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Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

1. What happened when Sylvester found the red, shiny pebble?
 - a. A lion scared Sylvester.
 - b. All of Sylvester's wishes came true.
 - c. Sylvester's parents found him.

2. What happened **first**?
 - a. Sylvester turned into a rock.
 - b. Sylvester wished that it would rain.
 - c. Sylvester wished that it would *stop* raining.

3. How did Sylvester feel when he turned into a rock?
 - a. He felt scared.
 - b. He felt excited.
 - c. He felt happy.

4. Who are Mr. and Mrs. Duncan in the story?
 - a. They are policeman.
 - b. They are Sylvester's friends.
 - c. They are Sylvester's parents.

5. The story says, "The lion came **bounding** over, **sniffed** the rock a hundred times, walked around and around it, and went away **confused, perplexed, puzzled, and bewildered.**"

Circle the correct answer for each question.

- What does the word **bounding** mean?

The lion came jumping over. **or** The lion came and sat.

- What does the word **sniffed** mean?

The lion sat on the rock. **or** The lion smelled the rock.

- What do the words **confused, perplexed, puzzled and bewildered** mean in the story?
 - a. The lion was angry that Sylvester was gone.
 - b. The lion did not understand what happened to Sylvester.
 - c. The lion was afraid of Sylvester.
 - d. The lion thought that Sylvester was a funny donkey.

- 6. The story tells how Mr. and Mrs. Duncan felt when they didn't come home. It says, "They tried their best to be happy, to go about their usual ways. But their usual ways included Sylvester and they were always reminded of him. They were **miserable**."
 - What does the word **miserable** mean?
 - a. They felt sad and scared.
 - b. They felt happy.
 - c. They felt mad.

- 7. What does the author mean when he says that Sylvester is "stone-dumb"?
 - a. It means that Sylvester is not smart.
 - b. It means that Sylvester is a rock.
 - c. It means that Sylvester cannot talk.

- 8. How did Sylvester turn back into a donkey?
 - a. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan sat on Sylvester.
 - b. Sylvester wished that he was a donkey.
 - c. Sylvester was tired of being a rock.

- 9. What is the high-point (the most exciting part) of the story?
 - a. Sylvester wishes to be a rock.
 - b. The lion is chasing Sylvester.
 - c. Sylvester turns back into a donkey.

10. Circle your answer: Is this story **fiction** or **nonfiction**?

11. Finish the sentence: This story reminds me of _____

because _____

12. Finish this sentence: One new word that I learned in this story is _____

I think it means _____

because _____

13. Finish this sentence: Sylvester turned into a rock because _____

14. Write down one question that you still have about the story.

15. What do you think Sylvester learned in this story?

Draw a picture of your favorite part in the story.

