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Two cats were trying to divide their stolen cheese into two equal parts. One day, the mean cats stole some _____ from a little mouse. Then, the naughty _____ were fighting about who should divide the cheese in _____. So, a helpful _____ asked the cats if he could divide the cheese for them and they let him _____ it. But, the _____ pieces of cheese were not equal so the wise _____ nibbled and _____ to try to make them the same for each cat. Suddenly, the cheese was _____ and the cats were whining but the ape said, "It belonged to the _____!" Finally, the cats learned a lesson: Don't steal and be _____!

1. What could be another word for **divide**?

- disappear
- together
- share
- hold

2. What is a **nibble**?

3. How did the ape trick the cats?

- He stole their cheese and ran away.
- He gave their cheese to the mouse.
- He nibbled at their cheese until it was all gone.
- He gave back their cheese.

4. What is the lesson learned from "The Apes, The Cats, and The Cheese"?

5. What is the main idea of this fable?

- The ape wanted to eat some cheese.
- The mouse was sad because he lost his cheese.
- The cats were fighting over the cheese.
- The cats wanted to divide the cheese.

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The troop of wild monkeys was trying to get the moon out of the well. First, the _____ stopped at the well for a cool _____ and the leader monkey saw the moon floating in the _____. So, the leader told his troop to _____ him into the well so he could throw the moon _____ into the sky. Then, the follower monkeys made a _____ to lower their leader down to the moon. After that, the monkey chain got longer and heavier until it almost reached the moon. Suddenly, the _____ snapped, the monkeys fell in the water, and the moon disappeared because it was only a _____. Finally, the monkeys learned a lesson: Don't _____ a bad leader.

1. What is another word for troop?

trap

tooth

leader

group

2. The monkeys were romping in the forest.

Which word could mean the same as romping?

arrived

branch

playing

law

3. Why did the monkeys make a chain?

Senor Fox wanted to eat Senora Hen so he tried to trick her. One _____, Senora Hen was sitting in a _____ and she saw Senor Fox licking his chops and looking hungry and thinking of a _____ to trick her. Next, Senor Fox tried to _____ Senora Hen by asking her to come down and _____, but Senora Hen said, "No, you will eat me!" So, Senor Fox made up a _____ that all animals should be friends but Senora _____ was uncertain and thought he might be trying to trick her. But, Senora Hen played along with Senor _____'s trick and told him five more _____ were on their way. After that, Senor Fox ran away because Senora Hen tricked him by saying there were five hunting _____ coming. Finally, Senora Hen taught Senor Fox a lesson: "If you try to trick _____, you might get tricked too!"

4. Senor Fox was licking his chops. What does this mean?

- He was tired.
- His lips were dry.
- He was hungry and thinking about food.
- He was sticking out his tongue.

5. What is another word for law?

- lie
- Senor Fox
- friends
- rule

6. What was Senor Fox thinking about for most of the story?

The foolish donkey thought it would be fun to pretend to be a lion. One day, the silly _____ found a lion skin beside a dusty road and he _____ it around himself to pretend to be a lion. Next, the mean donkey _____ some sheep by chasing them and acting like a _____. Then, the tricky donkey saw his _____ and thought it might be _____ to frighten him with the _____ costume. But, the smart master saw the donkey's _____ and he knew the donkey was just pretending. Suddenly, the donkey's master waved a _____ at the fake lion and the donkey _____ away. Finally, the foolish donkey learned a _____: "Don't pretend to be something you're _____, just be yourself."

7. The donkey's flight was very quick. What does the word flight mean in this sentence?

- The donkey flew away.
- The donkey was dressed as a lion.
- The donkey ran away because he was scared.
- The donkey was fast.

8. What could be another word for spied?

- scared
- saw
- sheep
- master

9. What is a fable?

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The grasshopper thought he could play all day and not do any work. One sizzling _____ day, a playful grasshopper was fiddling, singing, _____, and hopping while the wise ant worked hard collecting _____. Next, the dumb _____ laughed and asked the busy ant to come and _____ but the ant said, "I have too much _____ to do!" But, the lazy grasshopper did _____ listen and he hopped away to _____ while the smart ant kept working. In the _____, the foolish grasshopper was still playing and the hard-working _____ was almost ready for winter. When _____ came, the shivering grasshopper could not play because he was _____ and hungry but the warm ant had _____ and shelter because he worked hard all _____ long. Finally, the grasshopper learned a _____: "Finish your work _____ you play!"

1. It was a sizzling summer day. What does this mean?

- It was freezing cold.
- It was a good day for fiddling.
- It was really hot.
- It was a great day.

2. Which word means almost the same as shivered?

- still
- shook
- shout
- fastest

3. What did Grasshopper do after Ant told him he should get ready for winter?

- He got right to work.
- He laughed and kept on playing.
- He took a nap.
- He helped Ant carry his food.

4. What do you think Grasshopper will do next year? Explain your answer!

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Talking Turtle wanted to leave quiet Haiti to visit busy New York City. One day, _____ and his bird friends were chattering about _____ to New York City and Turtle _____ it was a great idea. Then, _____ announced to his other animal _____ that the birds were going to _____. After that, Turtle met Pigeon and they _____, talked, talked about New York City, flying, and Turtle's _____ legs and Pigeon had a great idea! So, helpful _____ held a stick in his beak and Turtle _____ the other end in his mouth and _____ not to talk. Suddenly, foolish Turtle shouted, "BYE _____!" and he fell into the ocean and the _____ kept on flying without him. Finally, Turtle _____ a lesson: "Don't talk too much or you might _____ something!"

1. What is a pond? Pick the best answer.

- a dry place
- a wet place
- a forest
- an ocean

2. What does it mean to chatter?

- to be very quiet
- to whisper
- to chew and crunch
- to talk a lot

3. A turtle has stumpy legs. What does this mean?

4. Who caused Turtle to fall?

- Pigeon
- Turtle's animal friends
- New York City
- Turtle

5. How would this story have been different if Turtle had not talked?

6. What is the lesson learned from Talk Talk Talk?

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Turtle's Race with Bear

Bear was bragging to Turtle about how great he was. One day, Bear was bragging about being the biggest, strongest, and _____ animal and Turtle decided to teach him a lesson. So, _____ challenged Bear to a _____ but Bear kept bragging about being much faster than Turtle. The next day, tricky Turtle told bragging Bear the _____ of the race: Bear would run on the bank of the _____ and Turtle would swim _____ the ice. During the race, Turtle and his relatives tricked Bear by popping their _____ up really fast so Bear had to stop bragging and try to _____ up. Before Bear was halfway around the pond, Turtle had _____ the race and Bear stopped bragging and ran home to _____. Finally, Turtle taught Bear a lesson: Don't _____ or show off.

1. Bear ran halfway around the pond.
Trace the path to show how far bear ran.

2. Which is not a relative?

- mother
- father
- cousin
- friend

3. Why did Bear laugh when Turtle challenged him?

- He thought Turtle looked funny.
- He thought Turtle was too small and slow to race.
- He saw a funny animal.
- He thought Turtle would win the race.

4. How did Turtle trick Bear?
