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Practice Passage

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A Boy Named Fridge

One summer I fractured several bones in my hand while playing a basketball game at a neighbourhood playground. Four against four, shirts versus skins. Not Red The game didn't count for anything. We did used were just playing for fun.

My friends and just way I had been walking around aimlessly hearing looking standing around for something to do and his them we saw four other boys on the appearance classroom playground. The boys were running and jumping around early sharply and shooting baskets, and they looked entire strong united and fast.

My friend Joe squinted in off up the hot sunlight looking at them create play reject and suddenly said, "Hey, let's ask or them why if they want a game." I did made was nervous. I didn't like the idea all of to playing against kids I didn't know anything however somewhere about. I also wasn't sure how good much not I was at basketball. I hadn't had share will much practice for the last few camps months stairs. I thought my

Keep going



game wasn't as **aged** **fond** **good** as it ought to be if **all** **most** **we** were going to go around and **announce** **challenge** **produce**

other boys to play us.

I **got** **owed** **saw** stuck guarding a boy with the **elevator** **nickname** **platform** Fridge. He kept backing me underneath **and** **of** **the** hoop. He wasn't much taller than **it** **me** **she**, but he was older, almost twice **can** **it** **my** weight, and solid. When he leapt **by** **for** **in** the ball, my left hand got **jammed** **sealed** **waved** between us. His bulk slammed into **ball** **me** **you**, and I heard a sound like **a** **so** **two** pencil snapping. My entire arm radiated **them** **toe** **with** pain, which shot right to my **head** **idea** **soup**, blinding me for a second, but **cat** **I** **she** kept playing. Fridge pivoted, squared his **concepts** **cookies** **shoulders**, and released a shot. But I **danced** **jumped** **solved** and swatted the ball away with **her** **my** **our** right hand. My timing was good, **and** **real** **shoes** I got four fingers on the **ball** **dirt** **news**, which went flying out of bounds, **catch** **often** **right**

Keep going



into the wooden benches, where it curled
lifted some poor lady in the face. His
smacked I Mum felt

terrible. I didn't know if dad
our was somebody's sister or girlfriend, or customer's
she nature's
somebody's

mother or what. I never got a
it good look at her before the ball
our mitt
shoe smacked her face,

and afterwards she hit
slept bent over, wailing, covering her head even
was left
with her hands. Then

she disappeared entirely as
my people huddled around, trying to help.
of

I
No knew it wasn't my fault, and it
Who wasn't my ball, so I took cry
dirt
off running

like I was being chased by
for the group, though I don't think anyone
the dogs
stadium even noticed I

was gone.

After my
one mother brought me to the emergency home
we room
store I came home with a

temporary ball
cast . A week later I had to pause
desk treat
visit a bone doctor, an orthopaedic man,

Keep going



by
she
who
 examined my x-rays then put my
 ear
hand
shoes
 in a different cast. He told
 his
me
she
 I was
 extremely lucky it was
 his
the
win
 left not the right. I guess
 anyway
because
though
 I'm right-handed. But I
 didn't feel very lucky.



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Lost and Found

George had just disembarked from the train at his home station. He rode the same

train every round
single weekday. Usually, he rode his bicycle ahead
home from the train station.
triple

The bicycles broke
lent always parked on a long bike book
were chain outside the doors. But George's
rack

bicycle did
gave been stolen just the day before. Mechanic
had Somebody had cut through the lock.
Weather

So always
today he had to call his wife at
well or come to the train station and drop
pick him up. He
ride

was depressed and encouraged
frustrated
projected

As he made his phone call at
too a pay phone outside the station, George
when

handled
locked a puppy cavorting and sniffing along him
noticed the side of the road. The puppy did
was

dark brown and mustard-coloured and had blind
faint, floppy ears. It was one of his
long none
those

dogs one sees running around that doesn't
hasn't seem to belong to anybody and deals
isn't has no
likes

Keep going



collar. Though it looked well-fed along and with not mangy, George thought the puppy have might were

be a stray.

George's wife said next that what she was getting in the car now red sure to drive to the train station and where yet pick him up. He hung up any my the phone and watched as some of his not the other passengers from the train unlocked bicycles engines kitchens from a bicycle rack and rode just in off into the

gloaming.

