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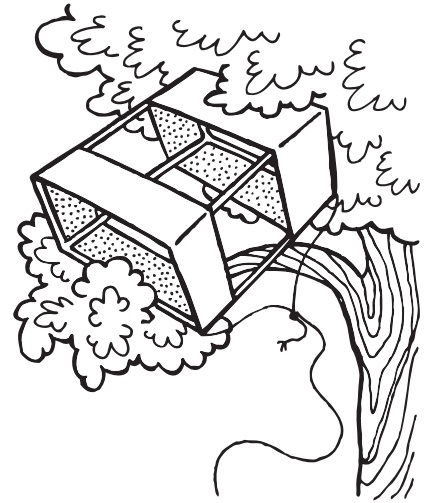
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What Goes Up Must Come Down

The kite was stuck.

Emma and Conner had been flying their kites all morning. The wind had been just right. Emma's kite was in the shape of a diamond. Conner's kite looked like a box. Emma's kite flew straight up. It went very high. Emma loved watching her bright yellow kite. Conner's kite would dip and sway. It did not go as high as Emma's. His kite looked like a rainbow in the sky. It had many different colors on each side.



As they were flying their kites, Conner's suddenly tilted on its side. Then it began to fall. Emma did not know how to help Conner. They both watched as Conner's kite fell and landed in a tree. Now his kite was stuck.

Emma began winding up her string. She brought her kite out of the sky. She wanted to help get Conner's kite out of the tree, but she didn't know how they could reach the top of such a large tree.

The two friends were standing in Emma's front yard, staring at the tree when they heard the honk of a horn. They looked over and saw a bright red fire truck pulling up to the front of the house. It was Conner's uncle.

"Looks like you could use some help," Conner's uncle said.

Conner's uncle and the other men on his truck jumped out and began pulling out the ladder. He climbed to the top and got the kite for Conner.

Emma and Conner thanked the men for their help. Conner's uncle asked them if they would like to see the truck, but just then, an alarm went off.

"Sorry, kids," Conner's uncle said. "Right now, we have to go and help someone else."

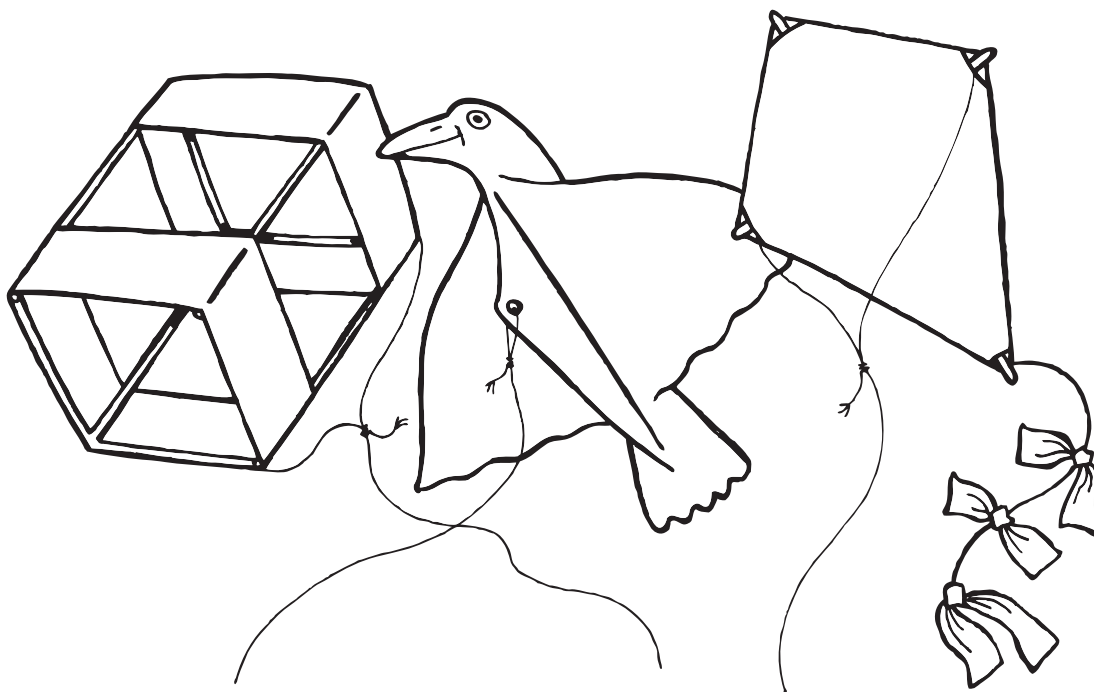
The History of Kites

Kites have been around for many thousands of years. People believe the first kites probably came from China. Today, people fly kites to have fun. Years ago, though, people used them for other reasons. In battle, the Chinese soldiers would tie pipes made of bamboo to kites. The wind would blow through the pipes. The wind would make the sound of a whistle. The noise would scare the other people, and they would run away from the odd noise coming from the sky.

Benjamin Franklin used a kite for his experiment. He tied a metal key to the string of his kite. He flew the kite during a thunderstorm. He used the kite to help prove his theory about lightning and electricity.

Kites were also used to help people learn to fly. Kites are, in fact, the oldest type of aircraft. The Wright brothers used the box kite to help them design their airplanes. The Wright brothers were the first people to be able to control a plane while flying it in the air.

Kites are an important part of history, but they are also fun for people today to fly and to watch. On almost any windy day, you will see someone, somewhere, flying a kite.



UNIT 14
QUESTIONS

Name

Date

The following pages have questions based on the texts from Unit 14. You may look at the stories to help answer any questions. Use the back of the page if you need extra space for writing your answers.

1 How did the early Chinese use kites?

- a in festivals
- b for birthdays
- c in battles
- d for school

2 How is Conner's uncle able to reach the kite that is stuck?

- a He is a very tall man.
- b He climbs the tree.
- c He climbs on the shoulders of another person.
- d He uses the ladder from the fire truck.

3 How do you know Emma is worried about Conner's kite?

4 What is the same about the two stories?

- a They are both about the importance of helping others.
- b They are both about kites.
- c They both have a story about Benjamin Franklin.
- d They both tell how to make your own kite.

5 Why didn't Conner's uncle show the truck to Emma and Conner?

- a Conner's uncle had to go home.
- b Conner's uncle forgot to bring the key.
- c Conner's uncle was not allowed to have kids on the truck.
- d Conner's uncle and the firemen had to go and help someone else.

**UNIT 14
QUESTIONS**

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6 Why were people afraid of the kites that the early Chinese flew?

7 Who are the two main characters in the story "What Goes Up Must Come Down"?

_____ **and** _____

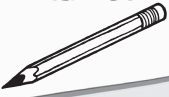
8 Which answer choice best completes this sentence?

The Wright brothers used a _____ to help them make a better airplane.

- a** bamboo stick
- b** key
- c** box kite
- d** fire truck

9 Write the sentence from the story that helped you answer #8.

10 Were kites important in the past? Explain your answer.



Time to Write!

Explain what is happening in each picture. Write your sentences on the lines.

