

# **Bike Racers Reading Comprehension Partner Game**

## **Player Directions:**

1. Each player places a game marker (e.g., colored paper clips, coins or generic game pawns) on START.
2. Players take turns choosing a card, reading a short passage and then answering the question based on what they have read.
3. If the player answers the question correctly, she moves forward one space.
4. Play then continues as players take turns.
5. The first player to reach the movie theater at the end of the path wins the game!

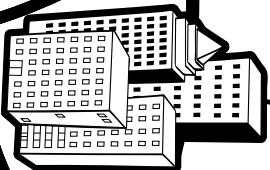
# BIKE RACERS

A Reading  
Comprehension  
Game

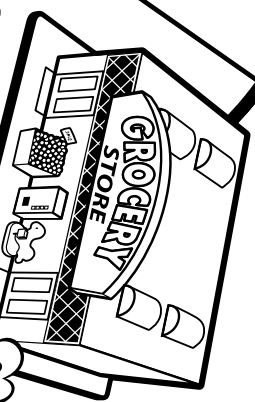
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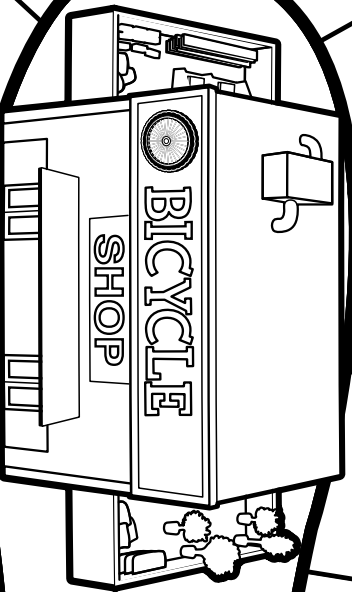
Take a shortcut through downtown.



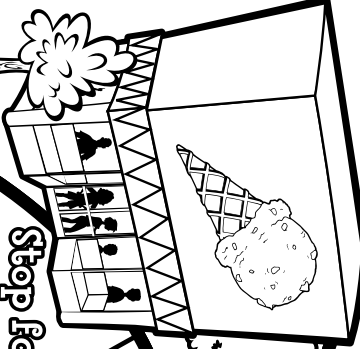
Stop to recharge with a snack.



Jump forward 1 space.



Stop for ice cream. Go back to "Start."

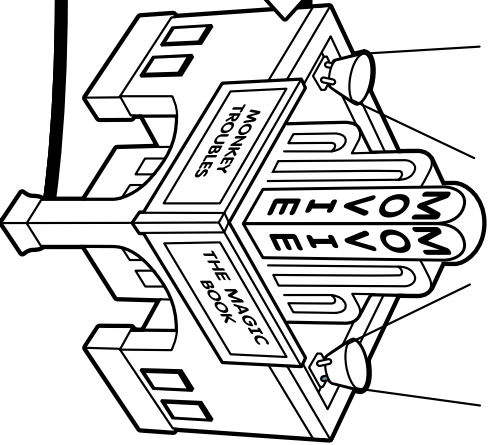
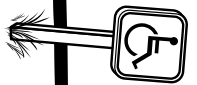


You are lost. Draw another card.



Flat tire! Move back 2 spaces.

Race through town to see who gets to the movie theater first. The first one there wins!



Which one of these could really happen?

- a. The car walked down the street.
- b. The car raced down the street.
- c. The car skipped down the street.

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Answer:

- b. The car raced down the street.

Move ahead 1 space.

Jenny saw five happy puppies as she looked in the window of the pet shop. Jenny's mom was busy talking to a friend, so Jenny went inside to pet the puppies. Jenny really wanted to own a puppy, but her parents didn't think she was capable of caring for a puppy on her own yet. Jenny hoped they would change their minds when they saw these cute little puppies.

Answer:

- a. Jenny wanted a puppy.

Move ahead 3 spaces.

The main idea of this paragraph is:

- a. Jenny wanted a puppy.
- b. Jenny's parents didn't like dogs.
- c. Jenny went shopping with her mom.

Kara planted one white flower, four purple flowers, and two pink flowers.

What color flowers did Kara plant?

