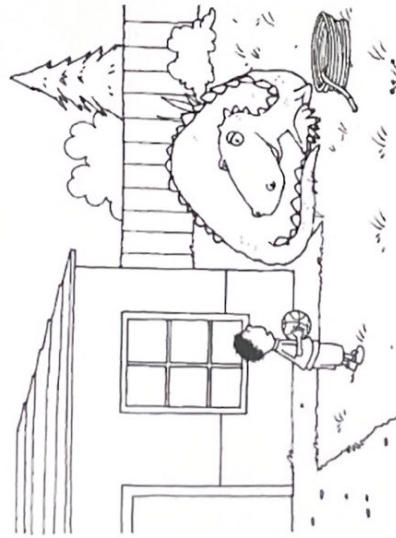


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Read this passage. Then answer the questions.

Charlie Meets a Dragon



- 1 The first time Charlie met Rupert, Charlie was playing in his yard. He was supposed to be cleaning his room, but he had gotten distracted. Besides, he would use any excuse to avoid his chores.
- 2 Rupert was curled up behind the house and snoring like a giant with a cold. He was mostly dark green, and he was covered with scales as big as roof shingles.
- 3 Just then Rupert woke up. He gazed at Charlie with eyes like sandwich plates.
- 4 "Wow!" said Charlie. "Are you a dragon?"
- 5 Rupert nodded. "Yes, I am a hungry dragon. Do you have any food?"

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- 6 "Well, um, sure," Charlie stammered. "I'll get you some, but then you will have to tell me where you came from and how you got here."
- 7 Rupert agreed. So Charlie ran into the house and filled a bag with a head of lettuce, two oranges, a loaf of bread, and some peanut butter. Then he raced back outside. He wasn't sure what dragons eat.
- 8 As Rupert happily munched on the food, he told Charlie about his homeland and the huge cave he lived in.
- 9 "It sounds like you miss your home," Charlie said. "Why are you here?"
- 10 "They made me leave because I refused to do my work," Rupert explained sadly. "Every dragon must work, and my job was to take care of the garden. But I liked taking naps instead. I was warned many times, and then they made me leave."
- 11 Charlie could see how sad Rupert was, and that got him thinking about his own situation. He had work to do, too. He promised Rupert that he would come back the next day.
- 12 When Charlie got to his room, he felt energized. He looked around at the mess. What a job this would be! But Charlie knew he had put this off long enough, and he was ready to work hard. As Rupert had learned the hard way, everyone has work that must be done.

1. Choose **three** sentences that belong in a correct summary of events and put them in time order by writing a number from 1 (first) to 3 (last) on the line next to the event. (Four events will not be used.)
- Charlie learns a lesson from Rupert and goes to clean his room.
 - Rupert is curled up behind Charlie's house taking a nap.
 - A boy named Charlie meets a dragon named Rupert.
 - Charlie gives him lettuce, oranges, bread, and peanut butter.
 - The dragon tells Charlie he was sent away for not doing his work.
 - Rupert tells Charlie about the huge cave he lived in.
 - Charlie did not know what kind of food dragons liked.

2. Look at the picture. What was Charlie doing when he met Rupert?

- A playing with a ball
- B cleaning his room
- C working in his garden
- D doing his homework

3. Reread paragraphs 1 and 2. Find **two** sentences that contain similes. Underline the sentences you choose.

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4. In paragraph 1, the u in excuse is pronounced like the u in—
- A just.
 - B sure.
 - C munch.
 - D huge.
5. What information can the reader learn from the picture and not from the story?
- A how big Rupert is
 - B where Charlie lives
 - C what dragons eat
 - D how Charlie's room looks

6. This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then answer Part B.

Part A At the beginning of the story, what can the reader infer about Charlie?

- A He is good at sports.
- B He does not like to work.
- C He knows a lot about dragons.
- D He gets good grades at school.

Part B Which sentence from the passage **best** supports the inference in Part A?

- A "The first time Charlie met Rupert, Charlie was playing in his yard."
- B "He was supposed to be cleaning his room, but he had gotten distracted."
- C "Besides, he would use any excuse to avoid his chores."
- D "Rupert was curled up behind the house and was snoring like a giant with a cold."

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