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September 12, 1999

Hi Keshia,

The most exciting thing happened to me today! Grandma took me to the mall to shop for some new clothes for school. She let me pick out the shoes and pants I wanted. I let her pick out some skirts and a dress, but I liked them so it was alright. Grandma took me to SuperDuper Cuts and I got a really cute new haircut. Grandma and I agree that it looks very nice on me. After that we went to the food court for lunch. A lady kept looking at me and I was getting a little worried so I told my grandma. The lady came over and said she was a casting director for television. She thinks I should try out for a part in a new movie they are going to film! I will tell you all about it in my next letter.

Your friend,
Serina

1. Which person wrote this letter?
 - Grandma
 - Serina
 - Keshia
 - NH
2. Which phrase is the greeting of this letter?
 - September 12
 - Dear Keshia
 - Yours Truly
 - NH
3. What clothes did Serina buy at the mall?
 - socks, skirts, a dress
 - shirts, sweaters, a dress
 - pants, skirts, a dress
 - NH
4. Which word best tells how Serina felt when the lady was staring at her?
 - anxious
 - curious
 - frightened
 - NH
5. Why was the lady looking at Serina?
 - she wants to put Serina in a movie
 - she wants Serina to sing on T.V.
 - she thought she knew Serina
 - NH
6. Why did Serina look so nice on the day she went shopping?
 - she had on her new clothes
 - she put on special sunglasses
 - she got her hair cut a new way
 - NH

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October 18, 1999

Dear Brandon,

I am sorry you broke your arm and have to stay home for a week. This morning the teacher told the class all about your accident and said that we should write a letter to you. I broke my leg when I was eight. I fell off the slide at school and landed the wrong way on my leg. I know how you feel about having that cast on. It is heavy and it itches a lot where you can't scratch it. However, it can be kind of fun at times. You will probably get less homework because you can't write with your hand now, and that is really neat! Everybody here at school can hardly wait to write their name on your cast. Besides, all the girls are already thinking up ways to help you when you get back! Rest up, feel better, and we miss you.

Your pal,
Brian

1. Who has a broken arm?

- Brandon
- Brian
- the teacher
- NH

2. Why did Brian write to Brandon?

- they are friends
- he wanted Brandon to feel better
- the teacher told the class to write
- NH

3. What is not one of the neat things about having to wear a cast?

- kids want to sign it
- it itches a lot
- everyone wants to be helpful
- NH

4. How did Brian break his leg?

- in a car accident
- jumping from the swings
- falling off the slide
- NH

5. How did Brandon break his arm?

- in a car accident
- jumping from the swings
- falling off the slide
- NH

6. How long will Brandon be home from school?

- two days
- seven days
- fourteen days
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December 27, 1999

Dear Aunt Minka,

I know you could not get home for the holidays this year, but we all thought about you a lot. Momma said her plum pudding is not nearly as good as yours is. Poppa and Vinny often kept looking at the piano and sighing. It just wasn't the same without you playing our favorite songs while we sang along. Baby Kristie learned to say your name and she was looking for you, too. Even the cat seemed to be a little sad because you weren't here. I want you to know that I missed you just as much as they did, but I wasn't so sad about it. I took out all the letters you sent to me this year, and I read each one of them. It made me feel closer to you when I was reading your words. We will see you soon.

Your loving niece,
Denise

1. Why was Denise's family a little sad this holiday?
 - Momma made bad pudding
 - Baby Kristie was not well
 - Minka did not come home
 - NH
2. Who wanted Minka to play the piano for them?
 - Kristie and Denise
 - Momma and Poppa
 - Vinny and Poppa
 - NH
3. Where is Aunt Minka?
 - traveling the world
 - visiting friends
 - with her daughter
 - NH
4. How do you know that Aunt Minka is a favorite person in this family?
 - Momma missed her pudding
 - even the cat missed her
 - Denise read her letters
 - NH
5. How did Denise make herself feel closer to Aunt Minka?
 - she reread all of Minka's letters
 - she sat in Minka's favorite chair
 - she wrote a letter to Minka
 - NH
6. When will Aunt Minka come home?
 - soon
 - next year
 - in two months
 - NH

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Dear Grandpa,

February 14, 2000

Roses are red and violets are blue,
I can't think of anyone nicer than you.
I looked for a card, but nothing was right.
None of them said the things that I might.
I wanted to ask you in some special way,
Would you please be my valentine today?

Happy Valentine's Day!

