

## A Place for Hummingbirds

"Mom, do you think we can get hummingbirds to come to our house?" Carlos asked his mother. "I saw some today on our school field trip to the botanical gardens."

"Sure. Any ideas on how to attract them?" asked Mom.

"A sign at the botanical gardens described the flowers they like," said Carlos.

"Let's check out the flowers on the porch," said mom. There were purple and white petunias in one planter. Yellow marigolds were planted in the other one.

Carlos pointed to the round, puffy marigolds. "These aren't the right shape. The flowers need to be bell-shaped, like these petunias. Their long beaks drink the nectar inside."

"So we have the right flowers?" questioned Mom.

"They're the right shape, but the wrong color. Hummingbirds like flowers that are red. Can we get some red ones at the garden store?"

The next day, Mom brought home some red petunias. Carlos helped her plant them. He watched and watched. No hummingbirds came. Carlos wondered what else they could do. He researched online for ideas.

"Here's what we need," Carlos pointed to the computer screen. "A hummingbird feeder."

The hummingbird feeder looked very different from a regular birdfeeder. It was made of clear and red plastic. It wasn't filled with birdseed. There was clear liquid inside.

"Can we go get one?" Carlos asked.

"Saturday," said Mom. "Have you done all your homework?"

"I am studying hummingbirds. That's science," said Carlos, laughing.

On Saturday, Carlos and his mother bought a hummingbird feeder from the garden store. The feeder came with a simple recipe for hummingbird nectar. They boiled water and added sugar. They let it cool in the fridge. Then they filled the feeder and hung it outside.

"So how long until the hummingbirds come?" Carlos asked.

"Be patient," Mom said.

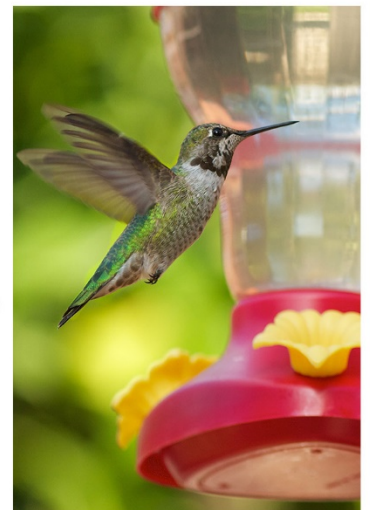
No birds came on Saturday. Carlos thought being patient was boring.

He woke up early on Sunday and went to look at the feeder. Around it were three tiny birds. Their little wings were beating so fast they were a blur. Two dipped their beaks into the feeder. The third bird darted over to a red petunia.

Carlos went to get his mother. When they got back, the birds were gone.

Mom frowned, "I missed them."

"Be patient, Mom," said Carlos. "I'm sure they'll be back, soon." And, of course, Carlos was right.





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<p>Using a timer, see how long it takes you to read the entire story. Record your time below. Ask someone for help.</p> <p>_____ minutes _____ seconds</p>	<p>How does Carlos know which flowers hummingbirds like?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Who are the characters in the story?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Based on the story, what shape flowers do hummingbirds like best?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Where did Carlos go on his field trip?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Why won't the flowers on the porch attract hummingbirds?</p> <p>_____</p>
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<p>Did hummingbirds come after Carlos bought red petunias?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>What did Carlos add to the water to make the hummingbird nectar?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What idea for attracting hummingbirds did Carlos find on the internet?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>On what day did Carlos finally see hummingbirds?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What is one way hummingbird feeders are different from regular bird feeders?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>After reading the story, do you think it is important to be patient when bird watching?</p> <p>_____</p>

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## Superstitions: The Good and the Bad

Are you superstitious? Many people believe that an item or event can cause good or bad things to happen. Superstitions aren't based on facts or science. They don't follow logic. There is no proof that something can bring good luck, or cause bad luck. But that doesn't stop people from being superstitious. Here are some common superstitions.

