

Read the poem and answer the questions that follow.

Who is That?



Kenny, Kenny who is that?
Rolled in a ball upon your lap?
Why it's just ole Sam the cat,
Black and gray and here to stay.

Tanya, Tanya who's with you?
Lying down upon your shoe?
My soft and furry Labrador,
Lucky's here for evermore.

Patty, Patty what's that sound?
A little bird that you have found?
She sings to me every single day,
Her name is Wilma by the way.

Friends can come in many sizes,
They can be seen as little prizes.
Their friendships come without compromises,
Full of sunshine and surprises.

Circle the correct answers.

1. Which word from the beginning of the poem rhymes with “that”?

- A. lap
- B. cat
- C. stay
- D. day

2. How do you know that Sam likes Kenny?

- A. He is black and gray.
- B. He is Kenny’s cat.
- C. He is on Kenny’s lap.
- D. He is rolled up in a ball.

3. Which word reveals the breed of dog Tanya has?

- A. Lying
- B. Labrador
- C. Lucky
- D. Furry

4. Which word BEST describe how the dog feels in the poem?

- A. scared
- B. healthy
- C. angry
- D. relaxed

5. Who makes beautiful music?

- A. Sam
- B. Lucky
- C. Wilma
- D. Patty

6. Who owns a pet named Wilma?

- A. Kenny
- B. Tanya
- C. Sam
- D. Patty

**7. Their friendships come without compromises,
Full of sunshine and surprises.**

What do these lines reveal about pets?

- A. They only want to make their owners happy.
- B. They are always looking for new friends.
- C. They want to be loose and run free.
- D. They want to have many owners.

8. How do you think the poet feels about pets?

- A. They cost too much money.
- B. They are a lot of work.
- C. They make good friends.
- D. They like to go for walks.

9. Which is the BEST theme for the poem?

- A. Children love pets.
- B. Everyone needs a pet.
- C. Dogs make the best pets.
- D. Cats like to roll up into balls.

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

The Case of the Missing Baseball Cap



(1) Billy's prized possession is his New York Yankees' baseball cap. It is navy blue, with the letters N and Y on the front. He wears it every day. If his mother would let him, he would even wear it to bed at night!

(2) Billy's father gave it to him a year ago. He brought it back from a business trip to New York. Billy grinned from ear to ear when he saw the cap. The Yankees have always been his favorite team. He and his father watch the games together every week during the baseball season.

(3) It all started during Carla's birthday party. She had a swimming party with all her closest friends from school. Emma was the first to arrive carrying a big package. Carla ripped the package open before her mother had a chance to stop her. It was filled with arts and crafts supplies. Carla is the best artist in their class and was thrilled with the present.

(4) Andrew arrived next with a sour expression on his face. He wasn't happy about being at the party. He wanted to stay home in his room and play video games. He was also upset because his mother bought Carla the same video game that he wanted for months. It just didn't seem fair to him.

(5) Ted's arrival came only a few minutes after Andrew. His present was a board game. Carla added the presents to her growing pile. Her mother told her that she couldn't open the rest of the presents until after the birthday cake.

(6) Billy was the last guest to arrive. He was sporting his Yankees baseball cap. "Do you ever take that thing off?" asked Carla with a grin.

(7) “Why don’t you kids go in the backyard for a swim?” suggested Carla’s mother. She didn’t have to ask them twice. All the kids went running through the slider into the backyard.

(8) Since he didn’t want to get his baseball cap wet, Billy put it on a chair for safe-keeping. He hid it real fast before anyone could see him. The other children were busy getting ready to swim. He put his shorts and top over it, as well as his white towel. Then, he jumped in the pool with his friends.

(9) Billy loves Carla’s pool. It has a diving board on one side, and a slide on the other. The kids played for hours. Billy’s favorite pool game is Marco Polo. He talked his friends into playing that game. Carla didn’t want to play at first, but after a dirty look from her mom, she consented.

(10) Later on, Carla’s mother came out with the birthday cake and presents, and everyone sang. The cake was chocolate and delicious. Carla opened the rest of her presents and thanked everyone for their generosity.

(11) Everyone, including Billy, was dressed and ready to go when he realized he was missing his baseball cap. He looked back at the chair, but it was empty. “Oh no!” he screamed. “Has anyone seen my cap?” he asked frantically.

(12) “What cap?” asked Carla with a look of confusion.

(13) “What difference does it make?” asked Andrew with a frown. “It’s just a stupid cap.”

(14) “It may seem stupid to you,” replied Billy, “but baseball is my life. My dad gave me that cap, and I want it back.”

(15) “Don’t look at me,” said Ted, “I never even looked under your towel.”

(16) “Maybe it fell in the pool?” suggested Emma. They all ran back to the pool, but the cap was nowhere to be found.

(17) Billy sat back and thought for a few minutes and figured out the mystery. “Hand it over!” he said with a look of determination in his eyes.

(18) The thief’s punishment was to write a note of apology, and to promise never to steal again.

(19) Who stole the baseball cap?

10. Where did Billy get his baseball cap?

- A. He got it at his birthday party.
- B. His friend Carla gave it to him.
- C. His father brought it back from a business trip.
- D. His mother ordered it from a business in New York City.

11. Billy's prized possession is his New York Yankees' baseball cap.

The word "possession" is something -

- A. that is owned.
- B. that is bought.
- C. that is expensive.
- D. that is old.

