

# Grade 2 Reading

## INSTRUCTIONS

Read the story.

Read each question.

Circle the answer to the question.

## PRACTICE

Have you ever seen purple carrots?  
When farmers first grew carrots, they were purple. Farmers then began growing orange carrots. People liked them so much that farmers stopped growing purple ones.



1. What colour carrots did farmers used to grow?

- A. red
- B. blue
- C. purple
- D. pink

The answer is C. You would circle the letter C as is shown below.

- A. red
- B. blue
- C. purple
- D. pink

from **Squiggle and the Giant**



Squiggle was a worm who loved to play. One morning, Squiggle squirmed along happily in the soft, muddy soil. Then he felt a hard, rough surface beneath him. He remembered Grandfather's warning. "This must be pavement," he thought.

"It doesn't feel very dangerous to me." He slid into a puddle on the pavement to play.

Squiggle had fun wiggling and twisting in the puddle. He didn't notice when the water stopped falling. He didn't notice the air getting warmer. He didn't notice the puddle getting smaller . . . and smaller. Then the puddle was gone.

Squiggle lay on the hot pavement. His skin had become very dry. He tried to dig into the pavement, but it was too hard. He tried to wiggle off the pavement, but he could hardly move.

The ground began to shake. A giant must be coming! Squiggle felt himself being lifted high into the sky by one of the giant people!

"Silly worm," boomed the giant's voice. "Don't you know it's dangerous for worms to be on the sidewalk?"

The giant put Squiggle down on the dirt. Squiggle dug into the soft, damp earth, and the giant climbed onto her bike and rode away.

*by D.A. Woodliff*

1. **Grandfather had warned Squiggle about**
  - A. pavement.
  - B. puddles.
  - C. muddy soil.
  - D. giant people.
  
2. **The puddle got smaller because**
  - A. it got filled with mud.
  - B. the giant splashed the water away.
  - C. there was a hole in the pavement.
  - D. the air got hotter.
  
3. **After the puddle disappeared, Squiggle could not move because**
  - A. the water made him too slippery.
  - B. he was too afraid of the giant.
  - C. the pavement was too wet.
  - D. his skin was too dry.
  
4. **Squiggle thought that a giant was coming because he**
  - A. heard a booming voice.
  - B. felt the ground move.
  - C. remembered his grandfather's warning.
  - D. noticed the puddle getting smaller.
  
5. **The next time Squiggle feels pavement, he will most likely**
  - A. try to dig into it.
  - B. wiggle back to soft earth.
  - C. play in a puddle.
  - D. go for a bike ride.

# Collect Ants for an Ant Farm

You'll have the best luck collecting ants if the weather is cool. Cool temperatures slow ants down.

## What you need:

Spoon  
Plastic bags  
Glass jar



## How to collect your ants:

- Look for ants in ant hills, under rocks or around rotting logs.
- Use the spoon to put ants into a plastic bag. Look for an extra-large ant, the queen. Close the bag.
- Search for white ant eggs, cocoons, and larvae. Put them into a plastic bag and close it.
- Put some soil in the glass jar. The soil will make the ants feel at home.
- If your parents will let you, put the bag of ants in the refrigerator for half an hour or so. The cool air will slow the ants down before you move them to the glass jar.

**But you'll understand if your parents don't want ants in the refrigerator, won't you?**

*by Margaret Kenda and Phyllis S. Williams*

- 6. In warm weather, it would be harder to**
- A. find ant hills.
  - B. catch ants.
  - C. get soil.
  - D. find logs.
- 7. You use a spoon to**
- A. pick up rocks.
  - B. dig under rotting logs.
  - C. put ants in a plastic bag.
  - D. put ants in the refrigerator.
- 8. You can make the ants feel at home by**
- A. putting soil in the glass jar.
  - B. using a lot of plastic bags.
  - C. putting ants in the refrigerator.
  - D. planting some plants in the soil.
- 9. The last thing you will need to do to complete your ant farm is to**
- A. put the ants in a refrigerator.
  - B. move the ants to the glass jar.
  - C. place the ants in plastic bags.
  - D. close the plastic bags.