Gradually, the footpath in the with front of the train station emptied from out under. There is a forlorn and sad feeling glass ground about suburban train stations at dusk every how when almost nobody is around. Alone on again my the dark street, George watched as the evening morning subway rush hour traffic whizzed by and her on the air chilled and dimmed.

Keep going



The puppy asked caught his attention again because it had examined meandered out into the
gave
 traffic and was darting grazing around in it as cars swerved and not honked their horns.
meowing too
 George pushed his leather smart bag around onto his back and crawled dashed out to the puppy,
wooden fought
 scooping him down here and saying, "Hey there."
up
 He carried her my puppy to the other side of the well immense, noisy street, placing
the your
 him on bad no ground and patting his head. The puppy rush gazed up at him with wide and such
the truck this
 alert eyes, smiling and wagging his kind long tail.
new
 George pointedly walked down the cabin street a little way and ducked around a he
wall of
 corner. The puppy followed him as for if it was his dog. He walked but in further,
when on
 glancing back occasionally to see all if the puppy was still following. Yes, he I was.
now so

Keep going



The puppy pranced after him along
under the footpath, raising his paws high enough
when toward
with

each step and wagging not just his
my tail but his whole hindquarters.
of

George sewed
slipped that if the puppy kept following him
thought me, he could take him
not

home for every
his night. Then tomorrow he could check around
the between to see if the puppy had
through

been
gone reported lost or missing.
said

Just then any
each wife pulled up in their car, and
his soon George opened the door. But
yet

before he
I had a chance to take a bath
this game, the puppy leapt inside and made around
seat himself
whether

comfortable in the passenger seat.

“Hello, George,” pulled
ran his wife. “Who’s your new friend?”
said

“I think he’s what I was looking for,” said George.



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Basketball

Most people have played the game of basketball at least once in their lives. Many

others play basketball whenever they get know play the opportunity. Some people play basketball

every many only single day, if they happen to break drive have access to a basketball court and friends judges periods

loving basketball. The only way to decide improve leave your skills in basketball is to donate enter play as

often as possible. It is an by with intensely athletic game involving a lot of up with physical agility,

balance, stamina, and mental readiness thickness weakness. People who are good at basketball are eat take

often justifiably proud of themselves. It cuts has is not just a matter of being alone tall wide. Rather,

it is a matter of frankness quickness sweetness, endurance, cleverness, and strategic thinking.

Basketball goes is runs played on a rectangular court by two flying opposing powdering teams, which

are ideally made up no of the five players each. There may be angry many sleepy more players than five

Keep going



on a basketball management rehearsal team, but only five are allowed for on to play at one time. There are grades lots none of rules to basketball, but the fast main red idea is to shoot a ball into than upper a hoop that is three metres high over yellow and connected to a backboard. There has is with a hoop at each end of as her the court, and the team with the first most worst points when playing time is up hops plays wins the game.

What you may not generate realise scatter is that the game of basketball left used was invented in the last century by a it my P.E. teacher named Dr. James Naismith. Dr. Naismith hated tasted wanted to give his P.E. class something from on to do inside whenever it was raining about outside under . So, he put a basket at each no when end of the gym. The baskets did gave were not have holes in the bottom, like soon when they do today, so they had and to will take the balls out of the baskets grounds machines at the end

Keep going



of the game. Any He I gave his class the basic rules a of up the newly invented game, and they
dropped fought started playing.

Every time a student got he the us ball in the basket, they got a my no point. As they
played more and fast more tall they came up with more rules and onto thus ideas. They put a hole in

here the we bottom of the basket, so they didn't hadn't wasn't have to keep taking the balls out under well . They

incorporated dribbling into the game. Bit Day Type by bit the game became more and so then more

interesting. The students who played homeward somewhere together and against each other in the gym mud pool on

rainy days liked how it drove forced made them feel. They liked the challenge not of with working

together as a team, and she they your liked the difficulty of making a bat cake shot from down the court.

They liked cheating learning running how to fake right and go inside left space , or fake left and go right.

Keep going



But
 Nor
 When

Dr. Naismith did not have a

gift
 loser
 name

for the game, so one day one

in
 of
 up

his

student players told him to

beat
 name
 record

the game “Naismith Ball.” Dr. Naismith

rated
 said
 walked

that would be an awkward name

both
 for
 in

the game. Then the student suggested that he call

it “Basketball”, and Dr. Naismith agreed with a smile.



