

INTRODUCTION

This book includes 25 intriguing stories sure to interest young readers. Following each story is a follow-up activity which requires students to decide the validity of statements about specific details, then find and write the sentences which support their decisions. Correct responses result in the spelling of a word related to the topic. The word is then looked up in a dictionary. This added exercise encourages the use of a resource book and is also an excellent vocabulary enrichment activity.

Reading for Details is an effective teaching tool for many ages and ability levels. It is one of a two-book series that is suitable for use in grades 4-8. This book is written at the 3rd-grade reading level. Answer key is included.

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Name _____

Jumping Beans

Have you ever seen Mexican “jumping beans”? Most people wonder why the beans jump when you hold them in your hand. They are not really beans.

A moth is a caterpillar before it turns into a moth. A plant which grows in Mexico has very big seeds. They look like beans. A certain kind of caterpillar lives inside each seed. It is attached to the seed by tiny threads.

When the seeds are held in a person’s hand, they get warm. This makes the caterpillar twitch and pull the threads. Then the “beans” begin to move. People say they are “jumping.”

Soon the caterpillar turns into a moth. The moth comes out of the seed through a hole in the side. It flies away. The “jumping bean” is empty. It can’t jump anymore.



Circle the letter in the “True” column if the sentence is true. Circle the letter in the “False” column if the sentence is *not* true. When you circle a letter in the “True” column, copy the sentence from the story that will prove your answer is correct.

- | | True | False |
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| 1. The “jumping beans” come from Mexico. _____ _____ | L | M |
| 2. The caterpillar turns into a moth. _____ _____ | A | T |
| 3. The caterpillar twitches when it is cold. _____ _____ | S | R |
| 4. The caterpillar turns into a butterfly. _____ _____ | Y | V |
| 5. The seed can’t “jump” after the moth flies away. _____ _____ | A | E |

DICTIONARY ACTIVITY: Put the five letters you circled on the line to spell a word. Look up the word in the dictionary. Write the meaning of the word on another piece of paper.
