

Literal Comprehension Skills Worksheet

What Is It?

Literal Comprehension is finding information given directly in a text.

How Do We Use It?

- We find information and answers that are directly in the text (word for word).
- We skim-read to get the meaning of a text.
- We scan a text to find the answers we are looking for.
- We read questions carefully to know what we are looking for when reading.

Question One

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The starter's gun went bang! Off like a speeding train the runners went, jostling for positions before the first sharp corner of the course. Would they all negotiate it safely? Around they went, safe and sound. There had been a lot of rain during the week, so the course was very muddy. The field of runners spread out as the pace increased. Chloe and Zoe were in the lead, both very strong runners. The rest were clinging on for dear life. The group quickly approached the first of four water jumps. The water was muddy, cold and uninviting. The runners charged in, over and through, splashing water in all directions. Chloe and Zoe still looked like world-beaters at the front of the group. Which one of them would win?



- a. What was the first corner of the race like?

- b. Who were the best two runners in the race?

- c. How many water jumps were there on the course?

- d. What noise did the starter's gun make?

- e. Why was the course muddy?

Question Two

Read the following recipe and answer the questions that follow.

Super Ice Cream Sundae Recipe

Ingredients:

- Four scoops of ice cream (any flavour)
- One banana
- Two tablespoons of chocolate sauce (or any other flavour)
- One teaspoon of sprinkles
- One teaspoon of chopped nuts (optional)
- Two wafer biscuits for decoration

Method:

1. Scoop your ice cream into rounds and place them at the bottom of the bowl.
2. Cut the banana into small pieces and place them on top of the ice cream.
3. Pour over the chocolate sauce.
4. Spread a teaspoon of sprinkles over the sundae.
5. Sprinkle over the teaspoon of chopped nuts (optional).
6. Add wafer biscuits anywhere on the top.
7. Eat with a spoon and enjoy.



a. How many bananas are used in the recipe?

b. What do you eat the sundae with?

c. What flavour sauce does the recipe suggest using?

d. How many scoops of ice cream do you use to make the sundae?

e. According to the recipe, where do you place the banana?
