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Grade **5**

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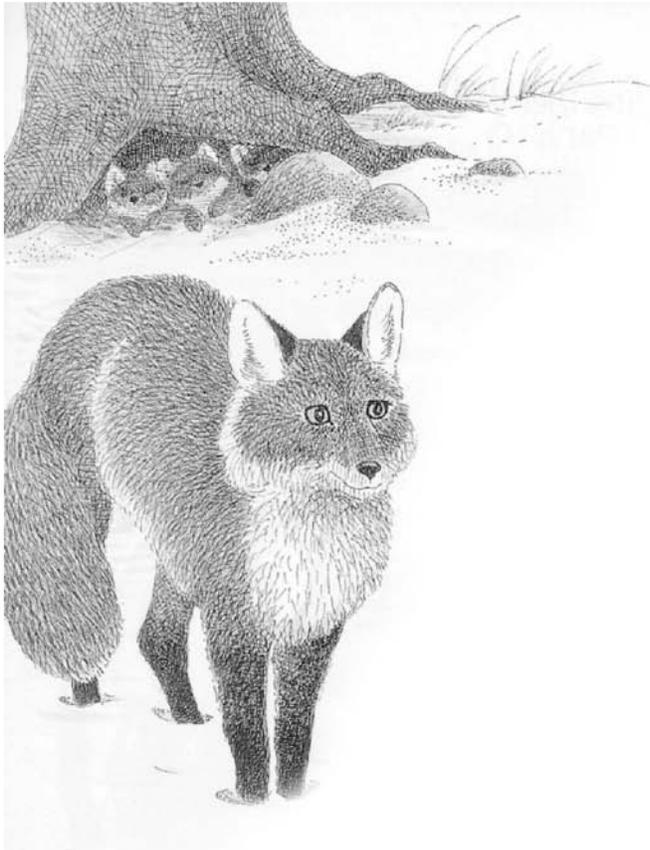
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The Red Fox

by Donna Stringfellow



It was cold in the forest. A bitter March wind rattled bare trees like skeletons and whipped up the dark clouds in an iron gray sky. The approaching snowstorm probably would not be the last one of the winter.

The red fox couldn't have chosen a worse time to bring a litter of kits into the world. Nestled in a small hollow beneath a hickory tree, curled against their mother's plush fur, the three young kits were warm and comfortable. But when the freezing storms came, the shallow nest would surely let in the snow. And it would be too easy for predators to find the babies when their mother left them to search for

kits =
babies

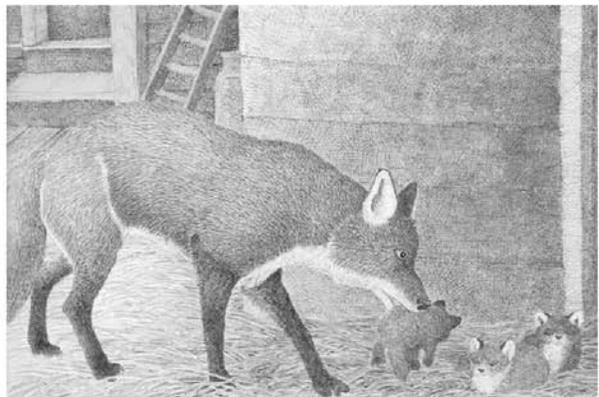
food. The fox knew she would have to seek a new home, and soon.

She nuzzled her kits, whose eyes were not yet open. She licked them, and they mewed about her like kittens. Then she left them. Outside her den, cold air stung her nose as she sniffed about for danger. Then she padded off into the gray, wintry forest.

She ducked beneath a wooden fence and followed a path across a familiar field, where during the summer she'd chased rabbits. She was near a farm, a place she'd always avoided because of the fearful smell of humans. But now, the warmth and protection of the barn drew her close.

Squeezing through the gap where a board was missing, she sneaked into the barn. The straw was deep and soft, a perfect bed for fox kits.

The red fox hurried back to her babies. One by one she carried them under the fence, across the field, and through the hole in the barn wall. And when all three kits were snuggled down in the blanket of straw, she licked them and felt safe. Even when the





farmer came to milk his cows, the silent fox knew her family would be unnoticed, hidden in the farthest and darkest corner of the barn.

One snowy evening, the farmer turned off his lantern and hung it on the wall as he left the barn, just as he did every night. But as he closed the door, the lantern slipped from its hook and shattered on the floor. A tiny spark danced across the pool of kerosene and nibbled at the scattered straw.

kerosene = a thin oil used for fuel

The fox watched with wide, yellow eyes as the straw curled and caught flame. Wisps of

smoke reached her nostrils, and she became fearful. Slipping through the hole in the wall, she ran outside and howled. Her voice carried across the barnyard, and the farmer turned around. He was surprised and angry to see a fox. He was even more angry to see it run into his barn.