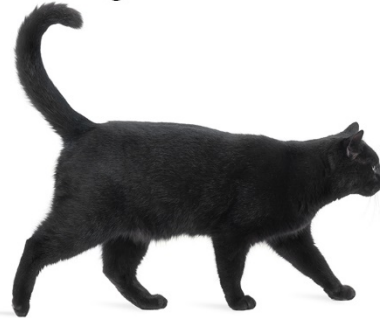
### Superstitions for Good Luck

- Crossing your fingers
- Four-leaf clovers
- Picking up a penny
- Knocking on wood
- Hanging a horseshoe above a door



### Superstitions for Bad Luck

- Friday the 13th and the number 13
- Opening an umbrella indoors
- A black cat crossing your path
- Walking under a ladder
- Breaking a mirror



Superstitions exist around the world. In Denmark, they don't throw out broken dishes. They save them until New Year's Eve. Then, they throw them at their friends' houses to bring them good luck. In China, 4 is an unlucky number. The elevators in some buildings don't list a 4th floor. In India, it is said to be bad luck to trim your nails at night. And in Bulgaria, it's actually considered good luck if a bird poops on you!

Where do superstitions come from? Some trace back thousands of years. Take a look at how three superstitions got started.

**Breaking a Mirror Brings 7 Years Bad Luck:** In ancient Greece, they believed mirrors captured a piece of your soul. When you broke a mirror, your soul got broken, too. They believed it took seven years for a broken soul to heal.

**Knocking on Wood:** Centuries ago, several cultures believed that spirits and magical creatures lived inside trees. People knocked on trees in hopes that the spirits would help them. Today, we knock on anything made of wood, hoping for good luck.

**Opening an Umbrella Indoors:** In ancient Egypt, umbrellas weren't for rain. Umbrellas provided shade from the hot sun. The Egyptians worshipped the Sun God, Ra. Opening an umbrella indoors was considered an insult to Ra. People feared offending Ra. If Ra was angry, he might cause bad things to happen.



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<p><b>Before</b> you read, make a prediction about this text based on the title.</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Fill in the missing word.</p> <p>Some people believe walking under a ladder will bring you _____ luck.</p>
<p>Using a timer, see how long it takes you to read the entire text. Record your time below. Ask someone for help.</p> <p>_____ minutes _____ seconds</p>	<p>According to the article, what is one superstition people believe will bring you bad luck?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>If someone is superstitious, they believe...</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Where do superstitions exist?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Fill in the missing word.</p> <p>Some people believe crossing your fingers will bring you _____ luck.</p>	<p>Based on the text, what do people in Denmark do with broken dishes?</p> <p>_____</p>
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<p>What number is unlucky in China?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Using a timer, see how long it takes you to read the entire story. Record your time below. Did your time improve?</p> <p>_____ minutes _____ seconds</p>
<p>What is one superstition people believe will bring you good luck?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>What kind of luck do people hope to get when they knock on wood?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What do people in India believe will bring you bad luck?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Who believed it was bad luck to open an umbrella indoors?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Based on the text, how many years of bad luck will you have if you break a mirror?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Are you superstitious?</p> <p>_____</p>

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## Finders Keepers

When Keegan saw the brand new soccer ball in the backyard, he was sure his dad had put it there as a surprise.

"Thanks, Dad!" he yelled, opening the sliding glass door. "My old one was looking pretty beat up."

"Huh?" Dad said, following Keegan outside. "I didn't get you that ball."

"Maybe Mom did?"

"Nope. I bet that ball belongs to one of the neighbors."

"But no one has kids," Keegan argued.

"Maybe the new people do. A family just moved into the house behind us."

Keegan clutched the ball. "Finders, keepers, losers, weepers."

"How would you feel if someone took your soccer ball?" asked Dad.

"Great," Keegan said. "Then I could get a new one."

"There are better ways of getting a new ball than taking someone else's," said Dad.

Just then Keegan heard someone open the back door of the house behind them.

Dad walked to the back fence. He peered through the gap between the boards.

"Hi. I'm Mr. Mitchell. Welcome to the neighborhood. Did you lose a new soccer ball?"

"I sure did," said a girl's voice. "My little sister was playing with it. When I asked where it was she just said 'gone.' She's three and not much help."

"My son Keegan found it," said Dad. "He'll toss it back to you."

Keegan did not want to give the ball back. He hadn't even had a chance to kick it yet.

"Just a sec. I'm going to grab a pail to stand on," said the girl. In a few moments, the girl's head appeared over the top of the fence. She smiled at Keegan. "Hi. I'm Lani."

Keegan head-butted the ball over the fence. He did not smile back.

"Wow, great move!" said Lani, catching the ball. "Do you play soccer?"

"I'm on a rec team called the Ravens," said Keegan.