Your valentine,
Jessica

1. Who wrote this letter?

- Grandpa
- Jessica
- Jessica's friend
- NH

2. What do the first two lines tell Grandpa?

- happy Valentine's Day
- Jessica didn't buy a card
- Grandpa is a nice person
- NH

3. What is unusual about this letter?

- Jessica wrote it
- it is for Grandpa
- it is a poem
- NH

4. Where does Grandpa live?

- Valentine Lane
- Valentine Street
- Violet Avenue
- NH

5. Why didn't Jessica just buy a card for Grandpa?

- none of them said the right things
- she couldn't find a pretty one
- Jessica didn't have the money
- NH

6. What does Jessica ask Grandpa to do?

- come to her house
- be Jessica's valentine
- come to a valentine party
- NH

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March 21, 2000

Hello Graham,

I moved into my new house today. It is bigger than our other house. I even have a room of my very own! Mom said I can have bunk beds to put in my room and I can paint it any color I want. Do you think I should paint it brown like your room or gray like my old room? I stayed outside while the movers put the furniture in the house. A boy name Jake from down the street came over and asked me to go bike riding. He loaned me his old bike because mine wasn't unpacked yet. Jake showed me around the neighborhood and I met a few more kids. I ate dinner at Jake's house. He's a pretty neat guy. Don't worry, though. You are still my very best friend!

Yours truly,
Phillip

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| <p>1. What just happened to Phillip's family?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> they ate dinner<input type="radio"/> they moved to a new house<input type="radio"/> they painted a room<input type="radio"/> NH <p>2. Why does Phillip like the new house so much?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> he has his own room<input type="radio"/> it has a pool<input type="radio"/> it is in a nice neighborhood<input type="radio"/> NH <p>3. What color is Graham's bedroom painted?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> white<input type="radio"/> gray<input type="radio"/> brown<input type="radio"/> NH | <p>4. Who is Jake?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Phillip's best friend<input type="radio"/> Phillip's new neighbor<input type="radio"/> Graham's new friend<input type="radio"/> NH <p>5. What color was the bike Jake loaned to Phillip?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> white<input type="radio"/> gray<input type="radio"/> brown<input type="radio"/> NH <p>6. What words from the letter tell you that Phillip misses Graham?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> "I can have bunk beds"<input type="radio"/> "he's a pretty neat guy"<input type="radio"/> "you are still my very best friend"<input type="radio"/> NH |
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May 5, 2000

Dear Miss Whitney,

It has been a long year, but it is almost over now! Before summer vacation comes, I would like to tell you how I feel about being in your class this year. Last fall when school started, I wanted to be in Mrs. Sharp's class. You gave us homework on the very first day of school and you haven't miss one day since! You made me work hard and you never would take a paper that wasn't done the right way. I'll never forget that report I had to write seven times before you would let me turn it in! I thought I was unlucky to have you for a teacher, but do you know what? I learned a lot from you. I also had a lot of fun and I like you more than any teacher I've ever had. Thank you for giving me the best year I've ever had!

Your student,
Ken

1. Which person will get this letter?

- Miss Whitney
- Mrs. Sharp
- Ken
- NH

2. Who is Mrs. Sharp?

- Ken's teacher this year
- the teacher Ken wanted
- Ken wrote to
- NH

3. What is the purpose of this letter?

- to say "I will miss you"
- to say "You were mean"
- to say "Thank you"
- NH

4. Which word tells how Ken felt about getting this teacher last fall?

- wealthy
- unlucky
- pleasant
- NH

5. Which word tells how Ken feels toward his teacher now?

- frightened
- nervous
- thankful
- NH

6. What grade does Miss Whitney teach?

- first grade
- second grade
- third grade
- NH

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August 6, 2000

Dear Emily,

My parents wanted me to get to know the "Great Outdoors," so they took me camping this summer. We camped right out in the national forest near a lake, not in a campground. We had to fill our buckets with water at a gas station then drive back to camp. There was never enough to waste, so I learned how to use the same water at least three times before throwing it out! At night the only light we had was from the campfire, the stars, and the Moon. It was really dark out there, but I must admit that it was awfully pretty too. There were a few wild animals that came through our camp. I got one chipmunk to eat right out of my hand. I also saw raccoon, deer, opossum, a hawk, and a skunk (pew!!!). I am glad we went camping, but I am also glad to be home.

Yours truly,
Meghan

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| <p>1. Whose family went camping during their summer vacation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Emily's<input type="radio"/> Meghan's<input type="radio"/> Susan's<input type="radio"/> NH <p>2. How did the family get the water they needed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> from the river<input type="radio"/> from a lake<input type="radio"/> from a gas station<input type="radio"/> NH <p>3. Why did it seem so dark at night?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> there was no campfire<input type="radio"/> there weren't house or street lights<input type="radio"/> father would not turn on lights<input type="radio"/> NH | <p>4. What animal <u>didn't</u> Meghan see during her camping trip?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> rabbit<input type="radio"/> chipmunk<input type="radio"/> hawk<input type="radio"/> NH <p>5. Which words best describe Meghan's camping trip?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> nature and far away<input type="radio"/> comfort and cozy<input type="radio"/> harbor and friendship<input type="radio"/> NH <p>6. Where will Emily's family take their vacation next year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Disney World<input type="radio"/> in Colorado<input type="radio"/> at the beach<input type="radio"/> NH |
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