

Passage Comprehension 8

Grade 3

The Helpful Garden Spider

In a corner of Mrs. Chen's vegetable garden lived a small spider named Luna. Every night, Luna carefully wove her delicate web between two tomato plants. During the day, she caught harmful insects that tried to eat the vegetables. Mrs. Chen noticed that her tomatoes were growing beautifully, thanks to Luna's protection. Other garden spiders soon joined Luna, and together they kept the entire garden safe. Mrs. Chen was so grateful that she made tiny signs saying "Spider Home" to place near their webs.

Questions for "The Helpful Garden Spider"

1. Why was Luna important to the garden?

2. When did Luna build her web?

3. What did Mrs. Chen do to thank the spiders?

Vocabulary and Grammar

4. Find two compound words in the passage.

5. Write three adjectives used to describe the web or garden.

6. What is the past tense of these verbs from the passage:

- live- _____

- weave- _____

- grow- _____

Extension Activities for All Passages

1. Creative Writing: Read the above passage and write what happens next.

2. Vocabulary Challenge: Create a word Web using important words from each passage.

3. Grammar Practice: Take any passage, find and list:

- Three nouns- _____

- Three verbs- _____

- Three adjectives- _____

Parents Notes

- Each passage is approximately 100-120 words
- Passages include grade-appropriate vocabulary with some challenging words
- Stories cover different themes: nature, performing arts, helping animals, and science
- Questions progress from basic recall to higher-order thinking skills
- Grammar exercises reinforce key Grade 3 concepts
- Extension activities can be used for differentiated learning

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