



Mrs. Lloyd's

December
Track-Out Packet

Context Clues: The Secret Garden

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Below is the opening of Francis Hogsdon Burnett's classic story "The Secret Garden." The book was published in 1910 and tells of the adventures of Mary Lennox. After Mary's parents die, she is sent to live with her uncle. There Mary uncovers mysteries, makes friends and finds the importance of nature.

The Secret Garden

When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody said she was the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen. It was true, too. She had a little thin face and a little thin body, thin light hair and a sour expression. Her hair was yellow, and her face was yellow because she had been born in India. She had always been ill in one way or another.

Her father had held a position under the English Government. He had always been busy and ill himself. Her mother had been a great beauty who cared only to go to parties and amuse herself. She had not wanted a little girl at all, and when Mary was born she handed her over to the care of an Ayah.

She never remembered seeing familiarly anything but the faces of her Ayah and the other native servants. They always obeyed her and gave her her own way in everything. By the time she was six years old she was as tyrannical and selfish a little pig as ever lived.

The young English governess who came to teach her to read and write disliked her so much that she gave up her place in three months. When other governesses came, they always went away in a shorter time than the first one. So if Mary had not chosen to want to know how to read books, she would never have learned her letters at all.



Meaning Match

Write the letter of the word on the right which has almost the same meaning as the word or phrase on the left. Use the words in the text to understand the meaning.

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| _____ 1. disagreeable-looking | _____ 6. handed | A. nurse |
| _____ 2. expression | _____ 7. Ayah | B. bossy |
| _____ 3. ill | _____ 8. familiarly | C. gave |
| _____ 4. position | _____ 9. tyrannical | D. entertain |
| _____ 5. amuse | _____ 10. governess | E. sick |
| | | F. friendly |
| | | G. teacher |
| | | H. ugly |
| | | I. job |
| | | J. look |

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Context Clues Check-Up



Directions: Read each passage and answer the question that follows.

<p>1. My grandma and I went shopping to look for old clocks. She loves to decorate her house with rare items. My grandma will spend days finding things that no one else has. She tries to find items that not many people have ever seen before.</p> <p>What does the word rare mean as it is used in the passage?</p> <p>a. kind b. usual c. common d. uncommon</p>	<p>2. When we visited the palace in England, I saw all the elegant details. There were beautiful paintings on the wall and detailed statues in the hallways. Some of the paintings showed the queen in an attractive dress and fancy crown.</p> <p>What does the word elegant mean as it is used in the passage?</p> <p>a. expensive and hard to find b. unique to the royal family c. fancy and fashionable d. old-fashioned</p>
<p>3. Each state in the country has elections in November. My uncle is running for office in Oklahoma, but my mom is not a resident there. Since we live in South Dakota, she is not able to vote for him in Oklahoma. She is only allowed to vote in the South Dakota elections.</p> <p>What does the word resident mean as it is used in the passage?</p> <p>a. someone who lives in a particular place b. someone who takes interest in voting c. a chance to vote in all elections d. a voter</p>	<p>4. In order to do a science experiment correctly, there is a method to follow. When you follow the steps, it is clear how you should do the experiment. When you finish, you will have some answers. Then, you can analyze your results and write down what you learned from the experiment.</p> <p>What does the word method mean as it is used in the passage?</p> <p>a. the scientific ideas of an experiment b. a way of doing something c. asking for help d. completing</p>

Directions: Read each pair of sentences, paying attention to the context clues. Match each homophone to the correct sentence. Write the word on the line.

1. I waited an entire _____ to receive a grade for my book report.	(weak, week)
2. After getting a shot at the doctor, I felt _____ and needed to sit down.	
3. He got a _____ in his jeans when he tripped and fell on the sidewalk.	(hole, whole)
4. The kids at the birthday party ate the _____ cake.	
5. The _____ cleaned the rooms at the hotel after the guests left.	(maid, made)
6. I _____ a bird feeder to put in our backyard in the spring.	
7. I _____ lots of butterflies flying around the park on warm days.	(sea, see)
8. We saw crabs and other creatures crawling along the bottom of the _____.	

