

# 2009 Year 3 — Literacy preparation material

## Reading and Viewing

Wait for your teacher.

Read page 2 of the magazine and then answer the questions.



1

Where did the class go?

- school
- home
- zoo

2

At first, the boy did not

- want to go.
- like animals.
- leave school.
- listen to his teacher.

3

The children lined up

- in one line.
- in a rush.
- in threes.
- in twos.

4

When the boy says **NOT AGAIN!**, he is talking about

- lining up.
- singing songs.
- getting on the bus.
- seeing more animals.

**5**

The first animal the children see is a

- lion.
- gorilla.
- penguin.
- hippopotamus.

**6**

The boy liked the lion because it was

- loudly roaring.
- alone like him.
- happy to see him.
- fiercer than the tiger.

**7**

What does **waddled** mean in this story?

- stumped
- wanted
- walked
- raced

**8**

At the end of the story, the boy

- went home alone.
- waddled off in a pair.
- followed the other students.
- stayed and watched the gorilla.

Read page 3 of the magazine and then answer the questions.



9

Nasturtiums are easy to grow because

- they come from Peru.
- their flowers are pretty.
- they need little fertiliser.
- their leaves can be eaten.

10

“... and you can eat them!” (line 3)

The writer thinks that eating flowers is

- disgusting.
- unusual.
- stupid.
- funny.

11

When you put the nasturtium seeds in the ground, the soil should be

- dry.
- wet.
- grassy.
- muddy.

12

Soil stays a bit wet if something shades it from the sun.

Which words tell you how to shade your soil?

- Dig the soil over. This will stop the soil from getting muddy...**
- Plant the nasturtium seeds and cover them with soil.**
- Make sure each day that the soil doesn't dry out.**
- Cover the soil lightly with grass clippings.**

## 13

How do you plant nasturtiums?

Write the numbers 1 to 4 in the boxes to show the correct order for growing nasturtiums.

- Dig the soil over.
- Water the soil well.
- Place the seeds into the soil.
- Choose a place to plant nasturtiums.

## 14

Which one is **not** true about nasturtium flowers?

- They can be red.
- They have nectar.
- They can be eaten.
- They taste peppery.

## 15

Where is the flower spur?

- at the bottom of the petals
- at the bottom of the stem
- at the top of the flower
- at the edge of the leaf

Read page 4 of the magazine and then answer the questions.



16

The first thing people noticed about Ernest was his

- size.
- beard.
- colour.
- nature.

17

Ernest's coat was like

- rich, dark honey.
- pale, waxy honey.
- stiff, sticky honey.
- light, runny honey.

18

The second thing people noticed about Ernest was his

- hairy coat.
- droopy tail.
- shortish body.
- remarkable face.

19

**But it was Ernest's face that was his fortune ...**

This means that because of his looks, Ernest was

- rich.
- brave.
- clever.
- popular.

20

Ernest's eyebrows were

- fine.
- thick.
- droopy.
- smooth.

**21**

... Ernest looked out on the world and found it good.

This means Ernest

- liked the way his village looked.
- thought humans behaved well.
- enjoyed the way he lived.
- planned his life carefully.

**22**

One thing that Ernest didn't know was

- how to think quickly.
- what his name was.
- how to find other dogs.
- what sort of dog he was.

**23**

Which word means the same as **bothered** in this text?

- angered
- worried
- excited
- injured

**24**

Ernest had never talked with village dogs because he

- didn't know them well enough.
- couldn't speak their language.
- didn't know who to ask.
- wasn't brave enough.