"Me too. My mom just signed me up yesterday. I'm kind of nervous for my first practice. What do you play? I'm a goalie. At least, I'd like to be a goalie."

Keegan hated playing goalie, but he had to fill in when Skylar needed a break. Coach Hughes would be glad to have another goalie. So would Keegan.

"I play striker," said Keegan.

"Would you like to come over and kick the ball around before practice?" invited Lani.

"Can I Dad?" asked Keegan.

Dad nodded. "Just be back by three."

"But practice doesn't start until four," said Keegan.

"I know." Dad winked. "But we're stopping by the sports store on the way to pick out a new soccer ball."



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<p><b>Before</b> you read, make a prediction about this story based on the title.</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>When Keegan first saw the new soccer ball in his backyard, where did he think it came from?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Using a timer, see how long it takes you to read the entire text. Record your time below. Ask someone for help.</p> <p>_____ minutes _____ seconds</p>	<p>At the beginning of the story, where does Keegan's dad think the ball came from?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Who are the characters in the story?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>What does Keegan mean when he says, "Finder, keepers, losers, weepers."?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Where does the story take place?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Why did Keegan say he would be happy if someone took his soccer ball?</p> <p>_____</p>
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<p>Who did the soccer ball belong to?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Using a timer, see how long it takes you to read the entire story. Record your time below. Did your time improve?</p> <p>_____ minutes _____ seconds</p>
<p>Who was responsible for losing the soccer ball?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>How does Lani feel about her first soccer practice?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What did Keegan do to send the ball back over the fence to Lani?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Why was Keegan glad to have another goalie on the team?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What is the name of Keegan's soccer team?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Besides getting a new soccer ball, what else did Keegan gain in this story?</p> <p>_____</p>

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Nonfiction: Context Clues – Q1:4

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## Where Do Bugs Go in the Winter?

It seems like bugs disappear in the winter, and then magically reappear in the spring. But what really happens?

Winter is dangerous for insects. Chilly weather destroys their food sources. Many bugs eat leaves, grass, or plants that die in the winter. Other insects eat nectar from blooming flowers. When flowers die, the nectar disappears.

Like fish and reptiles, insects are cold-blooded. So are spiders. They cannot make their own heat. When the temperature is cold, a bug's blood turns cold, too. In winter, bugs are at risk of freezing to death.

How do bugs survive the winter? Different bugs have different ways to survive. Some bugs migrate. Others hibernate. Some bugs produce offspring that come out in the spring.

**Migration:** Many bugs **migrate**. They move to warmer places to avoid harsh winters. Bugs that migrate include beetles, moths and butterflies. Monarch butterflies are the most well-known migrators. These bright orange butterflies migrate thousands of miles. They even become international travelers. Monarchs from the United States migrate all the way to Mexico! Migrating insects return in the spring when the weather is warm.



**Hibernation:** Some bugs hibernate. Insect hibernation is called **diapause**. Insects in diapause "pause" all activity. A hibernating insect is inactive, but stays alive. Before the winter, insects going into diapause plan ahead. They eat a lot. They put on extra layers of fat. Their body feeds off that extra fat to stay alive.

Bugs need a safe place to hibernate. They seek **shelter** in various places. Many bugs hibernate underneath the soil. They may hibernate under a rock or leaf pile. Some insects, like, ladybugs, hibernate in tree holes. Ladybugs also hibernate indoors. They hide inside building walls.

Not all bugs that seek shelter hibernate. Honeybees huddle together in their hives. Their buzzing and vibrating help them stay warm. Spiders stay active inside our homes.

**Offspring:** Some bugs die in the winter, but their **offspring**, or children, survive. Praying mantises and crickets lay eggs that can stand the cold. The eggs hatch in the spring. Luna moth caterpillars form cocoons. They spend winter inside their cocoons. In spring, they come out from their cocoons as adult moths.

Dragonfly offspring can survive the winter too. Dragonflies aren't born with wings and are called nymphs. Nymphs live in ponds and streams during the winter. They can survive in water that's covered by ice. By spring, nymphs develop wings and become adult dragonflies.

