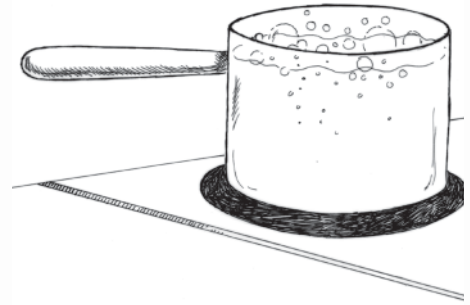


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Heat: Molecules on the Move



1. What is heat?

2. What are molecules?

3. Do the molecules move much in something cold?

4. What makes a molecule move faster?

5. What do you think will happen with the two cups of water?

cold water

hot water

The Rooster and the Gemstone

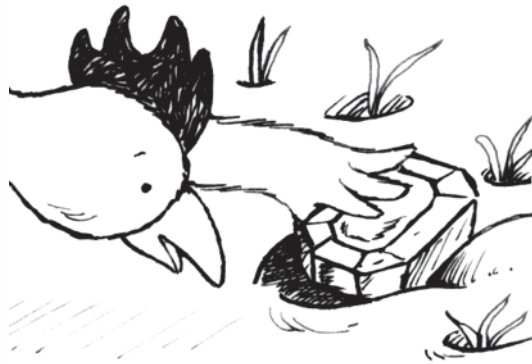
1. What was the Rooster's problem?

2. What strange thing did the Rooster come to?

3. Why was the Rooster unhappy to find the gemstone?

4. If you were hungry and you found a gemstone, what would you do? Explain, and then tell why the Rooster couldn't do the same.

5. Imagine that you were lost in the woods, but you had lots of money with you. Explain how *"Riches mean nothing to those who cannot use them"* would be true here.



A Great American

1. A *privilege* is something given that is very special. School in America is free—a privilege given to all children. Can you think of another example of a privilege?

2. Why did Pearl's father think doing well in school was the right thing to do?

3. Tell why it helped Pearl's father to do his homework and work after school.

4. Do you think Pearl's father has helped Pearl to be a better student? Explain.

The Badger



1. Why don't you see many badgers around?

2. List three ways you can tell that a hole in the ground belongs to a badger.

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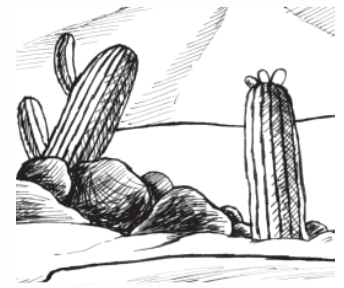
3. Describe what a badger looks like.

4. When a badger is scared, what does it do?

5. What kinds of things do badgers eat?

6. Sometimes people say, "Don't badger me." What do you think this means?

Deserts of the World



1. What is a desert?

2. Tell about the two kinds of deserts.

3. What plants and animals might you find in each kind of desert?

4. Describe one desert plant, and tell what helps it survive.

5. Describe a big animal that can survive in the desert, and tell what it has to help it survive.

The Butterfly and the Moth



1. What is the dust on a butterfly's wings?

2. Describe the stages of a butterfly's life.

3. What are four differences between a butterfly and a moth?

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4. Have you ever seen a caterpillar? Show what it might have looked like after it became a butterfly or a moth.

If You Can't Say Something Nice...

1. Explain why Mr. Meany's habit of speaking his mind did not help him win friends.

2. For each thing that Mr. Meany said, write a way to say it in a nicer way.

- "You're an expert at growing weeds!"

- "I'm glad to see you're washing that pile of dirt at last."

- "Well, it's beyond me how anyone could love something made from a sweet little animal."

3. Does Mr. Meany understand why people don't like him? Explain.

The Loris



1. What other animals are related to the loris?

2. What shape is a loris's face?

3. What does it mean to be *nocturnal*?

4. How does the slender loris catch animals?

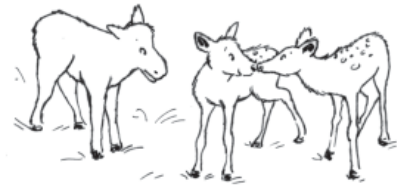
5. Why did people think lorises were ghosts or saw ghosts?

6. Why did people take lorises on boat trips with them?

The Ugly Buckling

Have you ever heard of the story "The Ugly Duckling"? Why do you think this story is called "The Ugly Buckling"?

Write numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story.



- _____ Morris finds out he is a moose.
- _____ Morris fights a bull moose for Lorraine, the girl moose.
- _____ Morris sees himself in a pond and feels ugly and lonely.
- _____ Morris starts out on a fresh life with Lorriane.
- _____ Molly gives birth to two little ones, but then there are three.
- _____ Morris grows antlers.
- _____ Morris begins to look very different from his twin sisters.

Moose in Love: A Real Story



1. Do you think Bullwinkle could have thought Jessica looked like a female moose? Explain.

2. Make up one reason why Bullwinkle could have been in love with Jessica.

3. Describe what people thought of the story of the moose that loved a cow.

4. What did Bullwinkle eat while he was courting Jessica?

5. Have you ever seen or heard of two different kinds of animals that got along very well? Give an example.



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