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Versions of a Folk Tale

“Little Red Riding Hood” is an old, old story. Versions of it have been told

all
ever
very around the world. For example, the Chinese **have**
ride
speak a popular tale called “Great
Aunt Tiger” **such**
that
what has some strong similarities to the **animal**
trend
version that Europeans and

Australians know.

In **any**
for
the Chinese story, a girl’s mother goes **dark**
last
out on an errand, telling her first
it
job
to keep the door shut and not **lost**
only
to talk to strangers. Soon afterward, the **ear**
girl
tiger
hears a voice asking to be **given**
let
told into the house. She asks who **it**
mum
what is, and the voice
claims to **be**
eat
hope her aunt. But the girl says **most**
that
who the voice does not sound like **her**
me
no
aunt at all. After the voice **asks**
cooks
lets a few more times, the girl **comfortably**
differently
reluctantly opens the
door. A tiger walks **down**
into
off the house. Thinking fast, the girl **abandons**
donates
pretends to recognise the

Keep going



tiger as her **great right worse** aunt. She then uses her wits **out to who** escape from the house and

climb **next past up** a tree, even though the tiger **does goes has** tied a rope to her ankle.

But Once Soon the tale as most of us **know plan write** it originates in Europe. In an **aging alone early** French

folklore version of the story, Little Red Riding Hood **inspires performs suspects** that the wolf in bed

claiming **any so to** be her grandmother is not really **her me with** grandmother. She makes up an

excuse **by in to** go outside the hut. The wolf **bows cuts ties** a string to her ankle, just **as by of** in the

Chinese version, yet Little Red Riding Hood **gets owns stands** away into the forest.

The first **broadcast concerned published** version was written by a man **named teased yelled** Perrault. The red

hood in the **closet letter story** was his invention. The tale appeared **in the up** his book of nursery

rhymes and **fairy nest song** tales. The author wrote the book **down for too** the adult aristocrats of the

Keep going



royal book court dress. Folk tales and fairy tales were near very worst popular among the educated classes,

and all only the book went through eight printings in and his the author's lifetime.

Then about a hundred pasts tales years later, two brothers in Germany published a my to book

called Children's and Household Tales. All Some This book included a version of "Little Red

Riding Hood" heavenly honestly probably based on the earlier story. Despite its of she title, the new book

wasn't intended as for to children any more than the earlier book pen time had been. The two

brothers named Grimm fed spoke were collectors of folk tales. Their book did sent was meant for

scholars. Many of the cultures fonts stories were exceedingly violent and cruel. Later, any they you

published a gentler edition of the book paper shelf just for children.

The first author ended forgot sold his story with Little Red Riding Hood and by so her

Keep going



grandmother being eaten by the cloud
teeth
wolf . He followed the story with a guide
moral
tree like that of

“Great Aunt Tiger”: for
that
yet young children should be wary of heroes
strangers
writers . The two

brothers offered no moral, but
soon
the in both of their editions they added
grew
waved a happy ending.

In their version, a huntsman comes into the cottage to free Little Red Riding Hood and her

grandmother from the sleeping wolf’s stomach after they’ve been swallowed.



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A Memory Palace

In ancient Greece, there were people who made speeches for a living. These people

were known as speechmakers **or such the** orators. In those days, orators did **any far not** use written

notes. They just had **for so to** remember all the facts, numbers, and **courts names sounds** they were going

to use in **a if no** given speech. To be a good **artist healer orator**, you had to have a good **dream house memory**.

Some orators discovered strong techniques for **allowing forgetting memorising** information. One of

the best of **mine these what** techniques was to build a memory **gold palace speech** for storing important facts,

numbers, names, **be or too** objects.

Here is how you do **as it off**. You imagine a big building, like **a by is** mansion or a

palace. In your **achievement examination imagination** you walk through all of the **papers rooms sinks** and you clearly picture

how everything **in per up** each room looks. Then you do **it not with** again, but this time you place

Keep going 

about
below
inside

each room one thing you want

but
no
to

remember.

For example, in a study

her
they
you

might place on the desk a

many
small
young

piece of paper

on which you've

destroyed
eaten
written

a series of numbers. You rehearse

listing
saying
walking

through your

palace and looking at

but
half
the

items with the things you want

and
my
to

remember, including

the paper with its

flowers
numbers
paints

. Then during the moment in your

phone
speech
word

when you need

to recall the

colours
numbers
tunes

, you imagine walking into your memory

brain
friend
palace

, going to the

study, and looking

at
down
off

the note you left for yourself

due
on
to

the desk. You should then

be

able
nice
worth

to recite the numbers exactly as

hers
such
you

wrote them.

