commanded soldiers to fight shrunk to the size of a toy

wore a crown fell into the arms of the nutcracker

**Chapter 5 Marie’s Illness**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think it’s serious because she’s staying in bed.

2. Marie became ill because she was bitten by a bad mouse.

3. They are peeking to see if Marie is okay or not.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (b) 2. (f) 3.(c) 4. (e) 5. (d) 6. (a)

**Chapter 6 The Mouse King Attacks**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think they will attack at night when Marie goes to sleep.

2. The mouse king and the nutcracker are climbing up the Christmas tree.

3. I think the nutcracker will beat the mouse king.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (d) 4.(c)

**Chapter 7 Kingdom of the Toys**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think the kingdom is full of various toys. Yes, I want to visit.

2. He is asking Marie to marry him.

3. I think Marie will say no because she is too young.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Write T for True or F for False.

1. T

2. T

3. F

4. T

5. F

6. F

7. T

**Chapter 8 Return of the Nutcracker**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. She should have left because she had to go back to her family.

2. He will return and be a young man when the magic time comes back.

3. I think the man is the nutcracker and he’s there to see Marie.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Match the characters and their descriptions.

1. Marie • • killed the Mouse King again

2. The Mouse King • • had his curse broken

3. The nutcracker • • brought a boy to meet Marie

4. Uncle • • fell from the castle window