Cat Tales

Reading Comprehension

Lion on Safari

Susan and her family were on the trip of a lifetime! Her father's work was able to secure a safari into the middle of Africa. For months before the trip, Susan and her parents looked at maps and researched the many types of animals that they might encounter there.

The family had many animals that they hoped to see. Brad, their guide, assured them that they would be able to see all of the animals on their list. Susan wanted to see a lion with a huge mane and a loud roar. They had not seen one yet, but Brad promised them that they would soon.

Susan adjusted her binoculars to look closely at a family of zebras that were out standing in the heat of the day. Their stripes were incredible! Beyond the zebras, Susan thought she saw the tail of a lion swishing in the long grass. She stuck her head out the window of the jeep and looked around.

Just then, she heard a voice say, "Come and find me!"

"What?" asked Susan as she glanced around. Susan looked closely into the grass and discovered that there was a lion looking right at her!

"Did I just hear a lion talk?" Susan whispered to herself.

"Yes, you did!" replied the lion confidently.

"Uh...Dad...," called Susan as she edged away from the window of the jeep.

Story Questions:
1. What did you learn about Susan from reading this passage?
    a. She was hoping that a lion would talk to her on her trip to Africa.
    b. She is adventurous.
    c. She is silly.
    d. Zebras were the animals that Susan most wanted to see on her trip.

2. Which supporting sentence helps to answer the previous question?
   a. Susan wanted to see a lion with a huge mane and a loud roar.
   b. They had not seen one yet, but Brad promised them that they would soon.
   c. Susan and her family were on the trip of a lifetime!
   d. "Uh...Dad...," called Susan as she edged away from the window of the jeep.

3. What is the meaning of the word *secure* as it is used in the passage?
   a. fasten
   b. protect
   c. acquire
   d. attach

Email Writing

4. **Write** a story from the perspective of a cat.

Math Worksheet

5. A prime number is a whole number that only has two factors: itself and one. A composite number has factors in addition to one and itself. **Practise** differentiating between prime and composite numbers.

Word Problems

6. **Read** the word problems below and **write** the answers.
   ★ While on their trip, Susan and her family created a card game with prime and composite numbers using cards numbered from 1 to 25. Using the numbers 1 – 25, sort the numbers as follows:
      a. list all of the prime numbers
      b. list all of the composite numbers
      c. list all of the numbers that are neither prime nor composite
      d. circle all of the even prime numbers

   ★ In their card game, Susan and her family gave 3 points for every odd prime number, 1 point for every composite number, 10 points for every number that was neither prime nor composite, and 10 points for every even prime number. How many total points are the 25 cards worth?

Fun Stuff!

7. **Make** your own cat pizza. If you don't have a can of refrigerated biscuits, use this no yeast bread recipe to make your own.