Setting down his milk pail, the farmer headed back to his barn, determined to chase away the unwelcome visitor. But when he threw open the barn door, fire danced about his feet. Grabbing a shovel, he beat the flames until they were out. Once again, the barn was safe and dark.

Taking up a flashlight, the farmer shone its beam about the barn. It finally came to rest on the fox, her family nestled close, her eyes shining gold. The farmer smiled. He flicked off the light and walked away, quietly closing the barn door behind him.

Winter's harshness gave way to spring's gentle warmth. One day the farmer glanced into the darkest corner of the barn and found it empty. But for a time it had been a place to feel safe. It had been home to a red fox family.



Reading Rubric Key Points

Reading Task: “The Red Fox”

Question 21

The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox

Possible Exemplary Responses:

How the fox helps the farmer:

- The fox warns/alerts the farmer about the fire.
- The fox howls to get the attention of the farmer.
- The fox runs back to the barn (after the farmer sees her) to lead the farmer to the fire.
- other relevant text-based response

How the farmer helps the fox:

- The farmer puts out the fire (threatening the fox’s babies).
- The farmer lets the fox and her family stay in the barn (as a reward).
- The farmer smiles and closes the barn door after discovering the fox family.
- other relevant text-based response

Rubric:

2 points	The response is accurate, complete, and fulfills all the requirements of the task. Necessary support and/or examples are included, and the information given is clearly text-based. Any extensions beyond the text are relevant to the task.
1 point	The response includes some correct information, but may be too general or overly specific. Some of the support and/or examples may be incomplete or omitted.
0 points	The response is inaccurate, confused, and/or irrelevant, or the student failed to respond to the task.

NOTE: If the item is left blank, apply Condition Code A.

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The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
<p>• The fox lets the farmer chase him to the barn and let him realize there is a fire in the barn.</p>	<p>• The farmer lets the fox and her kits stay in his farm because the fox let him know there was a fire in his barn.</p>

correct

correct

This graphic organizer is complete and accurate, and it fulfills all the requirements of the task. The student has provided correct text-based details to describe how the fox helps the farmer (“let him realize there is a fire in the barn”) and how the farmer helps the fox (“lets the fox and her kits stay in his farm”).

Reading Score Point 2

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The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
The Fox helps the Farmer because the Fox was very friendly to the Farmer.	The Farmer helped the Fox because it let it stay in the barn during the winter.

correct

This graphic organizer includes some correct information. The answer for how the fox helps the farmer (“was very friendly to the Farmer”) is too general, but the student has provided a correct text-based detail for how the farmer helps the fox (“let it stay in the barn during the winter”).

Reading Score Point 1

21

The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
The fox helps the farmer by scaring away some other animals.	The farmer helps the fox by giving her food for the kits.

This graphic organizer is incorrect. The answers for how the fox helps the farmer (“by scaring away some other animals”) and how the farmer helps the fox (“by giving her food”) are not text-based.

Reading Score Point 0



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2009 Practice Set

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The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
The fox tells the farmer the barn is on fire.	The farmer doesn't chase away the foxes.

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The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
The fox helped the farmer by saving his barn.	The farmer helped the fox by letting the fox stay in his barn instead of the snow.

21

The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
I keeps the barn safe.	He doesn't chase it away.

21

The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
Farmer glanced into the darkest corner of the barn and found it empty.	Because farmer give the Fox som food. The Fox knew she would have to seek a new home, and soon.

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The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
The Fox saves the barn from the fire.	He doesn't chase them away from the barn.

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The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the fox smelt the fire, so she ran out, howled, & then when the farmer turned around, he was able to make the fire stop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the farmer lets the fox & her babies stay there, until its safe.

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The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
Buy helping get some milk for the cows.	Buy getting what he needs.

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The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
She doesn't wreck anything or bother the farmer.	The farmer lets the fox sleep in the barn for the winter.

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The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
She She avoided contact with the farmer and his barn.	He lets the red fox family stay in his barn. He puts out the fire in the barn.

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The fox and the farmer help each other in the story. Complete the chart below by describing how each one helps the other. Use details from the story in your answer.

HELPING EACH OTHER

How the Fox Helps the Farmer	How the Farmer Helps the Fox
• by saving the farmer's barn	• by letting the fox live in his barn

5th GRADE READING

PRACTICE SET ANSWER KEY

Name: _____

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PS 2	(0-2)	
PS 3	(0-2)	
PS 4	(0-2)	
PS 5	(0-2)	
PS 6	(0-2)	
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