



Year Level: Year 3/4
Genre: Narrative

Elephants Never Forget

Winnie was a born complainer. She had complained about everything since leaving London. The beds were too hard, the meals were poor, the days were too hot or the hotels were uncomfortable. Nothing was ever right or good enough for her.

By the time we arrived in Jaipur India, the forty-two passengers on the tour knew who complaining Winnie was. "Today we visit the Maharajah's palace overlooking the city. It's quite a climb so I have arranged for you to take the trip up and back by elephant. It will only cost a small amount."

Winnie, as usual, was not pleased. "I don't like elephants," she proclaimed loudly. "They are smelly and ugly." The lead elephant turned and looked at Winnie. It was a knowing look, almost like a grin.

"Well," said Chris our bus guide, "If you want to visit the palace you will have to walk up behind the lead elephant." So Winnie the complainer, walked up the path behind the elephant.

All of a sudden the elephant handler yelled a warning. It was too late. With a knowing look the elephant lifted its trunk and filled it with water. To Winnie's horror she was showered with water. Elephants never forget.

QUESTIONS:

Main Idea (MI)

1) This text type is an example of...

- a) an explanation
- b) a description
- c) a narrative
- d) a description

Facts and Details (FD)

2) The tourists were travelling from India to England.

- a) True
- b) False

Sequencing (S)

3) What happened after Winnie complained about the cost of the ride?

- a) She decided to walk up the path.
- b) Winnie got wet.
- c) She told the elephant that it was ugly and smelly.
- d) Winnie told the guide she would wait.

Cause and Effect (CE)

4) The elephant showered Winnie because she...

- a) hurt the elephant's feelings.
- b) didn't want to ride on it.
- c) wanted to ride a donkey instead.
- d) wanted to walk.

Comparing and Contrasting (CC)

5) How is a guide and a teacher alike?

- a) They both work with children.
- b) They both like elephants.
- c) They both share information.
- d) They both work at schools.

Predicting (P)

6) What will most likely happen next time Winnie meets an elephant?

- a) She will tell everyone about how an elephant wet her.
- b) She will get on the elephant and go for a ride.
- c) She will refuse to go on a ride.
- d) She will close her mouth and not say anything mean.

Words in Context (WC)

7) The word 'complainer' has been used in the text. This means...

- a) a person who likes to travel.
- b) a person who enjoys meeting other people.
- c) a person who always find something to whine about.
- d) a person who goes on adventures.

Fact and Opinion (FO)

8) Which statement from the text shows an opinion?

- a) Winnie disliked elephants.
- b) Winnie was going to visit India.
- c) The path was steep.
- d) Winnie was the worst traveller on the trip.

Facts and Details (FD)

9) Winnie was easy to get along with.

- a) True
- b) False

Author's Purpose (AP)

10) The story was written mainly to...

- a) describe what Winnie was like.
- b) entertain readers with a funny story.
- c) explain how to treat elephants.
- d) get readers to visit India.

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Comprehension Skills and SATs Support:

Main Idea (MI)
Facts and Details (FD)
Sequencing (S)
Cause and Effect (CE)
Comparing and Contrasting (CC)
Predicting (P)
Words in Context (WC)
Fact and Opinion (FO)
Author's Purpose (AP)
Multiple Choice Questioning
Consolidation of High Frequency Words
Interpret, Appreciate and Evaluate a Narrative Text

Answers:

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c) A narrative
- 2) The tourists were travelling from India to England.
b) False
- 3) What happened after Winnie complained about the cost of the ride?
a) She decided to walk up the path.
- 4) The elephant showered Winnie because she...
a) Hurt the elephant's feelings
- 5) How is a guide and a teacher alike?
c) They both share information.

Elephants Never Forget (*cont.*)

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c) A person who always find something to whine about.
- 8) Which statement from the text shows an opinion?
d) Winnie was the worst traveller on the trip.
- 9) Winnie was easy to get along with.
b) False
- 10) The story was written mainly to...
b) Entertain readers with a funny story.