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Section One

Could It Really Happen?



The Day Ginger Flew

The bird told Ginger how to fly. Ginger waved her arms. Then she left the ground. Soon she was high above the clouds.



Jerry's Airplane Ride

The airplane roared. Soon it was off the ground. Jerry had always wanted to fly in an airplane. Now he was high above the clouds.

Think about skills

One of these stories could not have happened. Which one? You were right if you said, "The Day Ginger Flew." Birds can't really talk. And people can't fly by waving their arms.

“The Day Ginger Flew” is a make-believe story. In make-believe stories you will often read about things that can’t really happen.

Henny’s Trip to Town

Henny rode the bus to town. She bought some cheese and bread for her grandmother. She bought a coloring book for herself.

1. Is the story above real or make-believe? Why?

Practice skills

Mr. Frog

It was a beautiful day. The flowers were talking about the warm sunshine. Mr. Frog put on his new sunglasses and went for a walk.

Our Pet Frog

We found a frog in the woods. We took it home for a pet. Our frog did not seem happy so we took it back to the woods. Our frog hopped away.

1. Which story could be real? Why?
 - a. “Mr. Frog”
 - b. “Our Pet Frog”
2. Which story is make-believe? Why?
 - a. “Mr. Frog”
 - b. “Our Pet Frog”



The Teddy Bear Story

by Lisbeth P. Sanders

The teddy bear was named for a famous person. His name was Theodore Roosevelt, but everyone called him Teddy. He was President of the United States.

One day President Roosevelt found a baby bear in the woods. He saved the little bear's life.

A man drew a picture of the bear that was printed in the newspaper. People saw the picture. They were glad the baby bear was safe.

Some toy makers also saw the picture. It gave them an idea for a new toy. They made a stuffed animal that looked like the little bear. They named the new toy for the President. They called it a teddy bear. Soon many children wanted a teddy bear to play with.



Now teddy bears come in many colors. You can find teddy bears that are brown, black, white, black-and-white, pink, blue, or yellow.

Teddy bears come in many sizes too. Some are as large as a child. Some are not so large. Some are very small.

All teddy bears are soft and cuddly. Most have small bright eyes. Some teddy bears have arms and legs that move.



Many children have teddy bears. Children talk to their teddy bears. They hold them. They cuddle them. They sleep with them.

Some grown-ups have teddy bears too. Many still have the teddy bears they had when they were children.

The first teddy bear was made long ago. Since then teddy bears have made many people very happy.



Think about the selection

1. Who are teddy bears named after?
2. In what ways do teddy bears look different?

Why the Bear Has a Short Tail

a Norwegian folk tale

One winter afternoon a bear met a fox who was carrying a string of fish.

“What fine fish!” said the bear. “How did you catch them on a winter day?”



Now the fox was as sly as could be. He didn't want the bear to know that he really had not caught the fish himself. He said, "Go to the pond and cut a hole in the ice. Put your long, bushy tail in the hole. Then wait for the fish to bite.

"When the fish bite your tail, it may sting and hurt a little. But the longer you sit with your tail in the pond, the more fish you will catch. When you think you have caught enough fish, pull out your tail. Give a quick, strong pull."

"Thank you," said the bear. "That seems like a funny way to catch fish, but I'll try. I hope the fish will bite."

"Ha! Ha!" laughed the sly fox, as he watched the bear hurry off to the pond.





At the pond the bear cut a hole in the ice wide enough for his bushy tail. He hung his tail in the water. Then he waited for the fish to bite.

The water seemed to grow colder and colder. The bear's tail grew colder too. It began to sting and hurt. The bear believed that his tail was stinging and hurting because the fish were biting it.

Finally the bear decided he had enough fish for his supper. He tried to get up and pull out the fish he thought he had caught.