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Fluency Builder

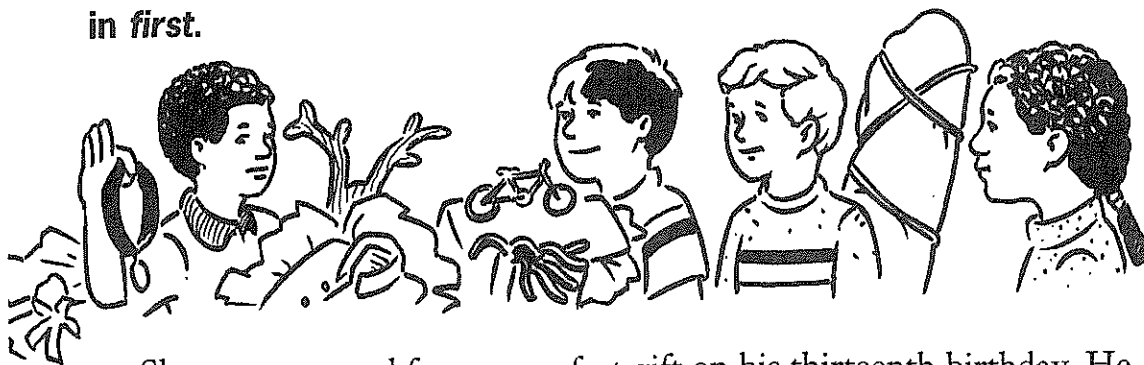
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1. Pearl looked around glumly / and worried about sharing her room / with a new stepsister.
2. "Every summer!" / Pearl said irritably to herself.
3. Pearl found no pleasure / in having a new sister, / her happy disposition changed.
4. She felt that LaVerne / was imposing on her.
5. Pearl was holding a grudge / against her new stepsister.
6. At dinner, / the girls started / to bicker.
7. "I won't be surprised / if you find you like / some of the same pastimes," / said Pearl's stepfather.
8. At school / Pearl tutors the first graders / in reading.

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Sisters Forever

Read the story below. Circle the words that have the same vowel sound as in *first*.



Sherman yearned for one perfect gift on his thirteenth birthday. He wanted a surfboard. His hands were a blur as he ripped into the first gift.

"It's a shirt. Thanks," he said. The next present was fake worms. Sherman thought this was a strange gift. He looked at Kurt, Herb, and Pearl. They were smirking. The last gift was a toy dirt bike.

"This is absurd!" Sherman said.

Herb giggled. "Okay, take the burlap cloth off that present in the corner." Under the burlap, Sherman spotted a new purple surfboard!

Sherman turned to his friends. "What a perfect gift! It was worth the wait. Thanks!"

Now read each question. Mark the letter for the best answer.

1. What day was it?
 - A Thursday
 - B Sherman's birthday
 - C the first day of October
 - D the third day of September
2. What did Sherman yearn for?
 - A thirteen dollars
 - B to learn to ski
 - C a surfboard
 - D fake worms
3. What was his first present?
 - A a shirt
 - B a small dirt bike
 - C a turtle
 - D fake worms
4. What present did Sherman find under the burlap?
 - A a surfboard
 - B a small dirt bike
 - C a bird on a perch
 - D a shirt

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Sisters Forever

Write one sentence in each box below to show how Pearl and LaVerne went from disliking each other to getting along.

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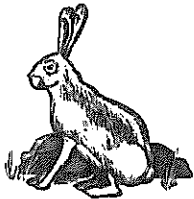

Now write a one-sentence summary statement about the selection.

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Compare and Contrast

Read the passage. Compare and contrast the two types of animals you read about.

Both hot- and cold-weather animals have special features that protect them from the outside. Hot-weather animals, like mice and jackrabbits, can dig underground to keep cool. They also have big ears and tails that help their bodies lose heat. Cold-weather animals, such as the polar bear, have thick coats of fur to keep them warm. These animals generally have small ears and tails. This helps them stay warm by trapping their body heat. Whether animals live where it is hot or cold, they all know how to get away from danger.

| How the Animals Are Alike | How the Animals Are Different |
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