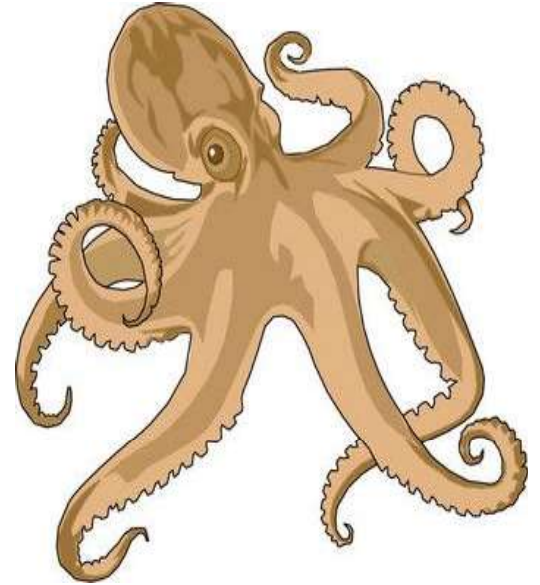
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MAGICIAN OF THE SEA

by Kelly Hashway

What do three hearts, eight arms, and one huge brain add up to? An octopus, a creature that can do amazing things.

Octopuses are extremely intelligent. They can learn new things just like humans. They've even learned a few tricks to get them out of sticky situations. If an octopus is threatened by a predator, such as a shark or bird, it can use some pretty incredible skills to get away. Octopuses don't have teeth or sharp claws to defend themselves. Instead, they use more clever ways to fool their attackers. Octopuses like to hide themselves in the sand on the bottom of the ocean floor. How you ask? Well, the octopus is like a chameleon because it can change the color of its skin to match the sand. And this color change, or camouflage, happens in less than a minute.



Some octopuses like to stay in more shallow water where there are rocks and coral. Because octopuses are invertebrates, meaning they don't have backbones, they can squeeze themselves into small spaces between the rocks to get out of reach of their predators. Another way an octopus can hide is by shooting ink. An octopus uses a part of its body called a siphon to shoot ink into the water. The ink forms a cloud that hides the octopus. By the time the ink clears and the predator can see again, the octopus has swum away or hidden. It's very much like a magician doing a vanishing act.

If you think that's a neat trick, then you'll love what else these creatures have up their sleeves. If an octopus is being attacked, it can actually make itself look like a venomous sea snake. It will bury itself in the sand, keeping two arms visible. It will change the color of those arms to match a sea snake. But what if there's no time to hide? If an octopus is in trouble, it can break off one of its arms. The arm will then change colors and squirm around in the water to distract the predator while the octopus swims away to safety. Don't worry though. The octopus's arm will grow back.

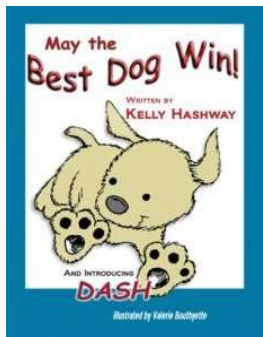
There is one kind of octopus that has venom to use in defense. The blue-ringed octopus is tiny; it could fit in the palm of your hand. Predators might think this size makes the octopus a great snack, but they know to stay away. The blue-ringed octopus is very poisonous and can



kill predators much larger than itself, including humans.

So the next time you see an octopus in the aquarium or while you're snorkeling, remember that inside that oversized head is a very large brain, making them a clever addition to the sea.