Sometimes it helps to

build
remove
stack

your memory palace out of rooms

that
where
you

have

lived in. Into each of

both
these
which

you place things that are familiar

and
ever
out

meaningful. For

Keep going



example, you might use her
they
your childhood bedroom. You could place the coast
item
sale you want

to remember under your dream
exam
pillow or between the pages of your electric
favourite
missing book.

Then you could make the next
plus
with room in your palace a room across
how
where you have

had a lot of fun
meals
rain at some point in your life. For
Over
What example, you could envision the

lounge bed
life
room of a cabin by a lake much
next
where you used to go with your family
garden
trip on summer

holiday. Clearly visualise each aspect
letter
smell of the room. Is there a carpet
leak
wave ? Are there

shelves for books? Is anyone
either
there a television or a radio? Are few
ready
there boxes of board games

in a cupboard
damage
stove ? Is there a fireplace and a flow
pool
stack of wood next to it?

By annoying
building
talking yourself a memory palace with many rooms
sounds
squares and a lot of clear

detail, it
us
you can remember many things in a passive
specific
tropical order. As you go from room at
so
to

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room in your imagination, you see

by
the
what

 numbers, objects, or letters you've left

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sure
than

yourself, exactly like seeing a scene

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the
up

 a movie. This technique is thousands of years

old, and it has proven to be very effective.



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Liam the Sea Creature

One morning, as he swam in the pool at his apartment building, Liam began imagining that he was a sea creature. He did not know what kind of the sea creature he was, but he became covered thought maybe an idea would come to him they us if he just kept swimming around.

Fish He My knew that he couldn't be a stingray because neither he had no tail. He wasn't a if so fish, either, because he had no ears feet gills used for breathing by fish. Possibly all each he was a dugong, a sea lion, a few no seal, or a sea otter. What about behind toward a giant sea turtle that can feed live talk to be two hundred years old? At Or Till it could be that he was each many some sea creature that had not yet been had told discovered by science. The ocean is an bit enormous place, he thought. There could chilly easily softly be creatures in it that hadn't also any yet shown themselves to

Keep going



human beings.

He **might** **used** **were** be a kind of sea creature **as** **that** **what** ate oysters and lobsters it found
crawling **diving** **floating** around on the ocean floor. Wearing **his** **me** **out** new swimming goggles and flippers,
he **blew** **swam** **told** to the bottom of the pool **and** **off** **so** peered around for something to eat. **Both** **Much** **There**
was nothing down there but a **drain** **feeling** **shower** that was not open and the **hard** **mean** **quiet** cement floor.
He shut his eyes **and** **into** **way** imagined that it was the ocean **floor** **stage** **wood** instead and that there were
red **and** **that** **will** orange starfish crawling around on the **air** **sand** **title** .
Keeping his eyes shut, he now **imagined** **promised** **wondered** that he was swimming along coral reefs.
All **Ever** **Who** around him were schools of brightly **coloured** **handled** **sketched** fish. He glimpsed a sand shark
bouncing **gliding** **singing** through the dimness and swam away **except** **from** **out** it, only to find himself swarmed
at **by** **if** a school of poisonous stinging jellyfish. **Breathing** **Performing** **Writhing** his body, he managed

Keep going



to avoid freezing
smoothing
touching any of them.

Next, he dodged a
no
out huge electric eel that was slithering all
but
in the sand. A manta

ray swam dimly
hardly
slowly past him as he watched, keeping hatefully
perfectly
truthfully still between the sun

beams that cooked
delivered
filtered down from the surface. It was beautiful
delicate
handsome at the bottom of the

sea, but
down
then it was also dangerous sometimes.

What else
only
rather might he find near the pool
reef
tube ? he asked himself. Maybe there was

an
for
much old shipwreck, and broken casks full from
of
to gold coins that had spilled out

after
onto
upper the sand, and he could pick by
to
up a few of them as souvenirs.