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<p><b>Before</b> you read, make a prediction about the text based on the title, pictures, and bold words.</p> <hr/>	<p>What might happen to a cold-blooded insect during winter?</p> <hr/>
<p>What season is dangerous for insects?</p> <hr/>	<p>What insect migrates all the way to Mexico just to avoid cold winters?</p> <hr/>
<p>Why can't a bug eat nectar during winter?</p> <hr/>	<p>During what season do migrating insects return home?</p> <hr/>
<p>Based on the text, what is the meaning of the word <b>migrate</b>?</p> <hr/>	<p>Based on the text, what is the meaning of the word <b>diapause</b>?</p> <hr/>
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<p>What must a hibernating insect do before winter?</p> <hr/>	<p>Based on the text, what insects lay eggs that can survive the winter?</p> <hr/>
<p>How does extra fat help a hibernating insect?</p> <hr/>	<p>How do luna moth caterpillars survive the winter?</p> <hr/>
<p>What insect sometimes hibernates indoors?</p> <hr/>	<p>How is a nymph different from an adult dragonfly?</p> <hr/>
<p>Based on the text, what is the meaning of the word <b>shelter</b>?</p> <hr/>	<p>Based on the text, what is the meaning of the word <b>offspring</b>?</p> <hr/>

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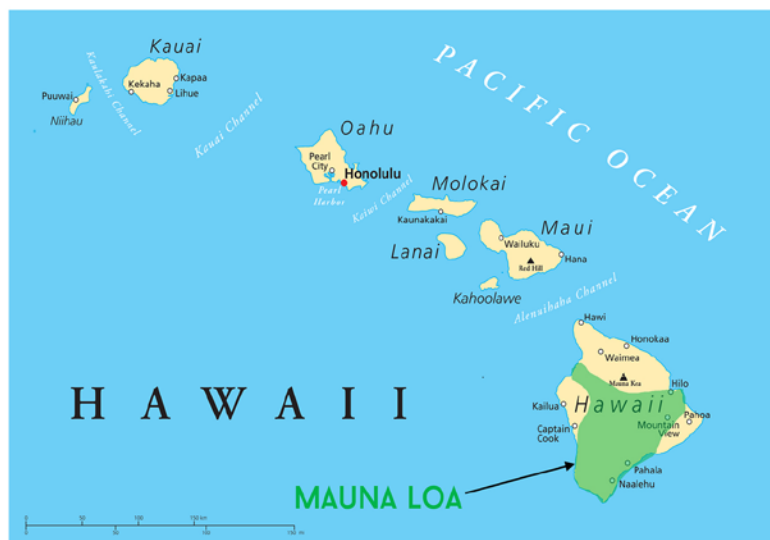
Nonfiction: Text Features – Q1:5

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## The Mauna Loa Volcano

Mauna Loa is the largest active volcano on Earth. It is located on the biggest of the five main Hawaiian Islands. **Mauna Loa** is one of five volcanoes that form the island. Mauna Loa means "long mountain" in Hawaiian. The volcano is so wide that it takes up about half the island. Mauna Loa is bigger than the other four Hawaiian Islands combined, especially since part of the volcano is underwater and cannot be seen.



The base of Mauna Loa starts at the bottom of the ocean. More than half of the volcano is underwater. From bottom to top, Mauna Loa is taller than Mt. Everest. Hawaii is known for being a warm, tropical island. But Mauna Loa's **elevation** is so high it gets snowfall in the winter.

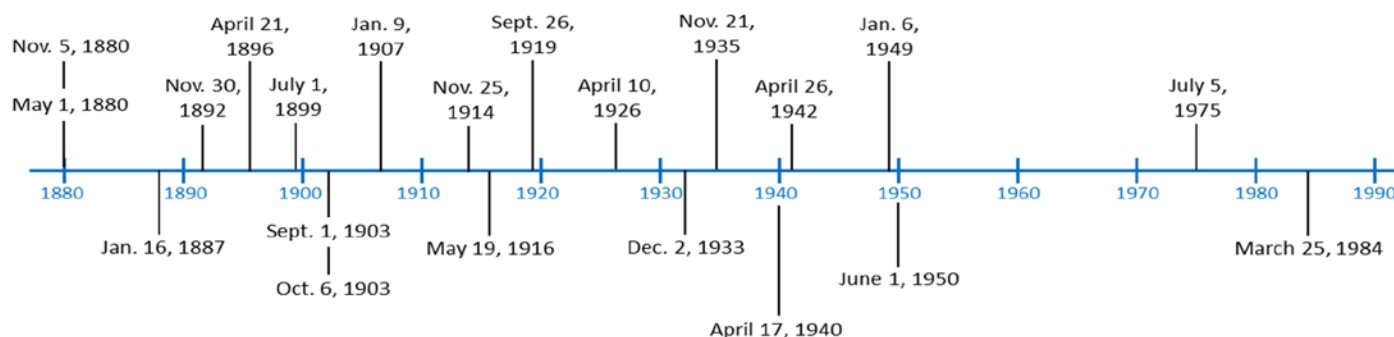
Mauna Loa is an active volcano. An active volcano is a volcano that erupts frequently. Since 1880, Mauna Loa has erupted 21 times. Its last eruption was in 1984. Luckily the lava flow did not reach where people live.

