

Pupil tests

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(You will be working on your own!)

Read the report.

A big birthday bash

1. This picture book is a new one written by Karl Green.
2. The funny, rhyming storybook tells about a girl named Bree who is having a party to celebrate her seventh birthday.
3. Bree has invited some schoolfriends, including two unusual characters called Tatts and Butch. Mum has bought or cooked all the food. The decorations are up and Mum has set up games for them to play. Soon the party guests start to arrive. Finally, Tatts and Butch arrive. Unfortunately, Tatts has brought his pet mouse, Twitch, in his pocket and Butch has hidden a jar of sneezing powder inside his jacket.
4. The madness that follows after Tatts and Butch make trouble by playing tricks makes this a very funny book.
5. Karl Green has written two other books, *A schoolday scare* and *A holiday howl*. *A schoolday scare* is scary and *A holiday howl* is sad. This book is different because it is written in rhyme but, like his other books, it is still very funny.
6. This book is illustrated by Tess Willis. Her cartoon-like pictures make it colourful and funny. It is the first time she has drawn pictures for a book written by Karl Green.
7. This is a very funny story which all children will enjoy reading.



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The Foster family's camping trip

1. During the last school holidays, I went with my family on our yearly camping trip. We camped at Roper River, which is a lot closer than Lilac Lake, where we stayed last year.
2. After helping to pack the car, we set off about eight o'clock. My brother, Braden, and I had more room in the back of our 4WD this time as my cousin, Jade, wasn't with us. Mum said the trip was a lot less noisy, with only one boy and a girl!
3. It only took two and a half hours to drive to the Roper River campsite. Braden didn't grizzle as much as last year, which was great. We stopped to stretch our legs along the way, while Dad topped the car up with petrol.
4. When we got there we helped to unpack and set up the tent. Then we all went to meet some other families. The same as last year, our tent was pitched near one with a boy and a girl about our ages. I found out that her name was the same as mine—Sophie! Her brother's name was Callum.
5. Like at Lilac Lake, there were so many things to do. The first afternoon we went for a walk around the lake. Braden didn't need to be piggybacked by Dad this year, but he began to grumble when he walked through some loose gravel and said his heel was hurting.
6. The next day we hired canoes to use on the lake. First, Mum and I got in our canoe. We did very well in our canoe, but Dad had trouble with Braden in theirs. Braden kept leaning over too far to look at the things in the water. Mum and I lost sight of them around a bend in the river. Unfortunately, we heard a loud splash and shouting and we guessed what had happened!
7. We went fishing for trout every morning, swimming most afternoons, when it was warmer, played with our new friends and had a yummy barbecue every night. Unlike Lake Lilac, it didn't rain at all, but there were heaps of mosquitoes to annoy us. Still, I was sad to leave.



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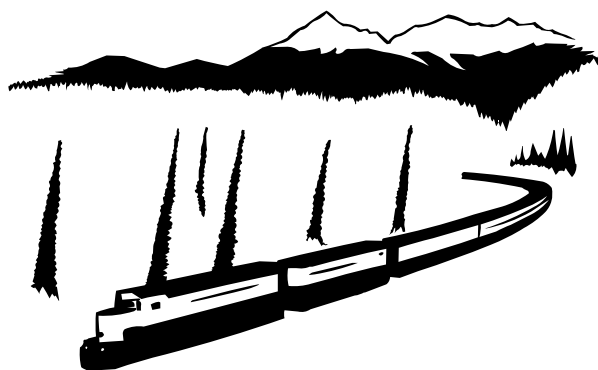
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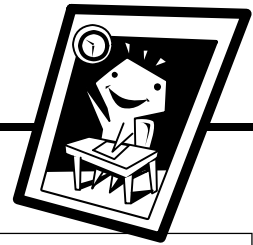
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The Rocky Mountaineer

