

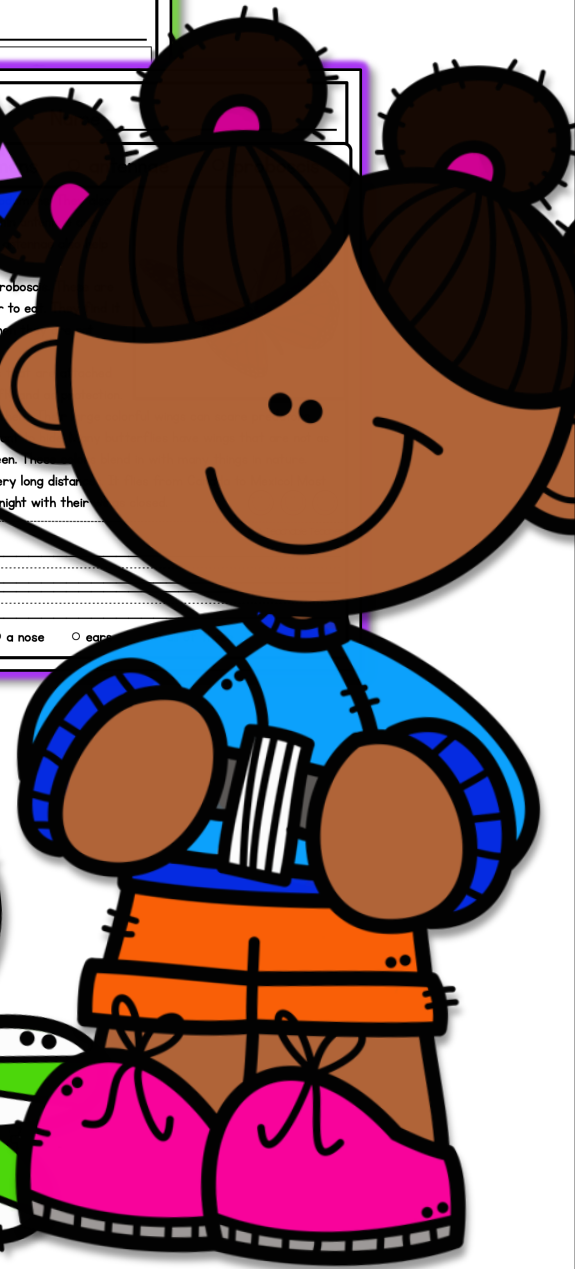
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"No, we can come with you to find the caterpillar every day. One day, you can take the egg home with you." Sarah said. "Hello, butterfly!"
① Why was Sarah so excited?
② What can you do to help a butterfly?

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① What do you think Sarah's mother will say?
② How did Sarah feel about the egg?

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① Why did Sarah's mother say no?
② What is a butterfly's antennae like?
 eyes a nose ears




Levels
F-I

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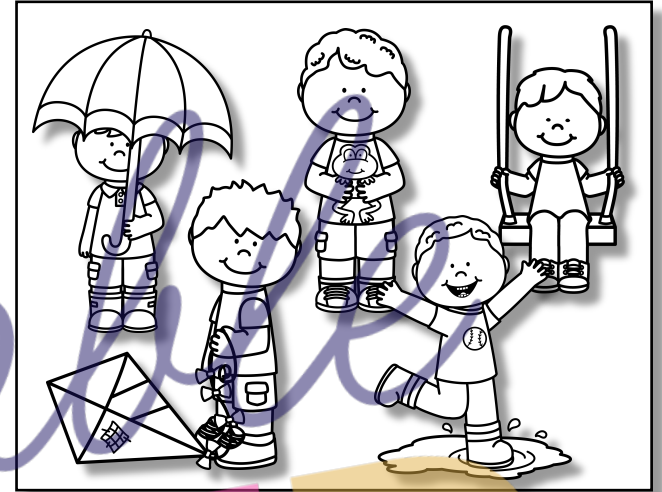
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THEMES	PASSAGES	LEVELS
 Spring	1 fiction 1 nonfiction	F-I
Butterflies	1 fiction 1 nonfiction	F-I
St. Patrick's Day	1 fiction 1 nonfiction	F-I
Rainbows	1 fiction 1 nonfiction	F-I
Dinosaurs	1 fiction 1 nonfiction	F-I

