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SUBMIT

A Zoo Trip

Name _____

Maddie and John were excited about their trip to the zoo with their Grandpa. As they arrived on a sunny summer day, they talked about what animal they should see first. "I want to see the giraffes," Maddie said. Giraffes were her favorite animal. "Well I really want to go see the reptiles," John stated. Maddie got a little angry. "We always do what you want to do John! I don't want to see the reptiles they scare me." Grandpa smiled, "Children, we will have time to see the giraffes, the reptiles and my favorite, the monkeys!" The children laughed. The trio began walking down the path where on their right they saw a large elephant showering himself with his trunk. "Wow!" John exclaimed. After a few minutes the three kept walking until on their left they came to more animals. Cheetahs! Their coats are so pretty!" Maddie said. As the day went on, Maddie, John and grandpa walked all over the zoo having a great time seeing all of the animals. On their way out Grandpa asked, "Okay, what was the best part? Was it the giraffes, the reptiles, the monkeys?" The children thought for a moment. Maddie began, "Grandpa the best part wasn't any of the animals. The best part was seeing them with you."

Answer the following questions about the story.

1. WHO are the main characters in the story?

2. WHAT did grandpa want to see when they arrived?

3. WHERE does this story take place?

4. WHY doesn't Maddie want to see the reptiles?



Name _____

FARM FUN

Read the text THREE times and then answer the questions.

Read It:

On Monday we went on a Field trip to a Farm. I wore a warm scarf and jumper. We saw lots of animals like pigs, cows and chickens. The Farmer let us feed the chickens. We met the Farmer's dog too! The dog's name was Rocky. At the end of the day we got on the bus and sang all the way home! I can't wait to go back to the farm.

ANSWER IT:

- What do you think the weather was like? why?
- Which animals did they see at the farm?
- Which animal did the farmer let them feed?
- What was the Farmer's dog named?
- How did they get home from the farm?

RI2.6 Author's Purpose

Name: _____

Spiders



Most spiders eat insects or sometimes other spiders.

Some larger spiders will prey on mice, small lizards, or small fish.

Spiders that live in webs will use their webs to trap insects. They wrap the trapped insect in their silk and save the tasty insect for later. Spiders that don't live in webs are called ground spiders.

Ground spiders don't trap their food in a web. They hunt insects and small lizards on the ground.



1) What question did the author answer in the paragraph above?

- a) Why do spiders eat insects?
- b) What are Wolf spiders?
- c) Are all spiders poisonous?
- d) What do spiders eat?

2) Pretend you are studying how long spiders live for. Would you use the paragraph above to find that information? Explain your answer.



Sample Item: 2.6 Author's Purpose - Describe, Explain, Answer

POPSICLES!



Do you like popsicles? Did you know they were invented by a kid? Not only were they invented by a kid, but it happened by accident! One night in 1905, an 11 year old boy from California named Frank Epperson made a drink for himself by stirring some soda powder with a cup of water. Later, he left the drink outside and went to bed. With the stick still inside the cup, the drink froze during the cold night. When Frank woke up, he had a frozen drink on a stick!

Frank continued to make them for others and later started selling them. He called them *epsicles*. Later, his own children changed the name to *popsicles*. As you know, popsicles are still very popular today. The cherry popsicle, the most popular flavor, even has its own day. August 26th is National Cherry Popsicle Day.

1. What did Frank do *before* he went to bed that cold night?

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2. Why is the popsicle called an "accidental invention"?

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3. More than 100 years later, popsicle are still popular. Why do you think they are such a popular food? _____

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