

English Reinforcement Worksheet-1

Jr.IV

Topics: Comprehension, Summary, Informal Letter, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Person Pronoun, Connecting words (If, although, while)

1. Read the passage and answer the following questions.

Roly-Poly Pill Bugs

Some people are afraid of bugs such as spiders or beetles. But there is one bug that just about everybody likes—pill bugs. If you ever pick one up, you know why its nickname is “roly-poly.” A pill bug rolls up into a tight little ball to protect itself. This bug is scared of you, not the other way around! These little gray or brown bugs can be found almost everywhere in the United States except the desert. That is because they need to stay moist. But they can live in dry places like California thanks to lawn sprinklers. One of their favorite hang-outs is under damp flower pots.

Did you know that pill bugs have something in common with kangaroos? After her eggs hatch, the mother pill bug carries her young in a pouch under her belly. The little pill bugs stay there until they are big enough to be on their own. Pill bugs also have something in common with snakes. Just as snakes shed their skin when it gets too small, pill bugs do too. This is called “molting.” A pill bug molts about five times until it is full-grown.

Pill bugs are a little like owls, too. Pill bugs are nocturnal, meaning they are most active at night. That is when they most like to wander around and look for food. And just like earthworms, pill bugs help break down plants in the soil. Pill bugs aren’t just nice bugs. They are also interesting ones!

- a. Why are pill bugs nicknamed “roly-poly”?
- b. How is a pill bug like a kangaroo?
- c. How are pill bugs and earthworms alike?
- d. What does the word “molting” mean?
 - i. active at night
 - ii. crawling in a damp place
 - iii. shedding its skin
 - iv. crawling like a snake
- e. Which statement from the article is an opinion?
 - i. This bug is scared of you, not the other way around.
 - ii. A pill bug molts about five times until it is full-grown.
 - iii. Pill bugs aren't just nice bugs; they are interesting ones.
 - iv. One of their favorite hang-outs is under damp flower pots.
- f. Write a summary of the given passage. (upto 83 words)

2. Write a letter to your older brother/sister who has recently moved away to study at university. Write him/ her a letter in which you tell him/ her some news about the family or school and also try to persuade them to come home for the holidays.

3. State if the given sentences are in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd person. Also write if they are singular or plural.

Example: He walked to the grocery store. Third person singular

I want to go shopping. _____

- a. They were very tired. _____
- b. We did not go to the park. _____
- c. You can use my calculator. _____
- d. Jane watched a movie last night. _____
- e. It is going to be a nice day. _____
- f. You are so funny! _____
- g. I thought he was joking. _____
- h. I wonder why they didn't come to the meeting. _____
- i. Olivia knew John was in trouble. _____
- j. "I'm leaving!" she yelled. _____
- k. "Are y'all coming to the football game?" I asked. _____

4. Circle the correct pronoun

- a. (I, Me, My) wish (we, us, our) did not have to use (we, us, our) car for the trip.
- b. Miss Williams gave (we, us, our) (we, us, our) test grades Friday before (we, us, our) left school.
- c. All the secretaries brought (they, them, their) lunches in paper bags and ate (they, them, their) at (they, them, their) desks.
- d. (I, Me, My) dog is a better hunter than (you, your) dog, isn't (he, she, it).
- e. Thomas brought (he, him, his) brother with (he, him, his) to the school picnic.
- f. Jane brought (she, her) sister with (she, her), also.
- g. (I, Me, My) thanked (them, they, their) for (they, them, their) wonderful care of (I, me, my) pet, while (I, me, my) was away.
- h. The dog chased (it, its) tail but never caught (it, its).
- i. (They, Them, Their) car nearly ran into (we, us, our), but (we, us, our) never called the police.
- j. Should (we, us, our) do (we, us, our) homework at (my, mine, me) house or at (you, your, yours)?

5. Fill in the blank using a suitable connecting word.

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- a. _____ it rains, I'll stay home. I don't want to catch a cold.
- b. It began to snow _____ I was walking home.
- c. _____ it was raining, I didn't get wet.
- d. A car pulled out in front of me _____ I was riding my bicycle.
- e. You can come to party _____ you like.
- f. _____ Deer are cute, they eat all your flowers.
- g. Some apples are red, _____ others are green.
- h. I'm definitely coming tonight, _____ I could be a bit late.
- i. _____ you are the last person to leave the class, turn off the lights and fans.
- j. There was a lot to do in the house. _____ I was cleaning the windows, my brother was preparing the lunch.

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Answer Key

1. **Comprehension**

- Pill bugs are nicknamed roly-poly because they can roll up in tight balls to protect themselves.
- Like a kangaroo, a mother pill bug is able to carry her young in a pouch in her belly.
- Earthworms and pill bugs both break down plants in the soil.
- Shedding its skin (b)
- Pill bugs aren't just nice bugs; they are interesting ones. (c)

3. **State if the given sentences are in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd person. Also write if they are singular or plural.**

- I want to go shopping. **first person singular**
- They were very tired. **third person plural**
- We did not go to the park. **first person plural**
- You can use my calculator. **second person singular**
- Jane watched a movie last night. **third person singular**
- It is going to be a nice day. **third person singular**
- You are so funny! **second person singular/plural**
- I thought he was joking. **first person singular**
- I wonder why they didn't come to the meeting. **first person singular**
- Olivia knew John was in trouble. **third person singular**
- "I'm leaving!" she yelled. **third person singular**
- "Are y'all coming to the football game?" I asked. **first person singular**

4. **Circle the correct pronoun**

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5. **Fill in the blank using a suitable connecting word.**

a.	If	f. although
b.	While	g. while
c.	Although	h. although
d.	While	i. if
e.	if	j. while

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Answer Key

2. Comprehension

- f. Pill bugs are nicknamed roly-poly because they can roll up in tight balls to protect themselves.
- g. Like a kangaroo, a mother pill bug is able to carry her young in a pouch in her belly.
- h. Earthworms and pill bugs both break down plants in the soil.
- i. Shedding its skin (b)
- j. Pill bugs aren't just nice bugs; they are interesting ones. (c)

6. State if the given sentences are in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd person. Also write if they are singular or plural.

- m. I want to go shopping. **first person singular**
- n. They were very tired. **third person plural**
- o. We did not go to the park. **first person plural**
- p. You can use my calculator. **second person singular**
- q. Jane watched a movie last night. **third person singular**
- r. It is going to be a nice day. **third person singular**
- s. You are so funny! **second person singular/plural**
- t. I thought he was joking. **first person singular**
- u. I wonder why they didn't come to the meeting. **first person singular**
- v. Olivia knew John was in trouble. **third person singular**
- w. "I'm leaving!" she yelled. **third person singular**
- x. "Are y'all coming to the football game?" I asked. **first person singular**

7. Circle the correct pronoun

- k. (I, Me, My) wish (we, us, our) did not have to use (we, us, our) car for the trip.
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8. Fill in the blank using a suitable connecting word.

f.	If	f. although
g.	While	g. while
h.	Although	h. although
i.	While	i. if
j.	if	j. while