Active Volcano	Dormant Volcano	Extinct Volcano
Erupts frequently, or has erupted at least once in the last 10,000 years.	Hasn't erupted in the last 10,000 years, but is expected to erupt again.	Hasn't erupted in the last 10,000 years. Is not expected to erupt again.

An earthquake can set off a volcanic eruption. Scientists watch for earthquakes to predict when Mauna Loa might erupt. They can warn the people on the island before the next eruption occurs. Very few people have been killed by Mauna Loa's eruptions. In fact, Mauna Loa is a popular tourist attraction. Visitors can even hike to the top.

### RECORDED ERUPTIONS AT MAUNA LOA

\* Mauna Loa eruptions date back to prehistoric times. This timeline only shows eruptions that have occurred since 1880.



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<p><b>Before</b> you read, make a prediction about the text based on the title and text features.</p> <hr/>	<p>Based on the text, what is the meaning of the phrase <b>Mauna Loa</b>?</p> <hr/>
<p>What text features are included in this article?</p> <hr/>	<p>Write one detail from the text that supports Mauna Loa is a very big volcano.</p> <hr/>
<p>Where is Mauna Loa located?</p> <hr/>	<p>Why are you unable to see half of Mauna Loa?</p> <hr/>
<p>Which text feature helps you find the location of Mauna Loa?</p> <hr/>	<p>Which mountain does the author compare Mauna Loa to?</p> <hr/>
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<p>Based on the text, what is the meaning of the word <b>elevation</b>?</p> <hr/>	<p>What information do you gain from the timeline?</p> <hr/>
<p>Why does it snow at the top of Mauna Loa in the winter?</p> <hr/>	<p>Why do scientists watch for earthquakes?</p> <hr/>
<p>What is an active volcano?</p> <hr/>	<p>True or False? Mauna Loa first erupted in 1880.</p> <hr/>
<p>Based on the table, how is an active volcano different from a dormant volcano?</p> <hr/>	<p>Based on the timeline, when did Mauna Loa last erupt?</p> <hr/>

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Nonfiction: Text Features – Q1:6

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## Yellowstone National Park

Yellowstone National Park made history in 1872. That year, Yellowstone became the first **national park** in the United States. Yellowstone was also the first national park in the world! A national park is an area of land set aside by the government. The wildlife and land in a national park is protected. National parks are a place that people can go to enjoy nature.

Yellowstone is a big park. It is larger than Rhode Island and Delaware put together! Most of Yellowstone is in the state of Wyoming. The park overlaps into Idaho and Montana, too.

Many visitors come to Yellowstone to see the geysers. While volcanoes erupt lava, geysers erupt boiling hot water and steam. Yellowstone has more than 500 geysers. That's more than half of the geysers in the world! Old Faithful is Yellowstone's most famous geyser. Old Faithful erupts about 17 times a day! Each eruption lasts between 1 ½ to 5 minutes. The average gush from Old Faithful is 130 feet high.



*Old Faithful: Since 2000, the geyser has erupted every 44 to 125 minutes.*



*There are about 5,000 bison in Yellowstone National Park*

Yellowstone is a great place for nature-lovers. In addition to geysers, the park has almost 300 waterfalls. Many people come to Yellowstone hoping to see wildlife. Wild animals you might see in Yellowstone include bears, wolves, eagles, bison, and coyotes. More than a thousand species of flowering plants grow in Yellowstone.