- a. white, purple, and pink
- b. purple and pink
- c. white, pink, yellow, and purple

Fold

**Answer**

a. white, purple, and pink

Move ahead 1 space.

Troy put on his pajamas and brushed his teeth.

What does the preceding sentence suggest to you?

- a. It was time for bed.
- b. It was time for school.
- c. It was time to walk the dog.

**Answer:**

a. It was time for bed.

Move ahead 1 space.

Fold

Which of these statements is a fact?

- a. Earth is round.
- b. Cats make the best pets.
- c. Baseball is a great sport.

Answer:

- a. Earth is round.

Move ahead 1 space.

Eric's grandmother was teaching him how to make bread. They mixed the ingredients and kneaded the dough. Then, they waited for the dough to rise. Finally, they shaped it into loaves and put it in the oven. It seemed like a lot of work to Eric. At last, the bread was ready. When Eric bit into a slice of bread that was still warm, it was worth all the effort!

Answer:

- d. making bread

Move ahead 3 spaces.

What is the preceding passage mostly about?

- a. Eric's grandmother
- b. hard work
- c. cooking
- d. making bread

Wayne Gretzky started playing hockey when he was very young. He joined a professional team when he was only 18. Gretzky became the youngest player ever to score 50 goals in one season. Before he retired, he broke almost every hockey scoring record. No wonder his fans called him "The Great One"!

What is the main idea of this passage?

- a. Hockey players should start at a young age.
- b. Wayne Gretzky retired too early.
- c. Wayne Gretzky was a great hockey player.
- d. Hockey players usually have nicknames.

Many birds get hurt when they crash into window glass that they cannot see. Some scientists are looking for ways to make buildings safer for birds. One answer is to use glass covered with tiny dots. People do not notice the dots, but birds can see them and avoid the windows.

Choose the correct cause and effect combination.

- a. Scientists are making windows safer. / Birds get hurt.
- b. Birds can't see glass. / Birds crash into windows.
- c. Birds fly into window glass. / People don't notice dots on glass.
- d. Birds see dots on glass. / Scientists can make windows safer.

Fold

Answer:  
c. Wayne Gretzky was a great hockey player.

Move ahead 2 spaces.

Answer:  
b. Birds can't see glass. / Birds crash into windows.  
Move ahead 3 spaces.

Sage wanted to buy a book for her sister, but she didn't have enough money. To earn extra cash, Sage did chores for her neighbors. She walked their dogs and pulled weeds. Finally, she had enough money to buy the book. Her sister said it was the best gift ever.

Which cause and effect combination does not apply to the passage above?

- a. Sage needed money for a book. / Sage did chores for cash.
- b. She gave a book to her sister. / Her sister said it was the best gift ever.
- c. Sage and her sister pulled weeds. / Sage bought a dog.

Ms. Abdul's class couldn't agree on what class pet to get. Should it be a lizard, a fish, or a hamster? They decided to find out how much care each animal needs. Students researched and took a vote. The next day, Ms. Abdul's class got a hamster.

Choose the correct cause and effect combination.

- a. The students couldn't agree on a pet. / They got a hamster.
- b. The students couldn't agree on a pet. / They decided to find out more about the pets.
- c. Students researched pets. / They couldn't agree on a pet.
- d. Students voted on which pet to get. / They got four different pets.

Fold

Answer:

c. Sage and her sister pulled weeds. / Sage bought a dog.

Move ahead 2 spaces.

Answer:

b. The students couldn't agree on a pet. / They decided to find out more about the pets.

Move ahead 3 spaces.

My sister loves her cat, Shadow, but I can't see why. Shadow sheds fur everywhere. He claws the furniture legs, and once he clawed my legs, too. When he's inside, he cries to go out. When he's outside, he cries to come in. Shadow is more like a pest than a pet.

Which sentence from the paragraph is an opinion?

- a. When he's inside, he cries to go out.
- b. Shadow sheds fur everywhere.
- c. He claws the furniture legs, and once he clawed my legs, too.
- d. Shadow is more like a pest than a pet.

Choose whether the passage below is fact or opinion.

Every class should go on a field trip once a month. Field trips make learning a lot more interesting. Students learn more on field trips than they do sitting in the classroom.

- a. fact
- b. opinion

Fold

Answer:  
d. Shadow is more like a pest than a pet.

