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Reading comprehension exercises

Camelea: Like the Elephants
Activities: Grades One to Three

1. In Camelea's world, the senses are very important.

Which sense is used in the following examples? Find the appropriate letter.

Hearing _____

a) The saltwater of the sea. Ugh!

Smell _____

b) I'll decorate your bowl with my most colorful marbles.

Touch _____

c) The sweet smell of the sea air.

Sight _____

d) Camelea enjoys dipping her finger into the bowl.

Taste _____

e) Camelea hears the sound of her breathing in the snorkel.

2. What is Camelea afraid of?

- a) Camelea is afraid of swimming.
- b) Camelea is afraid of big fish.
- c) Camelea is afraid of putting her head under water.
- d) Camelea is afraid of deep water.

Answer : _____

3. How do the elephants breathe under water?

Answer : _____

4. True or false?

- a) Carl caught starfish. _____
- b) Leon is not afraid of swimming with the snorkel. _____
- c) Mommy fills a pail with sand. _____
- d) Daddy congratulates Camelea and Leon. _____

5. The first time Camelea swims with her snorkel, she is afraid she will run out of air.

How does she get over her fear?

- a) She thinks about the big fish that are swimming with her in the water.
- b) She thinks about the elephants that like to swim with their big trunks and she imagines that her hair turns into an elephant's trunk.
- c) She takes off her snorkel and goes back to the beach.

Answer : _____

6. Why does Leon go back to the beach instead of staying with the other children in the water?
- a) Because his snorkel has a leak.
 - b) Because he is not comfortable swimming with a snorkel.
 - c) Because he is bored in the sea.

Answer : _____

7. How does Camelea manage to persuade Leon to put his snorkel back on?
- a) She tells him that she saw some treasure on the bottom of the sea.
 - b) She shows him how to breathe normally with the snorkel.

Answer : _____

8. Put these sentences in the right order:
- a) Camelea puts the blue fish back in the sea.
 - b) Camelea's father brings a bowl for the fish.
 - c) Camelea's mother fills a pail with sea water.
 - d) Camelea and Leon catch a pretty fish.
 - e) Camelea thinks the parents of the little fish must be worried.

Answer : _____

9. Camelea absolutely has to have three things to swim under water. Can you name them?

10. What does the snorkel look like?

- a) Grape
- b) Blueberry
- c) Prune

Answer : _____

11. What does the snorkel look like?

- a) An elephant's foot
- b) An elephant's ear
- c) An elephant's trunk
- d) An elephant's tail

Answer : _____

12. Find the word that doesn't belong in this list :

Parent - father - mother - friend - brother - fish - sister

Answer : _____

13. All of the following words have something to do with nature, except for one?

Beach - shells - sea - treasure - pebbles - heat - sea air

Answer : _____

14. An expérience.

“Under the water, everything looks bigger.”

Do an experiment to see if this statement is true.

1. Put an object (for example, a pencil, a ruler, an eraser) in a bowl full of water and see how big it looks.
2. Then take the object out of the water.
3. Now put the same object in an identical bowl with no water in it and look at it again.
 - Do you see a difference?
 - Is it the water or the bowl that makes the objects look bigger?
 - Repeat the experiment with a variety of objects to check your results.

Answer key

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1. Hearing e)
Smell c)
Touch d)
Sight b)
Taste a)
2. c) Camelea is afraid of putting her head under water.
3. By using their large trunks.
4. a) False b) False c) False d) True
5. b) She thinks about the elephants that like to swim with their big trunks and she imagines that her hair turns into an elephant's trunk.
6. b) Because he is not comfortable swimming with a snorkel.
7. b) She shows him how to breathe normally with the snorkel.
8. d) c) b) e) a)
9. A mask - a snorkel - flippers
10. b) Blueberry
11. c) An elephant's trunk.
12. Fish
13. Treasure