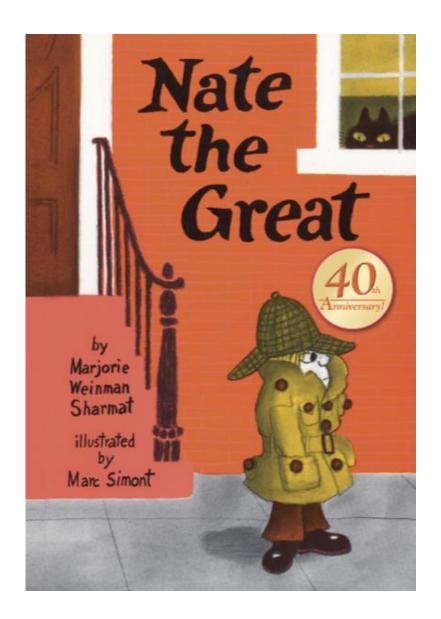


Nate the Great Book Series

Reading Comprehension Exercises
PART 1 (book 1~7)



Book 1

Nate the Great gets a call from Annie. He learns that she can't find the picture she painted. Nate, who has found different lost things before, tells Annie that he will find her missing picture.



I. Complete the sentences using the phrases in the blue box.

- 1. "My foot **itches**," Annie said. To **itch** is to _____.
- Nate said that Annie should have called him yesterday while the trail was hot.
 When the trail is hot, it is still easy to ______.
- 3. Nate asked if Annie's house had any secret passages. Passages are _____.
- 4. This would be a very **dull** case. **Dull** means ______.
- 5. Annie had a door that **squeaked**. To **squeak** is to ______.
- 6. Annie said that Fang didn't **count**. When things or people **count**, they are _____
- 7. Fang left Annie's yard only on a leash. A leash is _____.
- 8. Nate must keep up his **strength**. **Strength** means _____.
- 9. Rosamond told Nate to **prove** he was a detective. To **prove** is to _____.
- 10. Nate was glad he was wearing his **rubbers**. **Rubbers** are



- not interesting or exciting
- show that something is true
- included or considered; important
- make a short high sound that is not very loud
- long narrow areas that connect rooms or places
- materials that you use to cover and protect your shoes
- the ability to do things that need a lot of physical or mental work
- a piece of rope, chain, etc.
 that you use to control an animal
- find the marks and other information that someone or something left behind
- have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to rub it with your nails



II. Choose the correct answer.

- 1. Nate told Annie about the lost things he had found. What was NOT among those things?
 - A. pearls

B. balloons

C. slippers

- 2. What was Annie like?
 - A. She smiled a lot.

B. She had black hair.

- C. She never ate breakfast.
- 3. Where did Annie put her picture of Fang before it was gone?
 - A. on her bed

B. on her wall

C. on her desk

- 4. What made Nate sure that Annie liked yellow?
 - A. Annie's picture of Fang was yellow.
 - B. Annie wore yellow clothes and accessories.
 - C. There were a lot of yellow things in Annie's room.
- 5. According to Nate, why would Fang bury Annie's picture of him?
 - A. Maybe he didn't like the picture.
 - B. Maybe he just loved to bury things including pictures.
 - C. Maybe he tried to hide the picture from Rosamond and Harry.





II. Choose the correct answer.

- 6. How long did Nate and Annie dig in Annie's yard?
 - A. one hour

B. two hours

C. three hours

- 7. Which cat was under Nate's chair in Rosamond's house?
 - A. Big Hex

B. Super Hex

C. Plain Hex

- 8. Why did Annie laugh?
 - A. Harry covered Nate with red paint.
 - B. Harry painted a red picture of Nate.
 - C. Harry had red paint all over his face and body.
- 9. Which of Harry's pictures was actually Annie's picture of Fang?
 - A. the picture of the clown
 - B. the picture of the house
 - C. the picture of the monster



- 10. What did Annie ask Nate toward the end of the story?
 - A. She asked Nate if Harry did good work.
 - B. She asked Nate if he wanted the pancakes left in the kitchen.
 - C. She asked Nate if he would come back to see the new picture that she would paint.

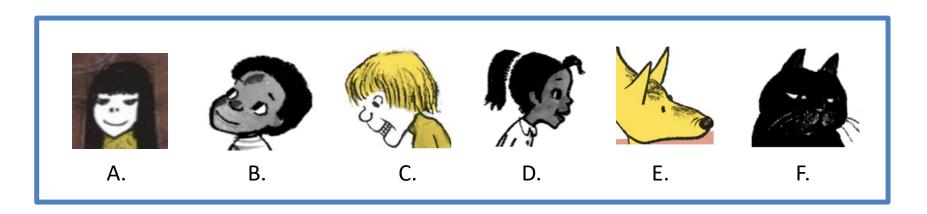


III. Arrange the events below in the order in which they happened in the book.

Annie was very mad at Harry.	Dear mother,
Annie showed Nate her room.	clam wearing my
Nate left a note for his mother.	Bove,
Nate saw different paintings in Harry's room.	Nate the great
Nate said goodbye to Annie, Harry, and Fang.	
Nate found a picture of a dog in Annie's wastebasket.	
Nate said that Rosamond did not take the picture of Fang.	
Annie asked Nate if he could help her find her lost picture.	
Nate watched Fang run, eat, and bury a bone in Annie's ya	rd.
Nate and Annie found rocks, worms, bones, and ants, but i	no picture in Annie's yard.



IV. Match the descriptions below with the characters in the blue box.



- 1. He hates to eat on the job.
- 2. She has a younger brother.
- 3. He is big and has big teeth.
- 4. He jumped onto Nate's lap.
- 5. She had cat hair all over her.
- 6. He painted part of the wall, one slipper, and a doorknob.



V. Fill in the boxes with the correct letters to complete the sentences below. (Clue: The missing words are words for colors.)

1. Annie's eyes were, while Rosamond's eyes were	
2. There was a picture of a dog in Annie's bedroom, but the picture was not	
3. There were pictures of cats in and in Rosamond's house.	
4. Harry's paintbrush was covered with paint.	
5. One of Harry's pictures was because it was a mix of two colors.	



VI. Write <u>T</u> if the sentence is correct. Write <u>F</u> if the sentence is incorrect.

1. Nate had just eaten breakfast
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when he got a phone call from Annie.
2. On the phone, Nate told Annie to
wait for him in her kitchen.
3. According to Annie, Fang did not
bite people.
4. Nate hated cold pancakes.
5. Annie stepped on a cat's tail in
Rosamond's house.



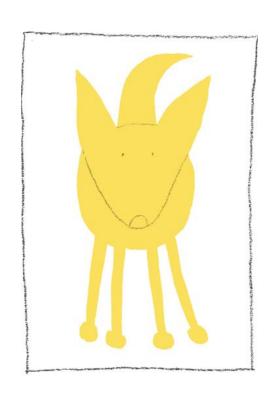


VII-A. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. Look at Annie's picture of Fang on the right. What happened to Fang's ears and tail in Harry's picture?

2. Why did Nate smile too when he saw Annie and Harry smile at each other?

3. At the end of the story, why was Nate glad he was wearing his rubbers?





VII-B. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

- 1. Imagine that you are Annie, and you learned what Harry did to your picture of Fang. How would you feel? What would you do?
- 2. Toward the end of the story, why do you think Annie smiled at Harry even if he had painted on her picture of Fang?
- 3. Do you like to paint?
 - a. If yes, what or whom do you usually paint? Do you think you paint good pictures? Why do you think so?
 - b. If no, what is the best painting you have ever seen? What does that painting look like? Who painted it?
- 4. What is your favorite color, and why?



