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Once upon a time, a town mouse took a trip to the countryside, where he met a country mouse. The country mouse invited the town mouse to his humble home for dinner. They sat down to eat a dinner of fresh peas and corn. The town mouse tried to be polite, but the country mouse realised that he didn't like the country food.



"I've tried it, but this food is boring!" the town mouse said. "You should come and sample the delicious food in town."

"OK then, I will," replied the country mouse.

They set off excitedly for the town, scurrying as quickly as they could.



Soon, they arrived at the town mouse's house and headed straight for the cupboard. Inside, there were jars of jam, chutney, rice, pasta and much more. The country mouse was amazed at what they had found.

All of a sudden, the kitchen door swung open and the cook walked in. Terrified, the mice jumped out of the cupboard and raced across to the mouse hole.



Eventually, when the coast was clear, the mice ventured out to find more food. This time they went to the pantry and found a jar of prunes to eat.

"I've never eaten anything like it!" exclaimed the country mouse.

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"Thank you, town mouse."



The country mouse was munching through the prunes when the town mouse suddenly whispered "Quiet!" The cat had crept into the kitchen.

The mice tiptoed back to the hole. They went to the cellar. There was even more food. There were cheeses, meat, bags of fruit and even more!

The country mouse saw a tasty-looking piece of cheese in the corner. He ran towards it and was about to eat it.

"Stop!" yelled the town mouse. "It's a mousetrap!"

With that, the country mouse grabbed his things and went on his way. "I think it's time for me to go," he explained. "There are too many shocks here! I'd rather eat my boring food in peace than eat delicious food whilst surrounded by danger!"



It is better to have a little and live in peace than have a lot and live in fear.

Questions

1. Find two words in the story that are used instead of the word 'said'.

2. What was the first thing that scared the country mouse?

3. Which foods did the country mouse try in the town?

4. The story uses the phrase 'when the coast was clear'. What does this mean?

5. Why did the town mouse stop the country mouse from taking the cheese?

6. The country mouse decided to go home at the end of the story. What would you have done? Explain your answer.

Answers

1. Find two words in the story that are used instead of the word 'said'.
Accept any from replied, whispered, exclaimed, yelled, explained.
2. What was the first thing that scared the country mouse?
The first thing that scared the country mouse was the cook.
3. Which foods did the country mouse try in the town?
Accept various answers, including: jars of jam, chutney, rice, pasta, cheese, meat, bags of fruit.
4. The story uses the phrase 'when the coast was clear'. What does this mean?
'When the coast is clear' means when it was safe to come out.
5. Why did the town mouse stop the country mouse from taking the cheese?
The town mouse stopped the country mouse from taking the cheese because it was on a mousetrap.
6. The country mouse decided to go home at the end of the story. What would you have done? Explain your answer.
Children's own answers.

Year 1

English – Grammar

Summer 1, week 5

Tuesday, May 19th, 2020

Using **because** to develop ideas in a sentence and extend a sentence from simple to complex.

Use **because** to correctly join the following simple sentences to make them more complex.
e.g. Jenny and Paul went to the movies together. They are friends.

*Jenny and Paul went to the movies together **because** they are friends.*

1. Erin drank a whole bottle of water. He was thirsty.
2. Charles finished his food in no time. He was hungry.
3. Mohammed went to the dentist today. He had a toothache.
4. Mom works out at the gym every day. She wants to be fit.
5. The girls ran and scream with excitement. They were happy.

Complete each of the following sentences using **because** to give reason for each situation introduced.

e.g. Billy ran all the way home **because** *he was scared*.

1. I go to school every day _____
2. Sometimes I fight with my older sister _____
3. It is very cold outside _____
4. I haven't been to school in a long time _____
5. I love going to the park _____

Year 1

English – Writing

Summer 1, week 5

Wednesday, May 20th, 2020

Claude in the City - Part 1




<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26-fVIMY3mo>

Claude in the City - Part 2

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCa_P0WAuJA

Whew! That trip to the city with Claude and Sir Bobblysock was sure interesting. Everything looked so huge and different and those busy streets and screaming motorists are something else. I don't think I'll go back there anytime soon, but I hear Claude and Sir Bobblysock planning to go back next week.

Task: Based on what you have read so far (pg 1-32) in the story book “Claude in the City,” **EXPLAIN** what you can ***infer*** about the characters in the story (Mr & Mrs Shinyshoes / Claude / Sir Bobblysock), based on the following:

-  The description given of them.
-  Their daily activities.
-  How they are with each other