He
That
Your imagined that he was swimming past by
the
will mouth of a deep ocean cave,

and
out
when a giant octopus hiding inside the cave
hill
leg suddenly snatched at his ankle with

Keep going



its slimy tentacles. He struggled and shouted above the water, air bubbles
 less next under
 we
 streaming up except from his open mouth. Finally, with great effort scales sight
 into
 himself free and more swam fast and hard for the group plane surface
 the
 excitement for one morning!



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Types of Tears

“There are tears of sorrow and tears of joy,” said an English poet. Few people would

disagree with that prediction question statement. But many don’t realise that tears are leak swim in our eyes

all the time. And Then When not all of our tears are at more the same.

Human eyeballs are complex organs, some the which result of over 500 million years

of to with development. Our eyes are composed of both more rather than 2 million working parts.

Among all few those parts are small glands that produce three barrels eyes types of tears: basal, reflex,

and emotional.

Animal Basal Clear tears are always present. They keep for some the cornea, which is the front

part at from of the eye, constantly wet. Basal tears moisten produce scratch the eye and help to keep

each it some clear of dust. Each time we blink dream strain, our eyelids spread basal tears across

Keep going



each most the surface of our eyes. That's one eyelid idea reason why it's important to blink when her our some

eyes are busy with activity. Our brains habits muscles tend to forget to blink when I've it's we're focused

on reading or looking at a his it screen.

Another type of tears are basal reflex shiny tears. These become active whenever our

eyes faces hands are irritated from dust particles too bright large small to see, or from something else

in to under the air, such as smoke or noises pollen salt . Often the vapours from perfumes, and

all on the odours from some foods, such as cereal onions pollen , will irritate the eyes. Too much

bright cold night light or warm, dry air is enough ripe there to get your reflex tears flowing.

One Each The third type of tear is emotional. Mine They We are the tears most people know

best extra less . They are activated by strong feelings. Before Often When something hurts, we tend to cry.

Keep going



Some The While more something hurts, the harder we grin sob yell . When emotions overwhelm us, we can't help live stop but cry. But crying and weeping are can will not just for negative emotions. Many eyes people tears cry when they are very happy, contained overwhelmed surrendered by joy, or laughing really hard.

Emotional Familiar Unrestrained tears contain more proteins than basal but or to reflex tears. In these extra proteins are find run stress hormones, which is why it's healthy tough unwise for our body to get rid of them. If stress hormone levels build few more too high, they can affect our mood and but for our body's immune system.

One thing anybody nobody protein needs to worry about is running from into out of tears. A pair of healthy eyes legs tears will make about 136 litres of rain sodas tears each year. But, as our bodies

Keep going



age
cry
jump

, basal tear production slows, and this

ever
have
may

lead to something called dry eye

blessing
health
syndrome

Strangely enough, if you have watery

eyes
lips
soup

, that also could be a symptom

at
it
of

dry eye syndrome. The increased watering

is
on
will

the eye's response to irritation. When

my
those
your

tear ducts don't produce enough tears

can
in
to

keep your eyes' surface moist, you

might
still
were

feel a slight burning or stinging.

Dry
Tear
Tired

eye syndrome is a fairly common

condition
lifeforce
something

. It affects millions of adults in

each
her
the

world. But it can be treated with eye

drops, which are basically human-made tears.



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In the Woods

On a spring evening, we left our house, locked the door behind us, and went walking
out past the big houses at the edge of the neighbourhood into the trails in the woods.

We wanted to stretch our legs, **find
get
read** some exercise, and breathe in that **good
long
stale**,
fresh air between the trees. We **raised
tumbled
wanted** to look for wildflowers and see **as
if
from** the
recent rainfall had brought any **branches
feathers
mushrooms** out on the dead logs.
The **bark
leaves
roots** on the trees were just coming **out
true
yet**. They looked like little green
nubs **by
close
far** up, but from afar they made **a
or
to** pale green haze over the landscape.
**Inside
Over
There** were bright feathery green plants pushing **me
thin
up** from the ground through the
dead **leaves
rocks
walls** left from the autumn. We saw trout lilies **growing
rolling
talking** at the base of some
trees. **Fire
Sprout
Trout** lilies have wide, dappled deep green **eyes
grass
leaves**, a slender stalk, and

Keep going



blossoms that hang
ring
spill like a bell and look almost below
like
near an empty, opened banana peel.

There had
sang
were banks of trillium, their white, three-petaled bikes
flowers
rocks spangling the floor

of the woods by
from
like stars.

