
READING COMPREHENSION
HOMEWORK #2

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Grandpa's Birdhouses

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Grandpa's hobby was making birdhouses. He always says, "A man has to keep busy to stay out of trouble." Leigh wasn't sure how much trouble Grandpa could get into anyway, since he was such a nice guy, but she tried to listen to his advice. Besides, she liked to help him on his birdhouses.

Grandpa's shop was full of well-oiled and carefully-kept tools. Whenever he used something, he put it back in exactly the right place. He had rules about how he treated his tools, because he hated buying something new if the old one still worked. He also made sure to clean up his mess each time he worked on something.

It wasn't too fun cleaning up, but it was nice to watch him cut boards to exact lengths. It was nice to see the drill put in holes for screws to go in cleanly. It was like being a doctor, but with wood. The best part of building was seeing all the pieces come together in the final form. Yet, even then it wasn't done.

The last steps always included lacquer or paint, to help protect Grandpa's hard work from the weather. His birdhouses lasted for years. If he didn't coat them properly, the sun and rain would turn the wood grey and weak in a short period of time. No, he always made sure to do things right. Even if he put rocks or other cute decorations on them, it was done right and made to last.

Grandpa was a hard worker, but he was also smart and generous. He let Leigh keep the birdhouses sometimes, but only if he got to help hang it up or set the post for it. It had to be done just right, after all.

The birdhouses were a great way to learn about woodworking, hard work, taking care of what you have, and about birds. The absolute best thing about building birdhouses was that Leigh spent some time with Grandpa.

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DIRECTION: Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. What does Grandpa make?

A. toy cars	B. model trains
C. birdhouses	D. wooden toys
2. How would you NOT describe Grandpa?

A. smart	B. sloppy
C. hard-working	D. careful
3. What part of the birdhouse building doesn't Leigh like very much?

A. painting	B. cutting
C. designing	D. cleaning up
4. The last steps of building included what?

A. lacquer and paint	B. hanging the birdhouses
C. cutting and drilling	D. putting them together
5. What was the absolute best thing about building birdhouses?
 - A. learning about birds
 - B. spending time with Grandpa
 - C. watching the birdhouse come together
 - D. getting to keep one
6. Which of the following is NOT mention in passage about the things you can learn from birdhouses?

A. hard work	B. woodworking
C. taking care of what you have	D. feeding the birds
7. What is the best part of building the birdhouses?
 - A. seeing all the pieces come to form together in the final form
 - B. painting the birdhouse
 - C. cutting the boards to exact lengths
 - D. cleaning up the mess

B. SEQUENCING OF EVENTS

Direction: Arrange the following steps in building a birdhouse.

- _____ cleaning up the mess
- _____ cutting boards at exact length
- _____ drilling holes for screws to go in cleanly
- _____ painting the birdhouse
- _____ putting all the pieces come together to form its final form