

D is for Dandelion

Assignment 13

- **Reading.** Students will be reading “That’s My Seat” and “The Story of the Caliph Stork” and answer questions on both stories. On the right is a picture of a 20th-century caliph Abdulmejid II (1922–1944).
- **Handwriting.** Complete Lesson 12 of the *D is for Dandelion* handwriting book.
- **Poetics.** Memorize stanza 1 of Robert Frost’s “Fire and Ice.”
- **Writing.** Complete #1 of Composition 1 of Lesson 13.
- **Dictation.**
A verb is an action word or a word that links. This week students will write down the sentences and underline the action word.



EXERCISE A

1. Tom’s mom cleaned plenty of dirty faces and runny noses.
2. She persuaded the prince without fortune to marry.
3. They bought comfortable house, not a palace.
4. Even the fussy girl ate the tangy popsicle.
5. Did he hurry down the worst alley in the city?

EXERCISE B

1. She thought that the main character in the novel was silly.
2. She washed the bowl’s sandy bottom and added a guppy.
3. She sold the fluffy dog to an interested customer.
4. John asked about the faucet.
5. The nasty boy broke the board of the fort and ran away

It's so hard to hear brothers and sisters fight like cats in a dark alley.

1. The expression like cats in a dark alley in the first sentence of the first paragraph of the story (quoted above) serves to show ____.
 - a) the boys' love for fighting animals
 - b) how sneaky the boys were in their fighting
 - c) how cowardly the boys were in their fighting
 - d) how noisy and fierce the boys were when they fought

2. Which of the following does George not think regarding his younger brother Bobby?
 - a) that Bobby takes too many baths
 - b) that their mother often takes Bobby's side in arguments
 - c) that Bobby sometimes cries to get his way
 - d) that Bobby is a tattletale

3. Bobby tries to get George out of his chair by all of the following except ____,
 - a) by crying
 - b) by force
 - c) by offering him something
 - d) by flattery

"Cry all that you want," George said. "Nobody can hear you except me, and those crocodile tears don't change a thing."

4. By using the expression crocodile tears in the story (quoted above), George means that Bobby's tears are ____.
 - a) genuine
 - b) insincere
 - c) profuse
 - d) humorous

5. Which of the following statements would the author of the story agree with?
 - a) Boys are usually manipulated by older brothers.
 - b) Mothers usually take the older brothers' side in fights.
 - c) Children ignore their fathers but listen to their mothers.
 - d) Children can be senseless, stubborn and mean-spirited when they argue.