

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Using Illustrations

Read the short story and answer each question.



Map to Marshmallow Mountain

Luna zipped her backpack and unrolled a wrinkly paper.

"It's a treasure map!" she whispered. "To Marshmallow Mountain!"

Her dog, Pogo, barked once. That meant: "Let's go!"

They crossed the wiggly bridge, climbed the Jellybean Rocks, and tiptoed past a snoozing gummy bear.

"Shhh," Luna said.

At the top of a chocolatey hill, Luna pointed. "Look! Marshmallow Mountain!"

The mountain sparkled white and soft. Pogo jumped into the fluff and rolled down like a cinnamon bun.

Luna reached the top and planted her flag: a stick with a pink ribbon.

She grinned. "Adventure complete."



Name: _____

Map to Marshmallow Mountain

1. What does the illustration help you understand about the setting?

- A. It is a magical, candy-filled land with mountains and creatures
- B. It is a forest with animals
- C. It is a real desert
- D. It is underwater

2. What do the pictures show about Luna's personality?

- A. She is brave, excited, and likes to explore
- B. She is quiet and stays inside
- C. She is always tired
- D. She is riding a bike

3. Fill in the blank:

Luna crossed the wiggly bridge and tiptoed past a _____ bear.

4. How do the illustrations help you imagine what Marshmallow Mountain looks like?

5. What do you learn about Luna from the pictures and the words?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: H

Lexile Level: 200L-350L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Middle of the Year

Genre: Adventure (Fiction)

Introducing the Text

"Today's story takes us on a sweet and silly adventure to a magical mountain. As we read, we'll pay close attention to the illustrations to help us figure out what Luna's world looks like and what kind of character she is."

Vocabulary: treasure, map, adventure, tiptoed, planted

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you think a place called Marshmallow Mountain might look like?
 2. Have you ever looked at a map or made one?
 3. What kinds of details in pictures help you understand a story?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you notice about the places Luna visits?
 2. How does the illustrator show Luna's feelings?
 3. What details in the pictures help tell what kind of dog Pogo is?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How do the illustrations help tell the story of Luna's adventure?
 2. What part of the story would be confusing without pictures?
 3. Would you want to visit Marshmallow Mountain? What would you bring?
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Activity Idea

Have students create their own "candy land adventure map." They draw a map with silly place names (like "Sour Patch Swamp" or "Fudge Falls") and write a short story about what happens when they visit one of the places. Encourage them to describe their character's actions and expressions, and explain how the pictures match the events.

