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Grade 3
Reading

Reading

1. Which word has the same **vowel sound** as blue?
   - A. much
   - B. cook
   - C. noon
   - D. your

2. Which word rhymes with cone?
   - A. both
   - B. done
   - C. corn
   - D. own

Read this story about Iris and Walter and their school field trip to an aquarium to look at fish. Then answer the questions that follow.

from *Iris and Walter and the Field Trip*

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The Bus Ride

On Friday morning, Miss Cherry said, "We are very lucky to have Jenny's mother come on the field trip with us today."

Jenny gave her mother a big hug.

"I know we are going to have a great time," said Miss Cherry.

"Now let's go over the rules. Remember, pay attention. Hang on to your partner. Stay with the group. And if you get lost, stay where you are and I will find you," said Miss Cherry.

"I've never been lost, have you?" Iris asked Lulu.

"No. And I sure wouldn't want to be," said Lulu.

"That would be scary," said Benny.

"Really scary," said Walter.

9 The children climbed aboard the school bus. Iris and Walter chose the very last seat. They bounced up and down.

Benny told knock-knock jokes. Lulu made up silly fish songs. Everyone was happy and excited. Nobody thought any more about getting lost.

Where's Walter?

When the bus pulled up in front of the aquarium, Iris said, "Look at all the people!"

"Hey, Walter," said Benny. "That boy is wearing a shirt just like yours."

"He is!" said Walter.

"Now children, it's very crowded here, so keep your eyes on me," said Miss Cherry.

The children walked down a dark hallway. Everywhere they looked there were fish. "Ooh," they whispered.

"Sharks!" said Benny.

"They look mean," said Iris.

While the children were looking at the sharks, Miss Cherry and Jenny's mother counted everyone. "Okay, follow me," said Miss Cherry.

They came to the coral reef. "Wow!" said Iris and Benny.

Walter could not say a word. He watched the angelfish swim and shimmer, the hermit crabs scurry, and the sea grass sway. Walter

had never seen anything as wonderful as the coral reef.

"Are we going to see the penguins soon?" asked Iris.

"That's our next stop," said Miss Cherry. And she counted everyone again. "Off we go," said Miss Cherry.

They walked past the starfish. They walked past the sea horses. "Oh, look, there are the penguins!" said Iris, taking Walter's hand. "Don't you think they are cute, Walter?" But Walter didn't answer.

Iris turned around. She saw a boy. "You're not Walter," said Iris.

"I'm Nick," said the boy. "Where's my class?" he asked.

Iris looked all around. There were crowds of children. She could not see Walter anywhere. "There you are, Nick!" shouted a woman. "I've been looking all over for you." Nick grabbed his teacher's hand and held on tight.

Iris ran to Miss Cherry. "Miss Cherry, I can't find Walter!" she said.

"Walter's lost?" asked Jenny.

"I can't find him anywhere!" said Iris.

The Rescue

"Don't worry," said Miss Cherry. "I will find Walter. Now, I want everyone to stay with Jenny's mother."

"Please let me come with you," said Iris.

Miss Cherry looked at Iris's worried face. "Come, Iris. You and I shall find Walter," said Miss Cherry.

They walked past the starfish. They did not see Walter.

They walked by the sea horses, but Walter was not there.

Iris thought about Walter, lost and alone. "Poor Walter. He must be really scared," she said.

"We will find him," said Miss Cherry. But there were so many people. How would they ever find Walter in the big crowd?

Suddenly, Iris saw him. "There he is! There's Walter!" she cried. Walter was still standing in front of the coral reef, watching the fish swim around and around.

"Walter, we've been looking for you everywhere!" said Iris.

"Huh?" said Walter.

"I was so worried," said Iris.

"Why?" asked Walter.

"Because you were lost!" said Iris.

"I was?" he asked.

Iris and Miss Cherry gave Walter a big hug. "I'm very happy to see you, Walter," said Miss Cherry. "And now, I think it's a good time to have our picnic. Don't you?"

3. What does Miss Cherry tell the boys and girls to do if they get lost?

- A. call out for her
- B. talk to someone
- C. stay in one spot
- D. find a policeman

4. In part 9, the word aboard means

- A. inside.
- B. over.
- C. between.
- D. down.

5. The word silly means the **same** as

- A. friendly.
- B. foolish.
- C. noisy.
- D. short.

6. What does Walter like **most** about the aquarium?

- A. the sharks
- B. the coral reef
- C. the penguins
- D. the sea horses

❼ Fill in the chart.

Choose four words from the Word Box that have the same ending sound as lucky:
1.
2.
3.
4.

Word Box
boy face me okay really sea they very

8 Read the words in the box.

sharks penguins angelfish

What do these words show?

- A. what the children see at the aquarium
- B. what the children see on the coral reef
- C. what shimmers in the sea grass
- D. what lives in the penguin pool

9 Which word rhymes with <u>tight</u>?

- A. kite
- B. tried
- C. toot
- D. shout

10 Why does Miss Cherry let Iris come with her to find Walter?

- A. Iris knows where to find Walter.
- B. Iris is worried about Walter.
- C. Miss Cherry needs help from Iris.
- D. Miss Cherry is angry with Iris.

11 What is Walter doing when he is found?

- A. looking for Iris
- B. feeding the sharks
- C. calling out to Miss Cherry
- D. watching the fish swim

⓬ Explain how Walter gets lost **and**

Explain how he is found. Use details from the story.

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