

DOGS DON'T TELL JOKES



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At A Glance

| Learning Expectations | Chapters 1 & 2 | Chapters 3 & 4 | Chapters 5 & 6 | Chapters 7 & 8 | Chapters 9 & 10 | Chapters 11 & 12 | Chapters 13 & 14 | Chapters 15 & 16 | Chapters 17 & 18 | Chapters 19 & 20 | Chapters 21 & 22 | Chapters 23 & 24 | Chapter 25 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Reading Comprehension | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Identify and describe story elements | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | |
| • Locating the main idea | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | |
| • Sequencing story elements | | | | | | | | • | | | | | |
| • Recalling events and details | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | |
| Reasoning and Critical Thinking Skills | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Character traits, comparisons | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Make inferences (why events occurred, characters thoughts and feelings) | | | | • | • | • | | | | | | • | • |
| • Develop opinions and personal interpretations | | | | | • | | • | • | | | | | • |
| • Detailed illustrated story elements | | | | | | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Vocabulary Development, Grammar & Word Usage | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Identify synonyms, antonyms, homonyms | | | | • | | | | | • | | | | |
| • Capitalization & punctuation | | | • | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Identifying parts of speech - nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, phrases | • | • | | | • | • | • | | • | • | • | • | • |
| • Verb tenses | | • | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Recognition of palindromes | | | • | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Spelling | | | • | | • | • | • | • | | | • | • | |
| • Possessives | | | | • | | | | | • | | | | |
| • Idioms, similes | | | | | • | | | • | | | | | |
| • Word meanings | | | | | | | • | | | | | | |



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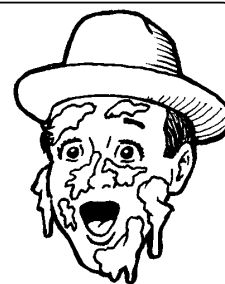


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Just the Facts

1. Title of the Book: _____

2. Author: _____

3. Type of Book: _____

4. Publisher: _____

5. Text Copyright: _____

6. Cover Copyright: _____

7. Exerpts: _____

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

8. Website: _____

9. ISBN Number: _____

10. Recommendations:

a) _____

b) _____



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Chapter One Title: _____

Complete the following exercises.

A. Who is the main character in this novel?

B. List all the characters in this chapter.

C. Explain how Gary got his nickname.

D. Where is the setting of this story?

E. What did Gary want to be when he grew up or if his legs got tired?

F. Nouns are words that name a person, place, or thing. Pronouns take the place of nouns. In the sentences below, underline the nouns and circle the pronouns.

1. This story begins with a smile.

2. It was the smile on the face of Gary Boone.

3. He was in the seventh grade of Floyd Hicks Junior High School.

4. They called him Goon right to his smiling face.

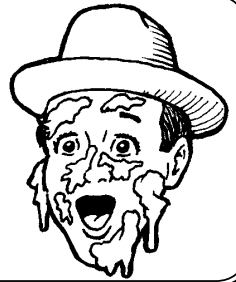
5. Sometimes Miss Langley would be on stage with him.

6. He was so funny.



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Chapter Two Title: _____

Complete the following exercises:

A. What does Gary spend a lot of time doing?

B. Why didn't Gary get his homework completed?

C. Who is the new character introduced in this chapter? What is your impression of him?

D. Why do you think Gary reacts in this way?

E. Write down some excuses and reasons why you couldn't complete your homework.