About the Author



Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

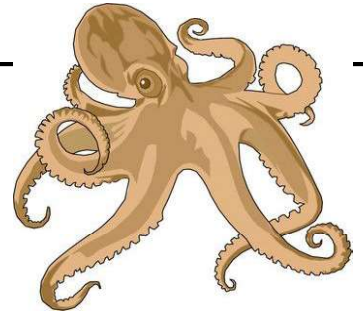
Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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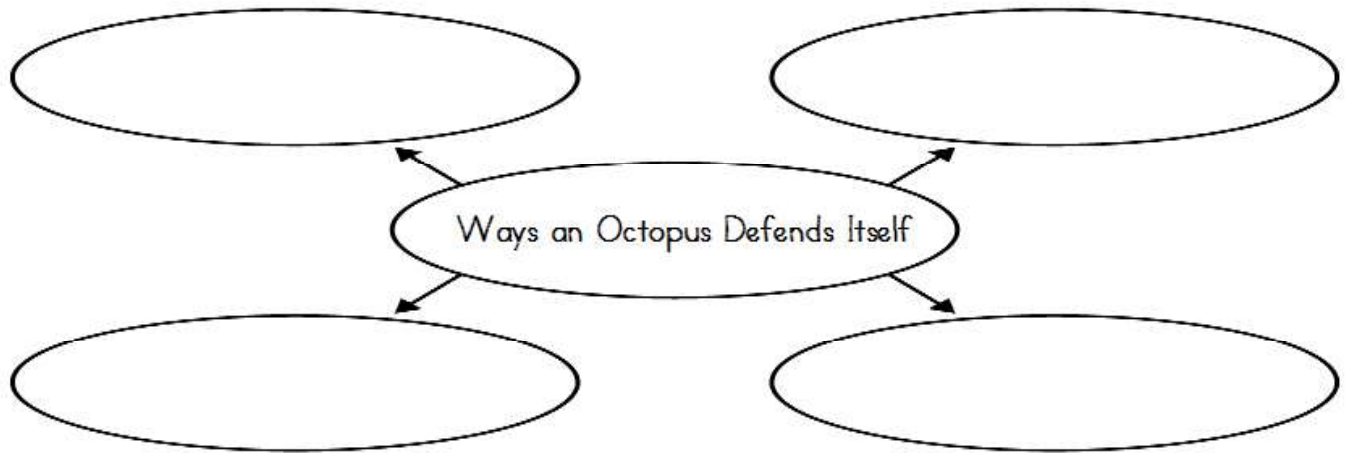
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Magician of the Sea

by Kelly Hashway



1. Complete the graphic organizer.



2. How are an octopus and a chameleon alike?

- a. They both like to hide on the ocean floor.
- b. They can both change the color of their skin.
- c. They are both invertebrates.
- d. They both use their arms to kill predators.

3. Explain how shooting ink helps an octopus to escape from predators.

4. What happens to an octopus if it loses one of its eight arms?

- a. It will grow a new one.
- b. It will die.
- c. It is no longer poisonous.
- d. It can swim faster.

5. What is the author's purpose for writing this article?

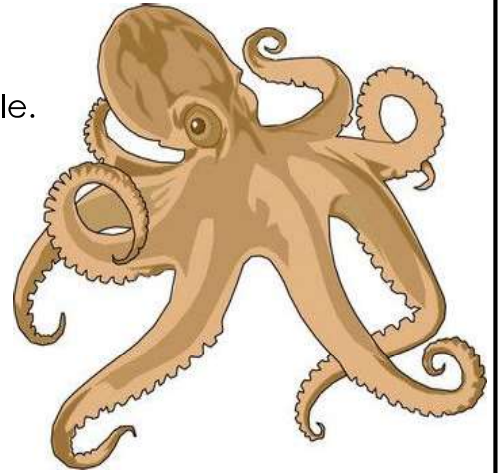
- a. to explain how octopuses eat, live, and play
- b. to show how dangerous octopuses are
- c. to describe the physical characteristics of octopuses
- d. to explain how octopuses protect themselves

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Vocabulary Activity

The scrambled words below are vocabulary words from the article. Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Please be sure each word is spelled correctly.



1. _____

t i e e g t l l n n

hint: smart; brainy

2. _____

m u a f c l o e g a

hint: ability to blend in

3. _____

r i b n e v e t a e r t

hint: animal without a backbone

4. _____

b e i s v i l

hint: in sight; able to be seen

5. _____

t e s o r d p a r

hint: animals that hunt other animals

6. _____

r o k s e n g n i l

hint: diving under water with a breathing tube

7. _____

n i m a c g i a

hint: person who performs tricks

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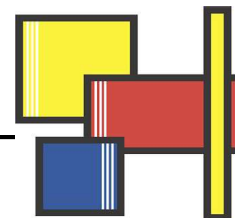
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Context Clues - Use them to help you figure out the meaning of a word.

