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Mine! Mine! Mine!

Ralph the raccoon was stuck. His hand would not come out of the jar. Inside his hand was a bright, blue ball. "Let go of the ball," his friend said. Ralph let go and his hand was free.



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1. What was in Ralph's hand?
 - a. a dime
 - b. an earring
 - c. a ball
 2. Why was Ralph's hand stuck?
 - a. because he had big hands
 - b. because he was holding the ball
 - c. because the jar was too small for his hand
 3. How did Ralph get his hand free?
 - a. He let go of the ball.
 - b. He broke the jar.
 - c. He did not get free.

Something extra: With your teacher's help, learn more about raccoons. You can use the Internet, an encyclopedia, or a library book. Find three facts about raccoons. Then list the three facts below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Pam Wins the Prize

Pam wanted to win a blue ribbon. She baked cakes, cookies, and cupcakes for the fair. Pam could not believe it. She did not win one blue ribbon that day. She won three!



1. What did Pam want to win?
 - a. a trophy
 - b. a blue ribbon
 - c. some money
2. What did Pam *not* bake for the fair?
 - a. cookies
 - b. bread
 - c. cakes
3. How many blue ribbons did Pam win?
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three

Something extra: In the space below draw and color a picture of Pam getting her ribbons.

The Rainy Day

Sally was sad. She could not go outside to play. It was raining. “We will build a tent inside the house and play,” her mother said. Sally smiled. A rainy day was not so bad after all.

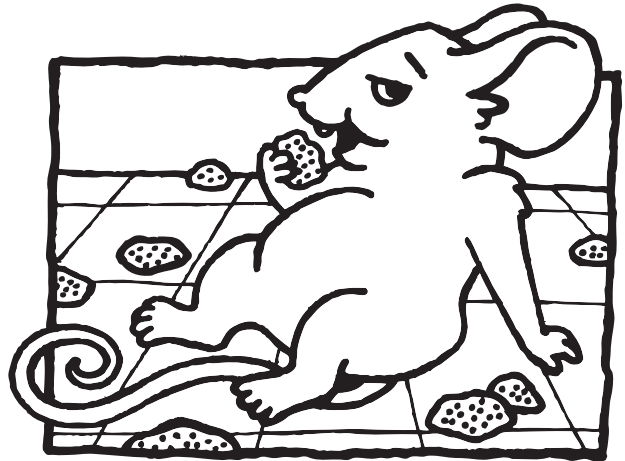


1. Why couldn't Sally play outside?
 - a. It was too cold.
 - b. It was too hot.
 - c. It was raining.
2. What did Sally's mother say they could do inside?
 - a. bake cookies
 - b. build a tent
 - c. clean the house
3. Another good title for this story might be
 - a. Sally's Bad Day
 - b. Sally Has Fun
 - c. Sally Is Sad

Something extra: Sally's mother gave her a nice surprise. She helped her build a tent. Have you ever gotten a nice surprise? Tell about your surprise in the space below. (**Hint:** If you have never had a special surprise, write about something you would like to get as a surprise.)

Perfect Picnic

Matt the mouse was hungry. He wanted some food. Where could he go? He went to the park. Matt saw a picnic table. There were crumbs everywhere! Matt had the best picnic ever.



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1. What was wrong with Matt?
 - a. He was scared.
 - b. He was dirty.
 - c. He was hungry.
 2. Where did Matt go to get food?
 - a. to his house
 - b. to a park
 - c. to a trash can
 3. What did Matt find at the park?
 - a. a large cat
 - b. a lot of food
 - c. nothing at all

Something extra: In the space below draw and color a picture of Matt and you having a picnic.