What else can you do at Yellowstone? There are more than 900 historic buildings in the park, and lots of museum items to look at. In the summer, you can go boating, fishing, hiking, backpacking, and horseback riding. Swimming is not very popular. The water in the rivers and lakes is quite cold, even in the summer! In winter, if there's snow on the ground, you can cross-country ski, snowshoe, and snowmobile. You can even take a tour on a **snowcoach**! Snowcoaches are like buses, only they have tracks instead of tires. Riding on tracks lets snowcoaches travel safely in the winter.

Yellowstone is one of the five most visited national parks in the United States. Millions of people come to the park each year. Yellowstone has been a park for more than a hundred years. And like Old Faithful, it is still going strong.



*About 4 million people visit Yellowstone National Park each year.*

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<p><b>Before</b> you read, make a prediction about the text based on the title and text features.</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Where is a majority of Yellowstone located?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What text features are included in this article?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Based on the article, how is a geyser different from a volcano?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Based on the text, what is a <b>national park</b>?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>How long might you have to wait to see Old Faithful erupt?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Complete the sentence.</p> <p>National parks are a place that people can go to enjoy _____.</p>	<p>Where did you find the answer to the question above?</p> <p>_____</p>
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<p>Why kind of information do the captions in this article give you?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>How are snowcoaches different than buses?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Why do you think the author included a picture of a bison in this article?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Why do you think the author decided to include photographs in the article?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What summer activity is not popular at Yellowstone? Why?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>What fact about Yellowstone did you learn from the last caption?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Based on the text, what is a <b>snowcoach</b>?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Based on the article, what is one reason you might want to visit Yellowstone?</p> <p>_____</p>

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Fiction: Literal & Nonliteral Language – Q1:7 Date:

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## The Best Soup in the World

There once was a girl named Cora who made delicious soup. Her parents had died, and so she lived in a cottage with her Aunt Bea. Unfortunately, **Aunt Bea's heart was a cold stone**, with no love in it for Cora.

She gave Cora a million chores to do. Meanwhile, Aunt Bea barely lifted a finger. She acted like she was as queen. She even made Cora serve her meals in bed. Cora's soups tasted like heaven in a bowl, but Aunt Bea complained non-stop. "This soup is mud." "I could make soup a hundred times better than this." "I could make better soup with both hands tied behind my back" "My soup is so good, people pay me a sack of gold for a single drop!"

Of course, she didn't really know how to make soup. But she'd never admit that to Cora.

One night, as Cora served her soup, she spilled a single drop onto the bedspread.

"My bedspread is completely ruined!" shouted Aunt Bea. She threw Cora and her soup pot out into the rain. The soup soaked into the mud. "Don't come back until you have enough money to buy me a new bedspread." Aunt Bea slammed the door and locked it.

Cora carried her pot through the forest. **It was raining cats and dogs.** Her pot quickly filled with rain. The rain chilled Cora to the bone. **Her hands and feet were ice cubes.** She sat down under a tree and longed for a warm bowl of soup. All she had was pot of rainwater. She picked a few dandelions and added them to her pot. Cold dandelion soup was better than nothing.

Just then, the earth shook as a giant stomped towards her. "What's in your pot?"

"I'm making dandelion soup," said Cora.

"I hope it's good, because if it isn't, I'll eat you instead," said the giant.

"This soup would taste much better hot," replied Cora. "Do you have a fire nearby?"

The giant nodded. He carried her back to his castle. **Cora was a feather on his shoulder.**

In his kitchen, Cora asked if she could add a few things to make the soup even better.

"Add anything you like," said the giant. "But your soup better knock my socks off,"

Cora added a ton of ingredients: potatoes, carrots, salt, pepper, a hambone, and more! When the soup was ready she served a small bowl for herself and gave the giant the pot. He slurped it up in one gulp, then declared, "This is the best soup in the world!"

"Thank you," said Cora. "But it's a bowl of mud compared to my Aunt Bea's soup."

"You're pulling my leg!" said the giant.

"I'm not. She told me people give her a bag of gold for a single drop," said Cora.

"I want more than a drop!" said the giant. He filled an enormous sack with gold. The stuffed sack looked like a huge boulder. Then he and Cora set off for Aunt Bea's.

In the cottage, Aunt Bea felt the earth shake. She looked outside and saw Cora on the shoulder of a giant. He also appeared to be carrying a giant boulder. Cora brought a giant back to kill me, Aunt Bea thought. Faster than lightning, she ran out the door. The giant dropped the bag of gold, and chased after her. He shouted "Soup, Soup." But to human ears, when a giant shouts, it doesn't sound like words. It sounds like booming thunder.