Move ahead 4 spaces.

Answer:  
b. opinion

Move ahead 2 spaces.



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Troy went hiking with his friend Jim, an experienced hiker. Jim told Troy not to wander off the path. Once you wander off the path, it's easy to get poison ivy or run into a snake. A few miles into the hike, Troy spotted a beautiful deer drinking from a stream. Jim was hiking ahead of Troy, and, forgetting what Jim had told him, Troy decided to leave the path. As he watched the deer and crouched quietly in a bunch of leafy plants, he felt the skin on his legs begin to itch.

Choose the correct cause and effect combination.

- a. Jim told Troy not to wander off the path. / Troy wandered off the path.
- b. Troy went off the path. / Troy got poison ivy.
- c. Troy listened to his friend Jim. / They had fun hiking.

A snowstorm had arrived, and the snow was falling heavily. When Carlos looked out the window, all he could see was a thick wall of white. The snowstorm was supposed to last all day, so the city schools were closed. The next morning, Carlos looked out the window again. It had stopped snowing, and the ground looked like a thick, soft, white blanket. It was a perfect day for sledding!

Choose the correct cause and effect combination.

- a. There was a big snowstorm. / Carlos went to school.
- b. It stopped snowing. / Carlos saw a wall of white through the window.
- c. There was a big snowstorm. / The snow on the ground was perfect for sledding.

Answer:

b. Troy went off the path. / Troy got poison ivy.

Move ahead 5 spaces.

Answer:

c. There was a big snowstorm. / The snow on the ground was perfect for sledding.

Move ahead 4 spaces.

Exploration is one of the oldest human endeavors. Early explorers searched for new lands to settle, as well as gold and riches. Due to the courage of early explorers, most of Earth's surface was known to the world by about 1900. Since then, explorers have traveled as far down as the Mariana Trench in the ocean and as high as the peaks of Mt. Everest!

Explorers must be \_\_\_\_\_ individuals.

- a. shy
- b. adventurous
- c. humorous

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Answer:

- b. adventurous

Move ahead 5 spaces.

Weeds are often thought of as a nuisance, but many people don't realize that weeds are important. They help the soil and can act as shelter for animals. In addition, animals and humans actually eat some kinds of weeds. For example, the common dandelion is rich in vitamins A and C. Chickweed is another example of a very nutritious plant. Its leaves can be cooked like spinach.

The main idea of this paragraph is:

- a. Weeds are messy.
- b. Animals benefit from some weeds.
- c. Weeds are important for many reasons.

Answer:

- c. Weeds are important for many reasons.

Move ahead 4 spaces.

Tara always looked forward to Saturday mornings, and this Saturday was no different. She liked being part of a team. As Tara stood in the outfield, she smelled the leather of her glove. Then, she knelt down to feel the soft, cool grass. Seconds later, Tara heard the crack of the bat and the roar of the crowd. She immediately stood up and was ready to catch the ball.

Tara was playing \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. baseball
- b. football
- c. hockey

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Answer:

- a. baseball

Move ahead 5 spaces.

Eric's dad asked him to mow the lawn, and Eric said he would do it later. Then, Eric's mom asked him to clean his room, and he told her that he would clean it in a minute. Next, Eric's dad told him to complete his chores and take out the trash. Eric said he would do it in a second, after he finished playing his computer game. Two minutes later, Eric's mom came in and turned off his computer. Eric knew he was doomed.

Eric's parents probably thought he was being \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. fun
- b. smart
- c. lazy

Answer:

- c. lazy

Move ahead 4 spaces.

At 15, Frank was big and strong enough to work in his father's furniture store. So, Frank's dad hired him to help out after school and on Saturdays. One day, he helped his dad deliver a sofa to a customer's house. The woman told Frank's dad, "That's quite a helper you've got there." "That's my boy, Frank," his dad replied.

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How does Frank's dad feel about his son?

- a. embarrassed
- b. proud
- c. disappointed
- d. amused

Answer:  
b. proud

Move ahead 5 spaces.

Choose whether the passage below is fact or opinion.

Golf is the hardest sport to play. Basketball is much easier. You should stop playing golf and start playing basketball.

- a. fact
- b. opinion

Answer:  
b. opinion

Move ahead 2 spaces.