

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

















B Complete the sentence using words in the box.

as well cheer collect fill ramp reach

1) One prize is for the first tin to _____ the end of the ramp.
arrive

2) Anna had used sand _____, but she had only half filled her tin.
too

3) The children _____ed some round clear plastic bottles.
bring, gather

4) Maddy's tin was _____ed with cotton wool.
make something full of things

5) All the children _____ed as they saw the race.
shout loudly to encourage people in a game or a sport

6) The teacher set up a short wooden _____ 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 _____ be the fastest.
- 2) Ben had **filled** his tin _____ sand.
- 3) "Mine was half filled with sand," said Anna, as she **picked** _____ her tin.
- 4) _____ lunchtime, Jo's tin was just crossing the finishing the line.
- 5) "Show us _____ the honey works, Jo," said Jack.
- 6) There were two prizes. **One** for the first tin and _____ 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 _____?
- 2) Alice can't find her name in the list.
⇒ Alice can't find _____ in the list.
- 3) Brian opened the candy for me and ate his candy.
⇒ Brian opened the candy for me and ate _____.
- 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 _____.

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

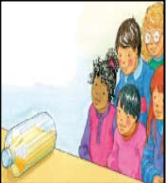
Comprehension

C Complete the sentences and write the numbers in order.


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Everyone had the Tin-rolling _____ at school.

The children had _____ their tins with different things.
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They did the _____ to see how Jo's tin worked.

The honey moved and pushed the bottle _____ and this made the bottle move slowly!
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Jo won the prize for the _____ tin.

She said she had _____ in _____.
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Ben had filled his with _____.

He won _____ 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 _____. One for the fastest one and the other is the slowest one to _____.

I wanted to _____ the prize for the slow race and filled my tin _____.

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

Jack's tin came _____ and Maddy's finished _____. Anna's didn't move at all. The winner for the slow race was Jo. Her tin had honey _____ 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