



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – JULY 2023

Reading Comprehension

1. In Conrad's Classroom, we learn many interesting facts about birds and bird calls, such as there are 10,000 different kinds of birds, robins can sing for long stretches without stopping, and many birds must learn how to sing their songs. Name three additional bits of information about birds and birds that sing.
 2. Suggestions that author and TV producer Chris Harris has for kids and anyone interested in writing is to write for yourself, rewrite and rewrite again, and say more in fewer words. Ask kids if they have an interest in being a writer. Why or why not? Have them explain their answer in a few sentences.
 3. Teen author Olivia Amiri tries to recall a picture book she had when she was kid and tells us about the ways that books affected her. Ask kids what books mean to them. Have them write about a favorite book and the ways the the story affected them.
 4. In the book *I Can Be All Three*, a young girl celebrates her mixed-race heritage when her teacher asks the students to bring in something that tells the story of who they are. Ask kids what item they would use to tell about themselves ... a type of food, a picture, a toy ... and have them write a few sentences about it.
 5. In *Broverly Love*, Sydney the seagull damages his wing when he gets caught in a windstorm, and thinks he has no purpose because he isn't able to fly. The message of the story is about overcoming obstacles. Define and discuss "obstacle" and ask students to write about an obstacle they dealt with and what they did to solve it.
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True or False

1. In his illustrations, author and illustrator Todd Parr doesn't put noses on people when he draws them.
2. All birds sing and have a variety of different calls.
3. Award-winning writer and director Alan Barillaro was only 16 when he started his career in animation.
4. *Building a Dream* is about a group of boys in southern Thailand who love soccer but there are no soccer fields on their floating village.
5. In *Yoga at the Aquarium*, Little Mouse and Mr. Opus learn about octopi, dolphins, crabs, and sharks.
6. In *Shermy & Shake*, it's Shake who likes to read, collects treasures, and does puzzles the proper way.
7. *A Penguin's World* tells us that there are 17 types of penguins in the world and only seven are in Antarctica.
(True or False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. *Out of the Blue* is a story about the unique friendship between a young girl and a small _____.
2. In *The Nocturnals Presents: Nighttime Animals*, Dawn the fox, Bismark the sugar glider, and Tobin the _____ teach about bats, possums, snakes, and other animals.
3. The name of the sled dog that competed in the Iditarod in the story *Alpaca Ranch Fun!* is _____.
4. The name of the dog in *My Dog Only Speaks Spanish* is _____.
5. *My Bollywood Dream* tells us that the world's largest movie industry is in the city of _____.
6. In *Pippa Park: Crush at First Sight*, Pippa juggles sports, studying, friends, and working at her family's _____.
7. In *Maya Moves to a New Country*, little Maya and her family are moving to _____.

Fill in the Blanks: 1. octopus. 2. pangolin. 3. Betty. 4. Nena. 5. Mumbai. 6. laundromat. 7. Japan

True/False: 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. False 7. True

Answers