Directions: Read each sentence. Use the context clues to help figure out the meaning of the underlined word. Fill in the circle for the correct answer.

1. The serviceman demonstrated how to check the oil in the truck.
☐ conceal ☐ show ☐ confuse
2. It is apparent that the plants need watering because of their droopy leaves.
☐ clear ☐ unclear ☐ unlikely
3. Wild animals use their instincts and hunting skills to survive in the wild.
☐ play ☐ live ☐ appear
4. Running or biking is a great way to exert the energy needed to lose weight.
☐ put forth ☐ withhold ☐ enclose
5. The swarm of bees were too numerous to count.
☐ few ☐ small ☐ many
6. When someone asks a question, your remark should always be polite.
☐ comment ☐ silence ☐ opinion
7. Since you only have one minute to reply, please keep your answers brief.
☐ long ☐ wordy ☐ short
8. When left unattended, a campfire can quickly ignite the surrounding trees.
☐ set fire ☐ extinguish ☐ conceal
9. The constant dripping of the faucet is very annoying.
☐ changeable ☐ nonstop ☐ infrequent
10. The new and improved waffles are superior to the others.
☐ inferior ☐ worse ☐ better

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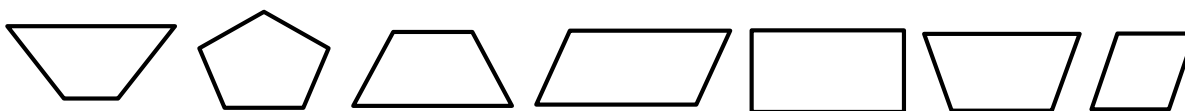


Quadrilateral Questions

1. How many sides does a quadrilateral have? 1. _____
2. How many pairs of parallel sides does a rectangle have? 2. _____
3. How many pairs of parallel sides does a trapezoid have? 3. _____
4. Name two quadrilaterals in which all the sides have an equal length. 4. _____

5. Name two quadrilaterals that have four right angles. 5. _____

6. Color the trapezoid that is next to the rhombus.

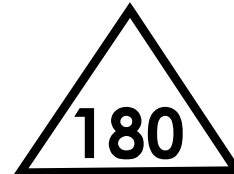
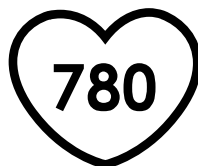


7. List three ways a rectangle and a square are alike.

8. List one way a parallelogram and a rhombus are different.

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Shape Subtraction



Subtract the number in the **pentagon** from the number in the **heart**.

Subtract the number in the **hexagon** from the number in the **circle**.

Subtract the number in the **square** from the number in the **trapezoid**.

Subtract the number in the **star** from the number in the **octagon**.

Subtract the number in the **triangle** from the number in the **diamond**.

Subtract the number in the **pentagon** from the number in the **square**.

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REDWOOD AMUSEMENT PARK

TICKETS



Adults.....	\$8.50
Kids (9 and under).....	\$5.25
Parking.....	\$6.00 per hour

REDWOOD SNACK SHACK

Popcorn.....	Small \$3.50, Large \$6.00
Pretzel.....	\$4.15
Cotton Candy.....	\$3.50



REDWOOD AMUSEMENT PARK Souvenir Stand



Balloons 2 for \$3.00	Stuffed Animal \$11.00
	Tee Shirts \$7.00

1. Mr. Hong brought his 7 year-old daughter, Jin, and his 10 year-old son, Cai, to Redwood Amusement Park. He had the coupon pictured below.



What was the cost of his admission tickets?

1. _____

2. Cai went to the Redwood Snack Shack and bought three small bags of popcorn for his family. Later on, he returned and bought three pretzels. How much did he spend on snacks?

2. _____

3. Mr. Hong's children went to the souvenir stand. He bought 4 balloons for Jin and a stuffed animal for Cai. Mr. Hong gave the cashier a twenty dollar bill. What was his change?

3. _____

4. The Hong family parked their car in the parking lot for 4 hours. Mr. Hong gave three ten dollar bills to the parking attendant. What was his change?

4. _____

5. How much did the Hong family spend altogether on admission, parking, snacks, and souvenirs?

5. _____