F

Favorite Season Name

“Spring is my favorite season,” Pat said. “Why do you like spring?” Juan asked his brother. “There are so many fun things to do in spring,” Pat said. “We can fly kites and catch frogs. We can go to the park and play on the swings, too.” “I like to do those things, too,” Juan said. “There is a problem. It rains in spring. You can’t fly a kite in the rain.” “I like to play in the rain, too!” Pat said. “I can put on my rain boots and rain jacket. I can get my umbrella.” “What can you do in the rain?” Juan asked. “I can jump in puddles. That is really fun!” Pat said. “That does sound fun!” Juan said.



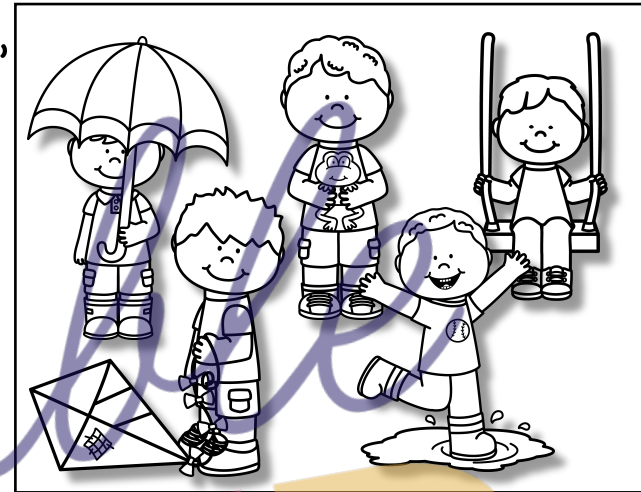
① Why does Pat like spring?

② Why does Juan not like spring? It is not fun. It rains.

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Favorite Season Name

“All of the seasons are fun, but spring is my favorite,” Pat said. His brother Juan looked at him. “Why is spring your favorite season?” he asked. “I like the things we get to do in spring,” Pat said. “I like to play outside by the pond. Do you remember when we caught frogs?” Juan smiled. “I remember that! We had so much fun that day,” he said. “I also like to go to the park to swing on the swing set,” Pat said. “I like to go to the park, too,” Juan said. “Spring is very windy. It is great weather for flying kites. We can make kites and fly them in spring,” Pat said. “I remember when we made kites. Mine was blue and green. It had stripes on one side,” Juan said. “Yes, it looked great! Do you agree with me now? Do you think spring is the best season, too?” Pat asked. “Spring is also very rainy,” Juan said. “We have to stay inside because it is so rainy.” “I like to play in the rain!” Pat said. “We can get umbrellas and put on our raincoats. We can jump in big puddles with our rain boots.” Juan grinned. “That does sound fun! Spring is the best season,” he said.



① How did Pat convince Juan that spring is the best season?

② Why does Juan think that spring is not fun?

because of the kites because of the frogs

because of the rain

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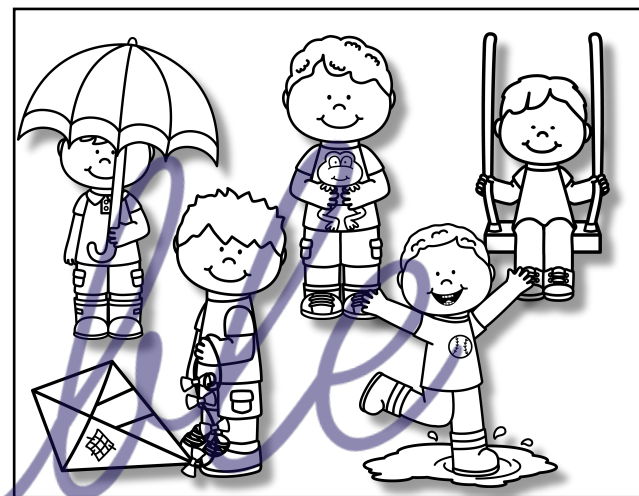
Favorite Season

Name _____

"What is your favorite season?" Juan asked his brother Pat. "I like spring best," Pat said. "What is so great about spring?" Juan asked. "It is cold and rainy. Don't you think that summer is better than spring?" "No, I think summer is too hot! Spring is the best," Pat replied. "You can do a lot of the same things in spring that you can do in summer, but it is not as hot. We can go to the park. I can push you on the swings, and we can play tag." "I love to go to the park," Juan said. "You're right. It does get really hot there in the summer."