12. Which word BEST describes the relationship between Billy and his father?

- A. angry
- B. close
- C. distant
- D. silly

13. What present did Emma give Carla?

- A. a video game
- B. a board game
- C. a baseball cap
- D. an arts and crafts set

14. Which is the BEST adjective to describe Andrew?

- A. grouchy
- B. smart
- C. caring
- D. funny

15. Who arrived directly after Andrew?

- A. Billy
- B. Emma
- C. Ted
- D. Carla

16. “Why don’t you kids go in the backyard for a swim?” suggested Carla’s mother. She didn’t have to ask them twice.

What did the author mean with the words, “didn’t have to ask them twice”?

- A. The kids always have to be told things two times.
- B. The kids are very excited about swimming in the pool.
- C. No one wants to swim in the pool yet.
- D. Carla’s mother really wants them to swim in the pool.

17. Carla didn’t want to play at first, but after a dirty look from her mom, she consented.

What does the word “consented” mean?

- A. cried
- B. smiled
- C. agreed
- D. left

18. Carla opened most of her birthday presents directly after -

- A. everyone arrived.
- B. they went swimming.
- C. they played Marco Polo.
- D. they ate birthday cake.

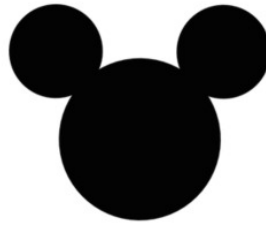
19. Who is the BEST suspect for the crime?

- A. Carla because she said she didn't know he had a cap.
- B. Andrew because he is always in a bad mood.
- C. Emma because she pretended it fell in the pool.
- D. Ted because he knew it was hidden under the towel.

20. Which is the BEST theme for this story?

- A. Be careful what you wish for.
- B. Crime doesn't pay.
- C. A boy loses a cap.
- D. Friends are important.

Read the following passage and answer the questions.



The History of Mickey Mouse

(1) Mickey Mouse was born in 1928 in the Walt Disney Studios. He came dressed in red shorts, large yellow shoes, and white gloves. He is one of the world's most recognizable characters.

(2) *Plane Crazy* was his first movie. It was one of the first cartoons ever made that had sound. He went on to appear in over 130 films including *The Band Concert*, *Brave Little Taylor*, and *Fantasia*. He was the first cartoon character to have a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

(3) Mickey Mouse was also famous for being a comic strip character. A comic strip consists of a series of drawings in a row. They are found in newspapers. Their purpose is to make people laugh or tell a story. Mickey's comic strip ran for 45 years. The artist's name was Floyd Gottfredson.

(4) His next adventure was a television show. It ran from 1955 to 1996 and was called *The Mickey Mouse Club*. The cast was primarily teenagers. Mickey made appearances through his cartoons but was also featured in the beginning and end of the show each week. The main characters were called *mouseketeers*. They performed a variety of music and dance numbers.

(5) Mickey was often featured with his girlfriend, Minnie Mouse. He also had a dog named Pluto. His friends were Donald Duck and Goofy, but his nemesis, his enemy, was named Pete.

(6) Since Mickey was the official Walt Disney mascot, he played a central role in the Disney parks since they opened in 1955. A popular activity at the park is to have a portrait taken with Mickey. He is also the central figure in the park parades.

(7) Disney merchandise has been popular since the 1930s. From plush toys, to t-shirts, mouse ears, and lunchboxes, his recreation is still popular today. At the time of his 80th birthday, he was named one of the most recognized characters in the world. Disney officials even did a survey that showed that 98% of children ages 3 - 11 around the world are at least aware of the character. In total, approximately 40% of the Disney products sold today come from Mickey Mouse merchandise.

21. What is *Plane Crazy*?

- A. a comic strip starring Mickey Mouse
- B. a movie starring Mickey Mouse
- C. a toy with Mickey Mouse's picture
- D. a Mickey Mouse ride at Walt Disney World

22. Where would you find a comic strip?

- A. in a newspaper
- B. on the radio
- C. on a television show
- D. in the movies

23. If you watched *The Mickey Mouse Club*, what would you see?

- A. pilots
- B. rides
- C. readers
- D. dancers

24. He is one of the world's most recognizable characters.

What does the word "recognizable" mean?

- A. funniest
- B. shortest
- C. well-known
- D. happy-faced

25. What two important events happened in 1955?

- A. Mickey was born and he starred in his first movie.
- B. Mickey's television show began and Disney parks opened.
- C. Mickey's was in the movies and he got a star on Hollywood Boulevard.
- D. The Mickey Mouse watch and the Mickey Mouse stuffed animal were invented.

26. Who was described as Mickey's "friend"?

- A. Minnie Mouse
- B. Donald Duck
- C. Pluto
- D. Pete

27. His friends were Donald Duck and Goofy, but his nemesis, his enemy, was named Pete.

Which words from this sentence help you define the word, "nemesis"?

- A. his friends
- B. his nemesis
- C. his enemy
- D. named Pete

28. How do you suppose the author feels about Mickey Mouse?

- A. The author thinks Mickey was very popular.
- B. The author thinks Mickey wasn't very funny.
- C. The author wishes he created Mickey Mouse.
- D. The author thinks Mickey was a very scary character.

29. A popular activity at the park is to have a portrait taken with Mickey.

What is another word for "portrait" in this sentence?

- A. drawing
- B. picture
- C. song
- D. dance

30. What is the central idea of this passage?

- A. Mickey Mouse was born in 1928.
- B. Mickey Mouse had a number of good friends.
- C. Mickey Mouse is a well-loved and very popular character.
- D. Mickey Mouse was the star of his own television show.