

2. Read this text carefully:

One fine morning in the month of May, two snails decided to have a race.
"We'll go to the lettuce and back" said Hector, the grey snail.
"Ok", replied Victor, the white snail. "Let's go!"
The two friends started off slowly. The hours passed ... Night fell.
Who won?
No-one. They both fell asleep on the lettuce!

Read the questions and draw a circle round the correct answer:

- a) What colour is Victor?
1. Brown
 2. Grey
 3. White
 4. Green
 5. Don't know
- b) What do the two snails want to do?
1. Eat the lettuce
 2. Have a wash
 3. Have a race
 4. See friends
 5. Don't know
- c) Who won the race?
1. Victor
 2. Hector
 3. Neither of them
 4. Both of them
 5. Don't know
- d) Choose a title for this story:
1. A sick snail
 2. The dog and the snail
 3. The snails' race
 4. The magic lettuce
 5. Don't know

3. Read this text carefully:

The day she was born was the happiest day in her parents' lives.
"She's perfect", said her mother.
"Absolutely!" said her father.
And she was. She was absolutely perfect.
"Her name must be everything she is", said her mother
"Her name must be absolutely perfect", said her father.
And it was.
Chrysanthemum.
Her parents called her Chrysanthemum.

Chrysanthemum grew, and grew, and grew.
And when she was old enough to appreciate it, Chrysanthemum loved her name.
She loved the way it sounded when her mother woke her up.
She loved the way it sounded when her father called her for dinner.
And she loved the way it sounded when she whispered it to herself in the bathroom mirror. Chrysanthemum, Chrysanthemum, Chrysanthemum ...
Chrysanthemum loved the way it looked written in ink on an envelope.
She loved the way it looked written with icing on her birthday cake.
Chrysanthemum, Chrysanthemum, Chrysanthemum. Chrysanthemum thought her name was absolutely perfect.

And then she started school ...

(Adapted from "*Chrysanthemum*" by Kevin Henkes, Greenwillow, 1991)

Read the questions and draw a circle round the correct answer. **There may be more than one.**

a) How many people are in this text?

1. one
2. two
3. three
4. four
5. five
6. don't know

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b) Which was the happiest day of Chrysanthemum's parents' lives?

1. The day Chrysanthemum started school
2. Her birthday
3. The day she was born
4. The day she got married
5. The day she learnt to write her name
6. Don't know

c) There are two perfect things in this story. What are they?

1. The mother and father
2. The little girl and her mother
3. The little girl and her name
4. The day Chrysanthemum was born and her birthday
5. Don't know

d) In this story Chrysanthemum likes seeing her name written in:

1. biro
2. felt tip pen
3. ink
4. icing
5. orange crayon
6. Don't know

e) Which of the following would be the best ending for the story?

1. She learnt to read, became a very good pupil and had a lot of friends
2. She found a lost dog, brought it home and it became her friend
3. The first few days her name caused her many problems
4. She couldn't write her name and became a bad pupil
5. Don't know