Cora never saw Aunt Bea or the giant again. And with the mountain of gold from the sack, Cora lived like a queen for the rest of her life.



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<p><b>Before</b> you read, make a prediction about this story based on the title.</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><b>"Aunt Bea's heart was a cold stone."</b> Is this literal or nonliteral language? What does it mean?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Using a timer, see how long it takes you to read the entire text. Record your time below. Ask someone for help.</p> <p>_____ minutes _____ seconds</p>	<p>According to Aunt Bea, who makes the best soup?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Who are the characters in the story?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Why did Aunt Bea throw Cora and her soup pot out into the rain?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Where does the story take place?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><b>"It's raining cats and dogs."</b> Circle the sentence that has the same meaning as the sentence above.</p> <p>It is raining very hard. Cats and dogs are falling from the sky.</p>
Wednesday	Thursday
<p><b>"Her hands and feet were ice cubes."</b> Is this literal or nonliteral language? What does it mean?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Using a timer, see how long it takes you to read the entire story. Record your time below. Did your time improve?</p> <p>_____ minutes _____ seconds</p>
<p>Who did Cora meet in the forest?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Why does the giant want to try Aunt Bea's soup?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What did the giant want from Cora?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>What did Aunt Bea think when she saw Cora and the giant?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>"Cora was a feather on his shoulder."</b> Circle the sentence that has the same meaning as the sentence above.</p> <p>Cora turned into a feather. Cora is as light as a feather.</p>	<p>What did the giant's words sound like to Aunt Bea?</p> <p>_____</p>

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*As you answer this week's questions, highlight your evidence in the text.*

## The Bandit

We have a little bandit  
He isn't very tall  
He doesn't frighten anyone  
Because he is so small.

He comes to **prowl** the garden  
And look inside the door  
I think he'd like to come inside  
And stroll the kitchen floor.

He watches Spice and Chester  
I think he wants to know  
Why they have a house to live in  
And we tell him to go.

My robber has a striped tail  
Just like our cat Spice  
He sits up like our dog Chester  
And looks so very nice.

He's very bold, our bandit  
He'd like us to forget  
That while he's cute and fluffy  
A raccoon is not a pet.



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## The Ring-tailed Robber

*Clatter! Clash! Crash!*

I was soundly sleeping in my bed  
Dreams of flying filled my head,  
But then my ears got filled instead

with

*Crash! Clatter! Clash!*

Who makes a sound like that at night?  
When the sky is dark instead of light  
I tell you what, it isn't right

to

*Clash! Crash! Clatter!*

With this symphony of cymbals! I can't sleep!  
I slide out of bed, and slowly creep...

to my bedroom window and take a peep

A ring-tailed robber, with four small feet  
Had knocked our trash can to the street  
So he could steal a bite to eat

Thief!

*Scat! Scoot! Skedaddle!*

Your midnight meal under the moon  
Is keeping me up, you rascal raccoon  
Please, can't you sneak your snack at noon?



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Based on the titles and pictures, what do you think the poems will be about? <hr/>	How are the racoon and the author's cat similar in "The Bandit"? <hr/>
In the first stanza of "The Bandit", how does the author describe the racoon? <hr/>	In stanza 4, which word has the same meaning as <i>bandit</i> ? <hr/>
In the poem "The Bandit", what is the meaning of the word <b>prowl</b> ? <hr/>	Does the author of "The Bandit" think racoons make good pets? <hr/>
In the poem "The Bandit", which stanza talks about the racoon wanting to come inside? <hr/>	In the poem "The Bandit", how did the picture help you better understand the poem? <hr/>
Wednesday	Thursday
What time of day does "The Ring-tailed Robber" take place? <hr/>	In the poem "The Ring-tailed Robber", why does the author seem upset? <hr/>
What detail from the poem helped you answer the question above? <hr/>	What does the author compare the loud noise to in "The Ring-tailed Robber"? <hr/>
What was the author dreaming about at the beginning of the poem? <hr/>	Why is the racoon knocking over garbage cans? <hr/>
In the poem "The Ring-tailed Bandit", what is making the noise "Crash! Clatter! Clash!"? <hr/>	In the poem "The Ring-tailed Robber", how did the picture help you better understand the poem? <hr/>

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