

Title: Trouble on the Riverbank

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

decided	serious	leader	missing	like
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1. Dan decided not to go to the party.
2. Dogs are not like cats at all.
3. The leader of this country is the president.
4. My keys are missing; I can't find them anywhere.
5. The teacher looked very serious, so we knew we were in trouble.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. The ducks were very upset. T / F
2. The leader of the snakes was named Stephen. T / F
3. The ducks thought the snakes took their eggs. T / F
4. Stephen tells Patrick the truth. T / F
5. Stephen uses his fur to protect himself. T / F

B. Circle the correct word.

1. The platypus swam every (morning / evening).
2. The platypus is like the rats because he has (fur / teeth).
3. The rats (didn't / did) take the ducks' eggs.
4. Both Patrick and the snakes have (bills / poison).
5. Patrick asks the snakes to find (other / better) food to eat.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Why did Patrick first talk to the ducks?
 - a. To find out what happened to the eggs
 - b. Because the rats asked him too
 - c. To see if they wanted to swim
 - d. Because he knew something was wrong

2. Why did the ducks say Patrick was like them?
 - a. Because he lays eggs
 - b. Because he has poison
 - c. Because he has a bill
 - d. Because he is nice

3. How did Patrick sound when he was talking to the rats?
 - a. Serious
 - b. Funny
 - c. Angry
 - d. Confused

4. Where did Patrick find the snakes?
 - a. By the eggs
 - b. Up the river
 - c. In the water
 - d. At their house

5. Why did the snakes eat the eggs?
 - a. Because they loved eggs
 - b. Because they hated the ducks
 - c. Because they were hungry
 - d. Because the rats told them to

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

protect	webbed	hungry	platypus	fur
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A platypus named Patrick saw a bunch of ducks. The ducks said someone had taken their eggs. They thought it was the rats. Patrick said he would go talk to them. Before he left the ducks said Patrick was like them because he had a bill and webbed feet. Patrick asked the rats about the eggs. They said it might have been the snakes. Before Patrick left to talk to the snakes, the rats told him he was like them because he had fur. Patrick swam up the river until he found the snakes. He asked Stephen, the leader, about the eggs. Stephen said Patrick was like the snakes. He also has poison to protect himself. Stephen said they had taken the eggs because they were hungry. Patrick understood, but asked them find other food.