

**The Primary Stage of Grades (4-5)**

**School Year 2020 - 2021**

**Name** : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Subject** : Comprehension Practice #1 key

**Date : / / Class : Grade 4 CP (All Sections)**

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Objective/s : To read a text and answer comprehension questions.

To practise some grammatical concepts covered.

**My Dad, the Superhero**

"Wake up!" Sam cheered as he shook his sleeping father.

Sam loved Father's Day because the two of them always spent the day together doing something fun. Last year, they went to an amusement park and rode the roller coasters. The year before that, they went to a football match.

"Alright," Dad yawned as he stretched and crawled out of bed into his wheelchair. "Hurry, Dad," said Sam. "Mum made your favourite breakfast - blueberry pancakes!"

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Dad followed Sam down the hall and into the kitchen, where Mum was pouring the last drop of syrup onto the pancakes.

"What adventure do you have planned for today?" Mum asked. "Hmmm..." thought Dad. "Maybe we can go to the lake and go fishing."

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"Or maybe we can go and see the new superhero movie," exclaimed Sam. "Great idea," agreed Dad. The two of them had always loved superhero comics. Just then, the phone rang.

Sam heard his dad say, "Right now?" and then after a pause, "Keep calm and I will be right there."

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Sam's heart sank. He knew what his dad was going to say before he even got back to the kitchen. His dad always got called into work at the worst times.

"I'm sorry, but I have to go to work," Dad said. "But Dad!" whined Sam, "It's Father's Day and we always spend it together!"

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"I know, son," Dad replied, "But this is really important and I need to go."

Sam's lips curled down. "I have an idea," Dad perked up. "Why don't you come with me?"

"Really?" Sam said in surprise. "I would love to!"

Sam ran to his room to get ready. He had never seen his dad at work, and even though it wasn't a roller coaster or football match, it would be still be fun to spend time with his dad.

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Sam's dad led them past the 'Employees Only' door. Inside was a room with nurses and a nervous zookeeper. All of them clapped as Sam's dad entered the room. In the corner of the room was a large black and white panda lying on her side. She was groaning and upset. "This is my **patient**, Sam, “Dad said calmly.

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Dad slowly made his way over to the mama panda. He gave her some medicine and gently stroked her thick fur. Sam's eyes were wide with amazement to see his dad being so brave. His dad was like a superhero, there to save the day.

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After an hour, Sam's dad was holding four pink panda cubs. He washed the cubs, rubbed their stomachs, and fed **them** warm milk from a bottle.

"Sam," Dad called. "Come here and meet the newest attraction for the zoo." Sam walked slowly over to his dad. He handed Sam a panda and the bottle.

"This is the best Father's Day yet," smiled Sam. "Not only do I get to hold a panda cub, but I also learned that you are a superhero!"

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1. Tick (√)**two** activities that Sam and his dad have done before on father’s day?
2. fishing at the lake
3. going to a football match

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1. seeing a movie
2. riding roller coasters

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1. What was the main problem in the story?

Sam’s dad had to go to work on father’s day.

1. How was this problem solved?

Sam went with his dad to work.

1. Why does Sam think his dad is like a superhero?

Sam thinks his dad is like a superhero because he helped a mama panda have her babies.

1. Do you think Sam’s dad is a good veterinarian? Why?

Students’ answers

Yes, because he washed the the cubs and fed them warm milk.

1. Find a word between lines “28-30” that means “**someone who takes care of animals in a zoo**” Zookeeper
2. Find a word between lines “19-21”that means **“ complained”** Whined
3. The underlined word **“patient”** line”32” means:

a. a person who takes care of animals.

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b. person or animal that is getting medical treatment.

c. able to wait without becoming upset.

1. Which genre do you think the story is?

Tick (√) the correct answer.

Real life story

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Legend

Fable

1. Find in between lines “ 21-32”
2. An adjective: important /nervous/ large/ upset/ black / white
3. An adverb: calmly/ really/ inside /down
4. Verb *to be* in **present tense**: is
5. The underlined pronoun “**them” Line “37”** refers to: Panda cubs.
6. “Sam’s heart sank.” Means that Sam….
7. was disappointed.

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1. was happy.
2. was ill.
3. Underline Sam’s exact words in the sentences below?

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