"There are lots of animals around in the spring. We can go to the pond in the spring to catch frogs," Pat said. "I remember when we did that last year. We caught so many frogs at the pond. They were everywhere! Do you remember that really big frog I caught?" Juan asked, excited. Pat grinned. "I remember it! It was more like a toad. It was probably the biggest frog at the pond." "I guess that is a really fun part of spring," Juan said.

"It is also windy in the spring. We can fly kites because there is good wind," Pat said. "It's really fun to make the kites, too," Juan said. "Do you remember when we made those kites last year? Mine was blue and green with stripes on it." "Mine was orange and yellow. The tail had ribbons on it!" Pat said. "Don't you think that spring is the best now?" "The problem with spring is that it rains so much. We can't do any of these things in the rain," Juan said. Pat smiled. "Rainy days in spring are the best. We can get our umbrellas and raincoats and go outside to play! We can jump in all of the big puddles with our boots on," Pat said. "You are right, Pat. That is so fun. Spring is the best!" said Juan.



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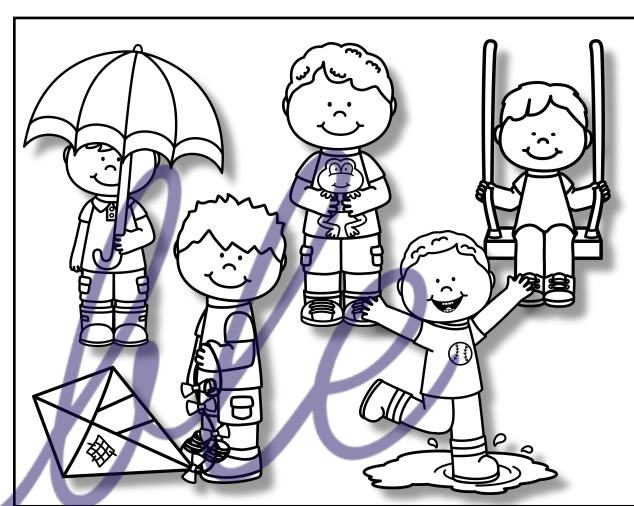
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② Why does Juan think that spring is not fun? because of the kites because of the frogs because of the rain

Favorite Season

Name _____

"Which season do you like best, Pat?" Juan asked. He wanted to know his brother's favorite season. Pat thought about it for a minute. "Spring is my favorite season!" he said. Juan shook his head. "I do not think spring is the best. It is cold and rainy," he said. "It might be a little cold at the beginning, but it gets a lot warmer. It is perfect weather for going to the park. Do you remember all of those times we went to the park last spring?" Pat asked. "Yes, we had so much fun. We went on the swings and played tag. It does get really hot at the park in the summer," Juan agreed.



"Animals are all around in the spring. The bunnies are hopping around, and the pond is full of frogs. Do you remember when we caught frogs at the pond?" Pat asked. Juan grinned. "I remember that! I caught a huge frog. It was as big as a toad. It was so slick from the mud and water that I couldn't hold it very well. It jumped right out of my hands!" he said. Pat laughed. "That was so funny. Spring is the best time to catch frogs at the pond," Pat said.

"Spring is also the perfect time to fly kites," Pat said. "It is very windy outside, so the kites fly high," "I remember when we made the kites last year. Mine was blue and green and had stripes. It flew so high that I almost lost it!" Juan said. "Don't you agree that spring is the best season now?" Pat asked. "All of these things are fun to do, but there is still a problem. It rains in the spring, so we can't go out to do them very much," replied Juan. Pat grinned. "We don't stay inside when it rains! We get our coats and umbrellas and go outside! We can jump in all of the big puddles with our rain boots on!" he said. Juan smiled, too. "That is the best thing of all. I guess spring is my favorite season, too!" he said.

