

Use special marks to label the parts of a text you see clearly; the parts you don't understand; and your personal connections to the text.

Read the passage.

If you can see question 1's answer clearly place a 😊 next to it.

If you had to look up the meaning of the word *heron*, place a **W** next to it. If you knew the meaning, place a ✓ next to it.

Draw a chain next to a situation you can connect to.

The Lazy Tortoise

All the animals of the world were very excited.

"The great god Jupiter is getting married, and we're all invited to the wedding!" said a heron.

"What about me?" asked a cockroach. "Are you sure that even the small creatures are invited?"

"Yes, every one of us," replied a skink. "Jupiter said that every living creature is invited to the wedding."

Soon, an amazing swarm of living creatures began to head to the palace!

If you had to look up the meaning of the word *skink*, place a **W** next to it. If you knew the meaning, place a ✓ next to it.

If you can see question 4's answer place a 😊 next to it.



Circle the correct answers.

- How were all the animals of the world feeling?
a happy b excited c confused d sad
- What kind of creature is a heron?
a a reptile b a marsupial c an insect d a bird
- What is a skink?
a a type of snake b a type of bird c a type of lizard d a type of monkey
- Where were all the creatures going?
a to the palace b to the jungle c to the zoo d to the park
- Which of the following situations can most of us connect to?
a going to a god's wedding b walking with a swarm of animals
c talking to a cockroach d feeling excited about something

Read the passage.

If you can see question 6's answer clearly place a 😊 next to it.

Place a ✓ next to question 7's answer to show that you understand that part of the text.

Place a ✓ next to furious if you know what it means. Use a **W** if you are unsure of its meaning.

Only after the wedding, when all the guests were enjoying a feast, did the tortoise plod up to the palace. Jupiter was very cross. "Why are you so late?" he demanded. "Every other creature in the world managed to be at my wedding, but not you."

"Well, I didn't want to leave my home," said the tortoise. "I was happy at home, all snug and cosy."

Jupiter was furious. The tortoise would rather be in a filthy ditch than in his royal palace!

"So it shall be!" he said. "If you love your home so much, you will carry it on your back for the rest of your life!"

Do you understand how Jupiter punished the tortoise? If you do, place a ✓ next to the answer.

Draw a chain next to the part of the text that you can connect to.

If you had to look up the meanings of snug and cosy, place a **W** next to the words. If you knew the answer, use a ✓ instead.

- 6 How did Jupiter feel when he saw the tortoise plodding up to the palace?

- 7 What reason did the tortoise give for being late? _____

- 8 What does it mean to be snug and cosy? _____

- 9 How did Jupiter punish the tortoise for being late? _____

- 10 Write about a time when you had to go somewhere but would rather have stayed at home.