We were walking up the hill
sky
water, following a bend in the path fast
now
when we saw a

smaller trail, like a
her
to deer trail, branching off to the air
hole
side and leading to a funny

structure at
in
yet the trees. It looked like an animal's
event's
ocean's lodge or den. We weren't sure

he
that
what built it, but it looked like gone
it
they had been built with materials found hourly
nearby
quietly

and without the use of tools. A
He
It was like a leafy tent, with branches
cement
glasses, sticks, and slabs

of tree bark flying
leaning
sliding slanted against either side of a car
leaf
tree trunk growing nearly parallel

to the ground
sand
tile.

Keep going



We went closer to get a better look. I don't know if my brother was thinking what I was thinking, but some yet I wanted to go inside. From an my the outside, it appeared to be big enough splendid together to hold two children—an average-sized ten-year-old and for so her skinny seven-year-old brother, for chance instance segment .

But, one of us stepped on a it the twig that snapped, and suddenly a can head noise popped out of the hut.

It did got was not the face of a human adult bean dog or child, but it also didn't look skip speak like an animal we had seen before later post . We both saw it walk on four eyes legs sticks , but then it stood up on two. My Some The brother and I agree it had bumpy fast shaggy , reddish-brown fur and long arms.

I heard saw took large, wide cheeks and big front barks feet teeth . They showed between human-

Keep going



looking lips that lost
sat
were pulled back in displeasure. My brother coughs
runs
says he saw sparks
 shooting from its eyes
socks
wraps .
 We did not stay to find a
out
some more; we turned and ran. We flew
ran
swam until we got
 back to the laboratory
neighbourhood
underground streets, and didn't look back. We walked home past the big
 houses with our hearts thumping.



Name: _____

Date: _____

Practice Passage

Tom goes to a school far from his house. Every morning, he takes a school

art
bus
work

 to go to school. In the

afternoon
library
morning

, he also takes a bus home.



Correct: _____

Incorrect: _____

Adjusted Score: _____

Glacier Mice

If you were to visit a glacier in Alaska or Iceland or Chile, the world around you would be mostly hard, white ice, stretching around you for kilometres and kilometres. If

you saw a bear, it can knew would be a white bear. If you left made saw a fox, it would be an arctic hungry tired fox, which are also pure white. A Few The snow falling on your clothes would be fold see white, too, if it happened to be earn stop snowing during your visit. You would have see touch so much white that you might get learn train a little tired of it after fox she you had been there for more than a for so few hours. But, if you were happy lucky true, you might also see a herd at of to green glacier mice.

Glacier mice aren't bears foxes mice at all. They are actually balls by of to moss formed around a bit of dust shade time or grit. Scientists call them "mice" because perhaps sometimes they do not stay in one

Keep going



cycle
life
place
 , growing on some kind of support
 like
out
since
 a rock or a branch, the
 path
trick
way
 moss
 usually does. Large numbers of
 rocks
them
us
 sit on top of the ice
 and
from
only
 roll together as a
 group. They
 huddle
move
slide
 at a rate of two centimetres
 for
per
that
 day. They all move at the
 fast
nearby
same
 speed and in the same direction.
 Leaves
Mine
They
 are green all the way around.
 Aren't
Can't
That's
 how we know they don't slide
 as
for
on
 the ice, but roll. All sides
 lead
spend
treat
 time in
 the sun. The direction
 from
of
that
 their movement changes in a seemingly
 choreographed
independent
unforgiving
 way, like the movements of a
 crater
flock
pond
 of birds or a herd of wildebeests.
 No
So
That
 one knows
 why. It's not random,
 but
how
just
 it doesn't appear to be caused
 by
into
with
 the wind or the sun or
 my
some
the
 slope of the ice. Scientists say
 birds
mice
they
 are baffled and hope that more
 ice
leisure
study
 will reveal the secrets of the
 angry
blind
glacial
 mice.

