



## Lesson Practice

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**Reading Guide**

Read paragraph 1 carefully. What details help you to infer what season it is in the story?

Use details from paragraph 1 to draw a conclusion about how the dove feels about the ant.

Which sentence helps the reader to conclude that the ant has returned the dove's favor?

Use the Reading Guide to help you understand the passage.

## The Dove and the Ant

One fine day, an ant stopped by a stream to get a drink of fresh water. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew colorful red and yellow leaves off a tree and swept the ant into the stream. The ant struggled to stay afloat as the flowing stream swept him along. He paddled as mightily as he could with his six strong legs, but then he began to sink. Luckily, a white dove perched in a tree saw the ant sinking fast. She pitied the drowning ant and flew down to the edge of the stream. As the ant passed by, she reached out her wing.

"Grab hold, dear ant!" called the dove. The ant reached out and crawled onto the dove's wing. Soon the ant was back on dry land. The ant felt relieved. He was grateful that the dove had risked her own safety to help a tiny little ant like himself. He couldn't think of another animal in the forest who would do such a kind thing.

"I could never thank you enough!" said the ant to the dove. "I hope I can someday return the favor."

A few days later, the ant returned to the stream for another drink. He spied a hunter nearby pointing his bow and arrow into the trees. The ant looked up and saw that the hunter was about to shoot the dove. Quickly, the ant bit the man's foot and made him miss his aim. By doing that, the ant saved the dove's life.

Answer the following questions.

1. According to the details in the passage, what time of year does the story take place?
  - A. summer
  - B. spring
  - C. winter
  - D. fall
  
2. Which detail from the passage allows you to conclude that the ant is in trouble?
  - A. He looks up into the trees.
  - B. He struggles to stay afloat.
  - C. He sees a hunter on the shore.
  - D. He returns to the stream.
  
3. What can you infer about the dove's personality?
  - A. She will only help someone if she thinks she can gain something.
  - B. She is kind and would make a good friend.
  - C. She is one of the strongest animals in the forest.
  - D. She only helped the ant because the ant had once helped her.
  
4. Which sentence from the story BEST helps you know where the story takes place?
  - A. "The ant struggled to stay afloat as the flowing stream swept him along."
  - B. "As the ant passed by, she reached out her wing."
  - C. "The ant felt relieved."
  - D. "By doing that, the ant saved the dove's life."
  


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5. What do the ant's words to the dove help you infer about the ant's character?
 

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