
Martian Madness

Reading Comprehension

Martians

A loud noise hit the roof of Sandy's house. Sandy jumped out of bed and hit her head. She got a big bump. Her slippers were missing.

"Ouch! What was that noise?" she asked. Bump. Bump. Thud. The noise came again. Sandy went to the window. She tried to open it. It would not open. She pushed and pushed. Sandy went to the door of her house. It would not open. She pushed and pushed.

"What is going on?" she asked herself. She called her mother on the phone.

Her mother was sleeping. She woke up when the phone rang. "Hello," she said. "Mom, something is happening to our house. I cannot open the doors or the windows."

"Look through the window. I think that there are martians outside. Show them a big smile and see if they smile back," said Mother.

Sandy saw one of the martians through the window and smiled really big. One martian came to the window and opened it for Sandy. Another one went to the door and opened it.

"Wow! Martians are super helpful and friendly!" Sandy said to herself.

Story Questions:

1. This is a make-believe story about...
 - a. monsters.
 - b. dinosaurs.
 - c. ghosts.
 - d. martians.

2. The antonym for *outside* is...
 - a. house.
 - b. inside
 - c. door.
 - d. window.

3. How did Sandy get out of her house?
 - a. A martian helped.
 - b. Her mother helped.
 - c. Sandy did it herself.

Journal Writing

4. **Write** 3-5 sentences about what you would want to know about outer space if you met an alien.

Word Problems

5. **Read** the word problems below and **write** the answers.
 - ★ Chris had 32 space rocks. He gave half of them to his brother, Jed. Out of his remaining space rocks Chris had, he gave half of them to his sister, Mary. How many space rocks does Chris have left?

 - ★ Borg had 20 newspapers to deliver. He delivered half of them to the homes on Mars Road. Out of the remaining newspapers, Borg delivered half to the homes on Moon Street. Borg then delivered 1 newspaper to his own home. How many newspapers did Borg have left?

Fun Stuff!

6. **Create** a [storyboard](#) for your own Martian movie. Use speech and illustrations. When you're finished, share it with a family member and act it out together!