1. The Rocky Mountaineer is a passenger train that travels through the spectacular, snow-tipped Canadian Rocky Mountains in late spring, summer and early autumn. People from all around the world are rushing to enjoy this unique rail journey.
2. Three of the different journeys available to passengers are described below.
3. The first leaves from Vancouver on the west coast and travels through some magnificent scenery to the small railway town of Kamloops. This non-stop journey takes a whole day and passengers do not reach Kamloops until early evening. They are transferred by coach to a hotel for the evening. Because of limited accommodation in the town, some are taken by coach to nearby mountain resorts. The following day their train continues, arriving that evening in Jasper, a tourist destination situated in the mountains beside a beautiful lake. Travellers have the option of continuing their journey the next day by coach or returning to Vancouver by train.
4. The second rail journey starts in Vancouver early in the morning and follows the same route, arriving in the early evening in Kamloops, where the passengers are accommodated for the night. They depart early and spend all day travelling to the world-renowned town of Banff, situated in the mountains near a swiftly flowing river where whitewater rafting is popular. The hot springs in Banff and the ski resorts close by make it a popular tourist destination all year round. It is not far from some magnificent lakes, one of the most famous being Lake Louise. Some passengers choose to return by train to Vancouver, but most extend their holiday, continuing to explore the Rocky Mountains by coach.
5. The Rocky Mountaineer is so popular that it introduced a third train journey in 2005. This leaves from Vancouver and takes a more northerly route through the famous ski resort of Whistler. Passengers have a choice of continuing in the train to Kamloops and then either Jasper or Banff, or they can return to Vancouver. This shorter journey was introduced for those tourists who wanted to experience the Rocky Mountains but had limited time.
6. Passengers who travel on the Rocky Mountaineer have the opportunity to see some breathtaking scenery, stay at some world famous hotels and enjoy some wonderful food and service on the train.





Remember:

- The answers are **not** in the text.
- Find and underline information in the text to use and think about.
- Think hard! What is the writer suggesting might happen?
- Consider all possible answers before deciding.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. *What do you think Bree thought would happen when she invited Tatts and Butch to her party?*

- (a) Things would go wrong and spoil her party.
- (b) No boys would come to her party.
- (c) She would get cross with Tatts and Butch.
- (d) Her party would be lots of fun and a bit different.

The best answer is ☐.

2. *Write sentences to tell what probably happened after Tatts and Butch played their tricks at the birthday party.*

3. *What will Mum probably do to Tatts and Butch after they make trouble?*

- (a) give them cake
- (b) put them in a tree
- (c) tell them off
- (d) take them home

The best answer is ☐.



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- The answer is not in the text, but there is information you can use and think about.
- The writer will suggest rather than tell what is likely to happen.
- Always check all possible answers before making a decision.

1. *How do you think travellers would be feeling when they reach Kamloops?*

- (a) very happy
- (b) sad
- (c) tired
- (d) cross

The best answer is ☐.

2. *Do you think the number of tourists going on the Rocky Mountaineer will:*

- (a) increase?
- (b) decrease?
- (c) stay the same?

The best answer is ☐.

3. (a) Do you think the Rocky Mountaineer will ever travel in winter? _____

(b) Explain. _____

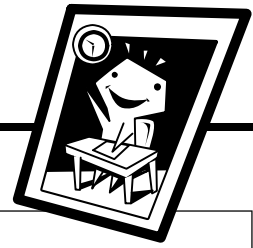
4. (a) Would you want to take a camera on the Rocky Mountaineer? _____

(b) Give reasons. _____

5. *How would the people who want to ski in winter get up into the Rocky Mountains?*

- (a) train
- (b) jet aircraft
- (c) bus or car
- (d) bicycle

The best answer is ☐.



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1. Next time Dad asks Braden to go on another walk, do you think he will:

- (a) want to go?
- (b) say his feet hurt?
- (c) cry?
- (d) laugh?

The best answer is ☐.

2. Next time Braden goes in a canoe do you think he will:

- (a) stand up?
- (b) lean over to look at things?
- (c) sit in the middle of the canoe?
- (d) jump up and down?

The best answer is ☐.

3. Imagine that next year the Fosters are deciding whether to go back to Roper River or Lilac Lake for their camping trip. Where do you think they will choose?

Roper River ☐ Lilac Lake ☐

Explain why.

4. If the trip to Roper River had taken five hours, do you think Braden would have grizzled more?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Explain your answer.
