

Comprehension Worksheet

MARY'S LETTER

June 25, 1878.

Forest Hill,

My Dear Fanny:

This morning, while out rowing, we all came near being drowned. Brother Ed, tried to take a stick from Tom Read. He then tripped and fell out of the boat. Papa and Mamma tried to save him, and before we knew it, we were all in the water. The boat *upset*. How we were all saved I can hardly tell. A man in another boat which was near, picked us up. Had it not been for this, you would today have no cousin.

Your friend

Mary Rose.

Questions:

1. What is the main idea of this first paragraph?
 - The boat was large.
 - Do not upset the boat.
 - Keep still and sit down in the boat.
2. The children were going _____.
 - on a trip
 - swimming
 - fishing
3. Who fell overboard first? _____ *fell overboard first*.
 - Mr. Rose
 - Mrs. Rose
 - Thomas Read
 - Edgar Rose

4. What caused the boat to tip over?

- Mr. and Mrs. Rose tipped the boat when they tried to save Edgar.
- Edgar pulled the boat over when he fell in the water.
- The boys were rocking the boat
- The boys were moving too much.

5. What could have happened if another boat was not close by?

6. According to the passage, another word for *upset* is _____.

- unhappy
- capsize
- sink
- disturbed

7. What lesson did the children learn that day?
