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WORKSHEET 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Toto (the little black dog) jumped out of Dorothy's arms and hid under the bed, and the girl started to get him. Aunt Em, badly frightened, threw open the trapdoor in the floor and climbed down the ladder into the small, dark hole. Dorothy caught Toto at last and started to follow her aunt. When she was halfway across the room, there was a great shriek from the wind, and the house shook so hard that she lost her footing and sat down suddenly upon the floor.

Then a strange thing happened. The house whirled around two or three times and rose slowly into the air. Dorothy felt as if she were going up in a balloon. The north and south winds met where the house stood, and made it the exact centre of the cyclone. In the middle of a cyclone, the air is generally still, but the great pressure of the wind on every side of the house raised it up higher and higher, until it was at the very top of the cyclone; and there it remained and was carried miles and miles away as easily as you could carry a feather.

Toto did not like it. He ran about the room, now here, now there, barking loudly, but Dorothy sat quite still on the floor and waited to see what would happen.

—L. Frank Baum

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Where did Toto hide and why?

2. What did Aunt Em do when the cyclone hit the house?

3. What was the strange thing that happened?

4. How did Toto react to the cyclone?

5. Why did Dorothy sit still on the floor?

B. Describe what happened to the house in the cyclone.

C. Fill in the blanks with suitable action words from the passage.

1. Toto _____ out of Dorothy's arms.
2. Aunt Em _____ the trapdoor open.
3. She _____ down the ladder.
4. The house _____ very hard.
5. Then a strange thing _____.

WORKSHEET 2

GRAMMAR

A. Write the verbs in the form of the past tense given in the brackets.

1. They _____ at the river beneath them. [look - Past Progressive]
2. We _____ to the park this morning. [go - Simple Past]
3. The animals _____ water from the river. [drink - Past Progressive]
4. The king _____ the Dragon's treasure. [attack - Simple Past]
5. The river _____ silently. [flow - Past Progressive]
6. Someone _____ at the door. [knock - Past Progressive]

B. Write the simple future tense of the suggested verbs using 'will/shall' or 'going to'.

1. The athlete _____ across the field later. [run]
2. She _____ on the river bank. [sleep]
3. She was sure that the White Rabbit _____ to himself again. [talk]
4. She _____ never _____ such a sight again. [see]
5. The dinner _____ at seven o'clock tonight. [serve]

C. Add the simple form of tenses to the blanks below. One has been done for you.

	Present	Past	Future
1.	sit	sat	will sit
2.	eat	_____	_____
3.	_____	flew	_____
4.	_____	_____	will stay
5.	think	_____	_____
6.	pray	_____	_____

WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY & WRITING

A. Use the following words in sentences of your own.

1. amazing: _____
2. unfortunately: _____
3. permission: _____
4. encourage: _____
5. excitement: _____

B. What is the meaning of the words underlined in each pair of sentences?

1. (a) It was very dark in the room. _____
(b) She wore a dark blue dress. _____
2. (a) There was one rose on the bush. _____
(b) He rose slowly from the chair. _____
3. (a) She ran about the room looking for her shoes. _____
(b) Father told me about the Book Fair. _____
4. (a) She sat still when the storm came. _____
(b) He is still working hard on the lesson. _____
5. (a) The kitten sat on top of the cupboard. _____
(b) Karan was spinning a top. _____

C. Write three sentences about something that made you afraid and how you overcame your fear.
