

Alpha Level 5

The Great Tin-rolling Race



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Word Study

A Write the word for each picture.

cotton wool dip experiment jar prize race ramp tin



tin



race



ramp



prize



cotton wool



experiment



dip



jar

B Complete the sentence using words in the box.

as well cheer collect fill ramp reach

- One prize is for the first tin to reach the end of the ramp.
arrive
- Anna had used sand as well, but she had only half filled her tin.
too
- The children collected some round clear plastic bottles.
bring, gather
- Maddy's tin was filled with cotton wool.
make something full of things
- All the children cheered as they saw the race.
shout loudly to encourage people in a game or a sport
- The teacher set up a short wooden ramp on a desk.
sloping surface between two places that are at different levels

Word Study

C Complete the sentences using words in the box.

Word Box

at how up the other to with

- 1) Maddy **wanted** her tin to be the fastest.
- 2) Ben had **filled** his tin with sand.
- 3) "Mine was half filled with sand," said Anna, as she **picked** up her tin.
- 4) At lunchtime, Jo's tin was just crossing the finishing the line.
- 5) "Show us how the honey works, Jo," said Jack.
- 6) There were two prizes. **One** for the first tin and the other for the last tin.

D Write your own sentences using the pattern.

A possessive pronouns '**mine**' shows 'a thing which belongs to me'.

"Whose tin is this?" asked Maddy. "That's **mine**," said Jo.

"That's **my tin**," said Jo.

- 1) I can see my bag here. Where is your bag?
⇒ I can see my bag here. Where is yours?
- 2) Alice can't find her name in the list.
⇒ Alice can't find hers in the list.
- 3) Brian opened the candy for me and ate his candy.
⇒ Brian opened the candy for me and ate his.
- 4) They don't like each of their family like we love our family.
⇒ They don't like each of their family like we love ours.

Word Box

your - yours

her - hers

his - his

our - ours

their - theirs

Comprehension

A Answer the following questions.

1. What is the story about?
 - a) Two prizes
 - ☒ c) How Jo's tin rolled slowly.
 - b) Ben's tin rolled fast.
 - d) Jo brought spoons to share the honey.
2. What was Anna's tin filled with? (pp. 2-3)
 - a) It was filled with water.
 - b) It was filled with cotton wool.
 - ☒ c) It was half filled with sand.
3. Why did the children and the teacher do the experiment? (pp. 10-14)
 - ☒ a) To see how Jo's tin moved so slowly.
 - b) To prove who is the winner in the race.
 - c) To have another race.
4. How did the race go? Whose finished first and last? (pp. 6-9)
 - a) Ben → Anna → Jack → Jo
 - b) Ben → Maddy → Jack → Jo
 - ☒ c) Ben → Jack → Maddy → Jo
5. How did the story end? (pg. 15)
 - a) The children all admired Jo's idea.
 - ☒ b) The children all shared and enjoyed Jo's honey.
 - c) The children all admitted Jo's winning.

B Read and mark the right answer and write it in the blank.

6. All the tins were lined up at the top of the ramp to start the race.
☒ top / bottom
7. Jack had water in his tin. Everyone asked Jo what she had in hers.
her / ☒ hers
8. "I wanted to win the slow race! That's why I used sand," groaned Ben.
☒ why / how
9. Jo's tin was rolling so slowly that some children thought it had stopped.
☒ slowly / quickly
10. The honey pushed against the side of the bottle and it rolled very slowly.
sand / ☒ honey

Comprehension

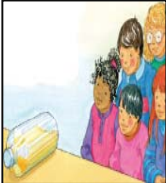
C Complete the sentences and write the numbers in order.

1



Everyone had the Tin-rolling race at school.
The children had filled their tins with different things.

4



They did the experiment to see how Jo's tin worked.
The honey moved and pushed the bottle slowly and this made the bottle move slowly!

3



Jo won the prize for the slowest tin.
She said she had honey in hers.

2



Ben had filled his with sand.
He won first prize but he wanted to win the slow race.

experiment filled first hers honey race sand slowly slowest

D Read Ben's diary written after today's race and complete it.

_____ day, _____, 20____
month / date

Dear Diary

We had a Tin-rolling race at school. There were two prizes. One for the fastest one and the other is the slowest one to reach the end.

I wanted to win the prize for the slow race and filled my tin with sand.

But my tin rolled so fast and reached the end first!

Jack's tin came second and Maddy's finished third. Anna's didn't move at all. The winner for the slow race was Jo. Her tin had honey inside and it was amazingly slow. We all enjoyed Jo's honey later and it was great.

first second third win reach the end with sand inside prizes