Cloze Reading Paragraphs

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **cloze** passage has missing words. Read the **whole sentence**, and the sentences around it, then choose the word that makes sense.

Check: Read the sentence again with your word in it. Does it sound right and make sense?



1. Paragraph 1: The Sleepy Bear

Circle the word that best fills each blank.

1. In the fall, the brown bear eats as much food as it _____. (can) (sleeps) (swims)

2. It gobbles berries, nuts and fish to build up a thick layer of _____. (snow) (fat) (fur)

3. When winter comes, the bear crawls into a cozy _____. (den) (tree) (lake)

4. It sleeps for months while snow _____ the ground outside. (melts) (covers) (eats)

5. In spring, the bear wakes up feeling very _____. (full) (hungry) (cold)

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2. Paragraph 2: The School Play

Circle the word that best fills each blank.

1. Our class practised for weeks to get ready for the school _____. (play / lunch / bus)

2. I was nervous because I had to _____ a song all by myself. (read / sing / draw)

3. When the curtain opened, the _____ was full of parents. (gym / pool / car)

4. My voice shook at first, but then I felt more _____. (scared / sleepy / confident)

5. At the end, everyone _____ and cheered. (clapped / cried / left)

Answer Key

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1. In the fall, the brown bear eats as much food as it **can**. — can | sleeps | swims
2. It gobbles berries, nuts and fish to build up a thick layer of **fat**. — snow | fat | fur
3. When winter comes, the bear crawls into a cozy **den**. — den | tree | lake
4. It sleeps for months while snow **covers** the ground outside. — melts | covers | eats
5. In spring, the bear wakes up feeling very **hungry**. — full | hungry | cold

2. Paragraph 2: The School Play

1. Our class practised for weeks to get ready for the school **play**. — play | lunch | bus
2. I was nervous because I had to **sing** a song all by myself. — read | sing | draw
3. When the curtain opened, the **gym** was full of parents. — gym | pool | car
4. My voice shook at first, but then I felt more **confident**. — scared | sleepy | confident
5. At the end, everyone **clapped** and cheered. — clapped | cried | left