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Guided Reading

Questions and Activities

Chapters 1 and 2: "The Three Farmers and Mr. Fox"

A

1. What were the farmers names?
2. Which word tells you that Boggis was very, very fat?
3. Which paragraph tells you a lot about Bunce?
4. Where are Bean's turkeys kept?
5. What did the local children do?
6. What happened every evening as soon as it got dark?
7. Which phrase on p8 tells you that the farmers were angry with Mr. Fox?

Challenge: Which farmer would you rather work for? Explain your answer.

B

1. Why did Mr. Fox steal food from the farmers?
2. Why do you think each of the men live on their own?
3. What ideas are we given about Mr. Fox?

Challenge: Collect all of the adjectives and adverbs that describe the farmers in these two chapters. What kind of an impression (idea) do these words make together?

C

1. Why is it easy to read the descriptions of the three farmers in chapter 1?
2. What is the purpose of the fox in the story?
3. In what ways are the farmers like one another?
4. Why do you think the author chose to have so many illustrations (pictures) this early on in the story?

Challenge: Draw a diagram of how you think the foxhole is organised. Is it one big hole where they eat, sleep and live or do you think the family has special areas? Label the diagram.

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Questions and Activities

Chapters 1 and 2: "The Three Farmers and Mr. Fox"

D

1. Does the author like the farmers? How do you know?
2. Were these chapters making you like the fox or the farmers most? What makes you think this?
3. Look again at the descriptions of the three farmers. Who do you think is most likely to trap the fox? Why?

Challenge: Write a note to Mr. Fox to warn him about the farmers' plan. Suggest how to keep the family of foxes safe.

Answers

A

1. What were the farmers' names?
The farmers names were Farmer Boggis, Farmer Bunce and Farmer Bean.
2. Which word tells you that Boggis was very, very, fat?
The word enormously, tells us that Farmer Boggis was very, very fat.
3. Which paragraph tells you a lot about Bunce?
The paragraph which tells me a lot about Bunce is paragraph three.
4. Where are Bean's turkeys kept?
Bean's turkeys are kept in an orchard full of apple trees.
5. What did the local children do?
The local children sang a song about the three farmers when they saw them.
6. What happened every evening as soon as it got dark?
Every evening, as soon as it got dark, Mr Fox would ask Mrs Fox what she would like from one of the farmers.
7. Which phrase of p8 tells you that the farmers were angry with Mr. Fox?
Wild with rage.

Challenge: Which farmer would you rather work for? Explain your answer.
Answers will vary but must be justified.

B

1. Why did Mr. Fox steal food from the farmers?
Mr Fox stole food from the farmers because he was hungry.
2. Why do you think each of the men live on their own?
I think each of the men live on their own because they were selfish and did not like to share.
3. What ideas are we given about Mr Fox?
The following ideas are given about Mr Fox:

He is kind to his wife.

He is too clever for the farmers.

Challenge: Collect all the adjectives and adverbs that describe the farmers in these two chapters.

Adjectives

rich

nasty

mean

fat

pot-bellied dwarf

short

thin

lean

horrible

clever

Adverbs

enormously

C

1. Why is it easy to read the descriptions of the three farmers in chapter 1?

It is easy to read the descriptions of the three farmers because they are each described in a separate paragraph.

2. What is the purpose of the fox in the story?

The purpose of the fox in the story is to play tricks on the farmers.

3. In what ways are the farmers like one another?

The farmers are alike because they are all mean and selfish.

4. Why do you think the author chose to have so many illustrations (pictures) this early on in the story?

The author chose to have so many illustrations so early on in the story so the reader can visualise the characters.

Challenge: Draw a diagram of how you think the fox hole is organised.

Diagrams of the fox hole will vary.

D

1. Does the author like the farmers? How do you know?

The author does not like the farmers because he uses negative adjectives to describe them.

2. Were these chapters making you like the fox or the farmers most? What makes you think this?

Answers will vary but must be justified.

3. Look again at the descriptions of the three farmers. Who do you think is most likely to trap the fox? Why?

The farmers are alike because they are all mean and selfish.

4. Why do you think the author chose to have so many illustrations (pictures) this early on in the story?

I think Farmer Bean is the most likely to trap Mr Fox because it says he is the cleverest.

Challenge: Write a note to Mr Fox to warn him about the farmers' plan. Suggest how to keep the family of foxes safe.

Notes will vary.