

Session 1, Reading Selection #1

Some zoos let people donate money needed to take care of an animal. Read how this helped Rachel get her birthday wish. Answer the questions that follow.

My Own Personal Hippo

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Students read a selection titled “My Own Personal Hippo” and then answered questions 1 through 6 that follow on the next pages of this document.

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Session 1, Multiple-Choice Questions

- 1 This story is MAINLY about a
- Ⓐ hippopotamus who wants to live with a little girl.
 - Ⓑ hippopotamus that lives at the zoo.
 - Ⓒ little girl who has everything she wants.
 - Ⓓ little girl who has a very unusual birthday wish.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 1: Literature/Learning Standard 11

- 2 The *slanted words* in this story show what Rachel
- Ⓐ writes.
 - Ⓑ thinks.
 - Ⓒ hears.
 - Ⓓ sees.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 2: Literature/Learning Standard 8

- 3 Rachel's family gives her reasons why a hippo would not be happy living with them. What do they want Rachel to understand?
- Ⓐ how a hippo is like other pets
 - Ⓑ what it would cost to have a hippo
 - Ⓒ how she should take care of a hippo
 - Ⓓ why she cannot have a hippo

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 3: Literature/Learning Standard 12

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4 What does Rachel do every time someone mentions that having a hippopotamus would cause a problem?

- Ⓐ She thinks of a way to solve the problem.
- Ⓑ She agrees there is a problem.
- Ⓒ She refuses to listen to the problem.
- Ⓓ She pretends there is no problem.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 4: Literature/Learning Standard 12

5 Why did Rachel's family give money to the zoo in Rachel's name?

- Ⓐ They wanted the zoo to take care of the hippo.
- Ⓑ They were tired of answering Rachel's questions.
- Ⓒ They hoped Rachel would be on television.
- Ⓓ They gave Rachel everything she wanted.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 5: Literature/Learning Standard 12

Read the sentence in the box below.

But if we move the garden to the side of the house, there'd be plenty of room for the hippo to run.

6 In this sentence, *there'd* stands for

- Ⓐ there would.
- Ⓑ there had.
- Ⓒ there is.
- Ⓓ there can.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 6: Language/Learning Standard 5