① How did Pat convince Juan that spring is the best season?



② Why does Juan think spring is not fun? because of the frogs because of the kites because of the rain

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Birds in Spring Name _____

Vocabulary

 warmer south burrowed search

It is spring. Many new things are happening. The weather gets warmer. The plants begin to grow. The birds fly back to their homes. Many of them had flown south for the winter. Some birds had stayed home in trees. They burrowed in the bark to stay warm. The birds are very busy in spring. Insects come out, and the birds eat them. They also eat the seeds from the plants. Birds make nests for their eggs, too. They search for branches to make their nests. The eggs will hatch into baby birds!



① Why is it important that the insects come out?

② What do the birds eat?

 insects seeds both

G

Birds in Spring Name _____

Vocabulary warmer south searching protect female

Many things happen when it is spring. The weather gets warmer. The plants start to grow. The insects come out. Many birds fly home. They had flown south for the winter. Some birds had burrowed in the bark of trees. It was too cold for them outside. During spring, the birds are very busy. They catch insects to eat. They also find seeds from the plants to eat. Many birds are very busy searching for sticks, grass, and leaves. They use these things to make their nests. They put their nests together in trees using their beaks and their feet. They want their nests to blend in with the trees to protect their eggs. Female birds lay eggs in their nests. The eggs hatch in spring, too. They are baby birds!



① Why is it important that insects come out in spring?

② What do the birds want their nests to do? look pretty blend in

Vocabulary ○ hibernate ○ migrate ○ camouflage ○ predators ○ female

Spring is a season when new things happen. The weather gets warmer. The plants begin to grow. Animals and insects come out from their hiding places. Winter is cold. There is very little to eat. Some animals find burrows and hibernate for the winter. Some animals grow thicker fur. Many birds migrate in the winter months. They fly south to warmer places.

When winter is over and it is spring, the animals come out. The birds fly back to their homes. All birds are very busy in this season. They spend their time searching for food and building their nests. Most birds eat insects and seeds. They find their food in trees, on the ground, and in plants. Birds make their nests out of things they find. Most nests are built from sticks, grass, and leaves. Many birds build their nests in trees. They will work hard to camouflage the nests. If the nests blend in with the trees, they will be hard for predators to see.

Birds build nests for one reason. They need places to lay eggs. Female birds lay eggs in their nests. The nests need to protect the eggs. The eggs hatch into baby birds called chicks. The chicks stay in the bird nests. The camouflage keeps them safe. It also gives the chicks shelter from wind and cold. Birds bring food to their chicks in the nests until they are ready to fly on their own.



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① How do birds protect their eggs?

② What do birds do in the winter? ○ hibernate ○ fly south ○ grow thicker fur ○ all of these

Vocabulary

hibernate migrate camouflage predators

The weather gets warmer. Plants grow new leaves and flowers. Animals and insects come out from their hiding places. Winter is over. It is spring! Winter is cold, and there is very little to eat. Animals find different ways to live in winter. Some migrate, grow thicker fur, or even hibernate. Many birds migrate in the winter months. They fly south to warmer places until it is spring.

When winter is over, the birds fly back to their homes. They are very busy getting ready to lay their eggs. They spend their time searching for food and building their nests. Most birds eat insects and seeds. They forage for food in trees, on the ground, and in plants. They also forage for things to make their nests. Most nests are built from sticks, grass, and leaves. Many birds build their nests in trees.

They put their nests together using their beaks and their feet. They work hard to camouflage the nest from predators.

Birds build nests so that they have safe places to lay eggs. Female birds lay eggs in their nests. The nests are built to protect the eggs. The birds protect their nests and the eggs by watching and keeping predators away. When the eggs hatch into chicks, they bring them food, too. Nests protect the chicks from the cold and wind. When the chicks are old enough, they will learn to fly. They do not need nests anymore.



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