Inferencing: *What kind of character do you think they are?*

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/teaching-wiki/inference>

Year 1

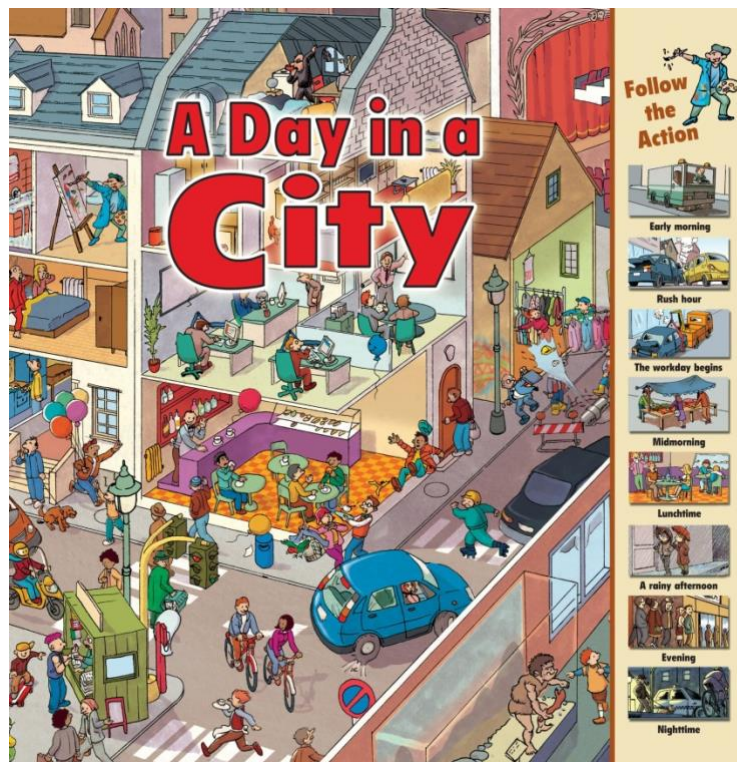
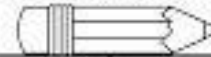
English – Writing

Summer 1, week 5

Thursday, May 21st, 2020

Task: Describe *the City setting in Claude in the City*. Use your senses to identify what you can hear, see, smell and feel, then develop your ideas further with noun phrases and similes (see parent help sheet).

DESCRIBE THE SETTING



Looks like...	Sounds like...
Smells like...	Feels like...
Feels like...	

Year 1

English

Reading Comprehension

Friday, May 22nd, 2020

Summer 1, week 5

Deadly Animals and Creatures

Deadly Animals and Creatures

Humans are by far the deadliest animal on the planet. Humans are aggressive towards each other and to other animals, use deadly weapons and have harmed our planet.



Culex mosquito



Echis snake



Tsetse fly

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Which are the deadliest to humans?

Mosquitoes cause the most human deaths every year. They are the smallest and the deadliest creature on earth. Mosquitoes carry disease-causing viruses and parasites, for example malaria, yellow fever and dengue fever. Not all snakes are dangerous but more than 450 species are venomous. Snakebites are often not reported, but it is estimated that between 420,000 and 1.8 million snakebites happen each year. Dog bites cause over 90% of rabies infections in humans. Tsetse flies are also called tik-tik flies and spread the African sleeping sickness.

Big facts!

According to Bill Gates' World's Deadliest Animals list, published in 2014, these are the deadliest animals, ranked by number of human deaths they cause each year:



1. Mosquitoes cause 725,000 deaths a year.
2. Humans cause 475,000 deaths a year.
3. Snakes cause 50,000 deaths a year.
4. Dogs (rabies) cause 25,000 deaths a year.
5. Tsetse flies (sleeping sickness) cause 10,000 deaths a year.
6. Assassin bugs (Chagas disease) cause 10,000 deaths a year.
7. Freshwater snails cause 10,000 deaths a year.
8. Ascaris roundworms cause 2,500 deaths a year.
9. Tapeworms cause 2000 deaths a year.
10. Crocodiles cause 1000 deaths a year.
11. Hippopotamuses cause 500 deaths a year.
12. Lions cause 100 deaths a year.
13. Elephants cause 100 deaths a year.
14. Wolves cause 10 deaths a year.
15. Sharks cause 10 deaths a year.

Where do these animals live?

Mosquitoes and snakes are found in every continent apart from Antarctica. The biggest number of harmful mosquitoes are in Africa. Deadly snakes are most common in Asia. Most rabies-related human deaths happen in Asia and Africa. The UK was declared rabies-free in 1922. Tsetse flies live in Africa.

Deadly Animals and Creatures Questions

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. What is the deadliest animal on the planet?

2. Which insect is the deadliest?

3. Which diseases do mosquitoes spread?

4. Are all snake bites reported?

5. How many snakebites happen each year?

6. From the list, how many deaths a year do snakes cause?

7. Which animals cause 100 deaths per year?

8. Where are mosquitoes and snakes found?

9. Where do tsetse flies live?

Deadly Animals and Creatures **Answers**

1. What is the deadliest animal on the planet?

Humans are by far the deadliest animal on the planet.

2. Which insect is the deadliest?

Mosquitoes cause the most human deaths each year.

3. Which diseases do mosquitoes spread?

Mosquitoes carry disease-causing viruses and parasites, for example malaria, yellow fever and dengue fever.

4. Are all snakebites reported?

No, snakebites are often not reported.

5. How many snakebites happen each year?

It is estimated that between 420,000 and 1.8 million snakebites happen each year.

6. From the list, how many deaths a year do snakes cause?

Snakes cause 50,000 deaths a year.

7. Which animals cause 100 deaths per year?

Lions and elephants cause 100 deaths a year.

8. Where are mosquitoes and snakes found?

Mosquitoes and snakes are found in every continent apart from Antarctica.

9. Where do tsetse flies live?

Tsetse flies live in Africa.