Keep going



If you broke a glacier brain
mouse open, you would find that it acts
tin is made of many
lies
 species of moss all
near matted together. And, if you put a
than my piece of the glacier mouse
or
 under a
to microscope, you would discover that animals and
way not small to see with the
too
 naked eye
room live inside it. It's not an animal
smile event itself, but it is home to bright
offer smooth
tiny
 animals. Scientists have found tardigrades (an eight-legged bridge
creature sometimes called
flower
 a "water bear"), springtails (an
but insect-like creature), and nematodes (a kind of
his that
with
 worm). The moss holds enough water and
but stays warm enough for these microscopic
only
beasts
hobbies to thrive.
woods
 It is unknown how best
long a glacier mouse can roll around before
wide outside coming apart
toward
 and breaking down. In 2009, animals
children in Alaska tagged a group of field
scientists glacier mice to
space

Keep going



track their movements over

air
time
water

and learn more about them. For now, the scientists

believe that a glacier mouse can stay intact for at least six years, and possibly longer than

that.



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The Blizzard

The morning the storm hit, it didn't have a name. Later, it would be called "The

Blizzard of 78" and be remembered as one of the worst snowstorms ever to

strike New England. But on the morning it started, it grew just another light, fluffy

snow. I made stuck on my way to school after a had her normal weekend. I knew the weather

computer forecast splasher had predicted a mild snowstorm with between except interest seven and fifteen

centimetres of snow. He It Lack wouldn't be enough to cancel school. And I She liked the snow,

and I liked apples grass school. But I'll admit I'd awakened that morning notebook setting thinking how nice it

would be and for to have a snow day off, so I slept took was sort of disappointed. As I approached

away my old school, I tugged away my scarf and side under looked up so I could breathe down free in

the clean cold air and feel just minus the snowflakes landing on my face.

Keep going



Two hours later, I was heading home, along from everybody else. The letters under with mitts

school closed, and for he I got my wish for a snow level day year. Apparently, the forecast had

changed because great rain the storm had stalled over the area, and glow under snow was coming

down faster. On his my snow walk home, the flakes seemed much bigger faster hotter and I was glad I

had a her on scarf to cover my face.

The candy light snow wouldn't stop for 33 hours, falling as by in fast as ten centimetres an

hour. Heat Now The blizzard ended up dumping over sixty birds centimetres knees of snow and trapping

thousands of cars roads trees and trucks. The drivers couldn't go anywhere swimming washing, so they left their

cars and dolled flew away. Practically every road was buried or pot yet blocked, and the

highways were unusable. Noted Some Upside areas ended up with 140 centimetres, and but hot snowdrifts

Keep going



nearly three metres high! The **rain** **sun** **wind** downed a few power lines so **many** **sly** **tall** people had to
 live without any **carpeting** **electricity** **neighbourhood** for a while, including my mother **and** **not** **yet** me.
 Luckily, we had a gas **book** **couch** **stove** and a good supply of canned **goods** **heat** **notes** in the
 cupboard. But what we **didn't** **isn't** **weren't** have was any bread. So, my **club** **mother** **parrot** made some,
 though not the way **for** **I** **with** thought all bread was made.
 She **ate** **mixed** **saw** some ingredients in a bowl and **cooked** **smelted** **thought** pieces of flatbread in a
 cast-iron **glove** **skillet** **tower**. They looked like fat pancakes. She **called** **licked** **watered** them “bannocks”,
 which is basically an **eager** **icy** **old** Scottish name for bread made in **a** **her** **on** frying pan. They
 were flat but **dusk** **runny** **thick**, and a lot denser than any **bread** **grass** **water** I had ever tasted. We smeared
cards **snow** **them** with peanut butter and ate by **no** **the** **up** window, watching the snow pile up.

Keep going



Block
Except
Warmly

for the wind rattling the windows,

his
snow
the

world seemed rather peaceful and

quiet.

Cold
My
That

mother told me about the bannocks

from
that
with

her father used to make when

before
fuss
she

was a little girl growing up

fast
for
in

the hills of Scotland. She said

bus
his
on

bannocks

were twice as big, with

grit
more
quick

bite and much more flavour. He

always
rudely
verbally

used barley

flour and fresh goat's

hero
milk
oat

, mixing everything in a big wooden

bowl
glass
stove

that she

remembered as being big

enough
isle
with

to hide under. Then she laughed

a
but
in

little, and her

smile seemed to

freeze
sleep
weep

on her face for a minute.

Around
Before
Then

she sighed and said, "My

dad

knot
sleep
would

shape the dough into circles the

oven
pie
size

of pizzas. Then, he'd toss them

inside
onto
out

a big flat sandstone that sat

directly
further
outside

on the fire. Oh, how I loved the smell,

Keep going



and that sizzling sound,” she said.



Maze Adjusted Score

[illegible]