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Worksheet: Drawing Conclusions

When you read you must search for clues to help you, much like a detective looking for clues. You use what is in the text and your prior knowledge to come to a conclusion. Conclusions can also be drawn when you look at illustrations or pictures alongside a text.

The following exercises show how well you understand the author's message or purpose and so draw conclusions. Read the paragraphs below. Then select the best answer.

Paragraph 1



A pretty little fawn had been brought in from the woods, when very young, and nursed and petted by a lady in the village until it had become as tame as possible. It was graceful, as those little creatures always are, and so gentle and playful that it became a great favorite, following the different members of the family about, being caressed by the neighbors, and welcome everywhere.

Why did everyone in the village love the little fawn?

- The lady was able to nurse it.
- It was a gentle and playful creature.
- It was graceful.
- It followed and love it human family members.

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PARAGRAPH 2

One morning, after playing about as usual until weary, it lay down in the sunshine, at the feet of one of its friends, upon the steps of a store. There came along a countryman, who for several years had been a hunter by pursuit, and who still kept several hounds, one of which was now with him.

Why did the fawn lay at the feet of the person?

- The fawn was tired.
- The fawn knew the person was a friend.
- The fawn was tame.

PARAGRAPH 3

The dog, as it approached the spot where the fawn lay, suddenly stopped. The little animal saw him, and started to its feet. It had lived more than half its life among the dogs of the village, and had apparently lost all fear of them; but it seemed now to know that an enemy was near. In an instant, its whole nature seemed changed; all its past habits were forgotten; every wild impulse was awake; its head erect, its nostrils dilated, its eyes flashing.

Why did the fawn suddenly seem wild?

- The fawn suddenly felt wild.
- The fawn suddenly noticed dogs were its enemy.
- The fawn suddenly feared the dog.

PARAGRAPH 4

In another instant, before the spectators had thought of the danger, and before its friends could secure it, the fawn was bounding away through the street, and the hound in full chase. The bystanders were eager to save it; several persons immediately followed its track; the friends who had long fed and fondled it, calling the name it had hitherto known, in vain.

Why did the spectators fail to secure the fawn?

- They thought the fawn was playing.
- They were very busy.
- They did not expect the dog to chase the fawn.

PARAGRAPH 5

The hunter endeavored to whistle back his dog, but with no success. In half a minute the fawn had turned the first corner, dashed onward toward the lake, and thrown itself into the water. But if for a moment the startled creature believed itself safe in the cool bosom of the lake, it was soon undeceived; for the hound followed in hot and eager chase, while a dozen village dogs joined blindly in the pursuit.

Why did hunter whistle?

- He was calling his dog to his side.
- He was enjoying the chase.
- He was calling other dogs to join in the chase.

PARAGRAPH 6

A large crowd collected on the bank—men, women, and children—anxious for the fate of the little animal so well known to them all. Some threw themselves into boats, hoping to intercept the hound before he reached his prey. The plashing of the oars, the eager voices of men and boys, and the barking of the dogs, must have filled the heart of the poor fawn with terror and anguish,—as though every creature on the spot where it had once been caressed and fondled, had suddenly turned into a deadly foe.

Why did the crowd pursue the fawn?

- They wanted to be part of the chase.
- They wanted to save the poor fawn.
- They wanted to terrorize the fawn.

PARAGRAPH 7

It was soon seen that the little animal was directing its course across a bay toward the nearest borders of the forest. Immediately the owner of the hound crossed the bridge, and ran at full speed, hoping to stop his dog as he landed. On swam the fawn, as it never swam before; its delicate head scarcely seen above the water, but leaving a disturbed track, which betrayed its course alike to its friends and foes.

Why did the owner of the hound cross the bridge?

- He saw the fawn getting closer to the forest.
- He wanted to stop the dog as he landed.
- He wanted to help the dog capture the fawn.

PARAGRAPH 8

As it approached the land, the interest became intense. The hunter was already on the same side of the lake, calling loudly and angrily to his dog; but the hound seemed to have quite forgotten his master's voice in the pitiless pursuit. The fawn reached the shore. With a leap it had crossed the narrow strip of beach, and in another instant it would reach the cover of the woods.

Why did the hunter call out to the dog loudly and angrily?

- He was failing in get the hound's attention.
- The fawn was nearing the woods.
- He was not enjoying the chase.

PARAGRAPH 9

The hound followed true to the scent, pointing to the same spot on the shore; his master, anxious to meet him, had run at full speed, and was now coming up at the same critical moment. Will the dog listen to his voice? or can the hunter reach him in time to seize and control him? A shout from the bank told that the fawn had passed out of sight into the forest. At the same instant, the hound, as he touched the land, felt the hunter's strong arm clutching his neck. The worst was believed to be over; the fawn was leaping up the mountain side, and its enemy was restrained. The other dogs, seeing their leader cowed, were easily managed.

Why did the *other* dogs stop pursuing the fawn?

- The other dogs were easy to manage.
- The other dogs grew tired.
- Their leader (the hound) was restrained by his owner.

PARAGRAPH 10

A number of persons, men and boys, dispersed themselves through the woods in search of the little creature, but without success; they all returned to the village, reporting that the fawn had not been seen. Some thought that after its fright had passed it would return of its own accord. It wore a pretty collar with its owner's name engraved upon it, so that it could be easily known from any other fawn that might be straying about the woods.

Why did some villagers think the fawn would return on its own?

- It wore a pretty collar with its owner's name engraved upon it.
- It would miss its owner.
- It would have no fright and return to its owner.

PARAGRAPH 11

Before many hours had passed, a hunter presented himself to the lady whose pet the little creature had been, and showed a collar with her name upon it. He said that he was out hunting in the morning, and saw a fawn in the distance. The little pet, instead of bounding away, as he expected, moved toward him; he took aim, fired, and shot it through the heart.

What happened to the fawn?

- It died.
- It ran away.
- It took off its collar.