

**e-future PYP Readers**

**LEVEL 4-12**

# Four Letters, One Story



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**A Write the correct word for each definition.**

romantic    vertical    scribble    code    quilt    spiral



1. If something is \_\_\_\_\_, it goes up and down rather than left to right.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a bed covering with pieces that are sewn together.
3. If something is \_\_\_\_\_, it is about love between two people.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a curving line that goes around a central point.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is a set of symbols that gives information about something
6. To \_\_\_\_\_ is to draw lines, shapes, etc. that have no real meaning

**B Write the synonym for the given word. Change the form if needed.**

intriguing    conclude    basement    zoom    securely

1. The roller coaster is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Edventureland.  
cellar
2. "We're the treasure," \_\_\_\_\_ Catina.  
realized
3. *Four Letters, One Story* sounds like a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ adventure.  
interesting
4. The safety bar pinned them \_\_\_\_\_ to their seats.  
safety
5. The roller coaster \_\_\_\_\_ faster and faster.  
sped

**C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.**

off      as      around      up      into      with

1. He touched the glass \_\_\_\_\_ his finger.
2. The children set \_\_\_\_\_ for their last adventure.
3. When they turned \_\_\_\_\_ , they saw a door on the other side.
4. The huge roller coaster must take \_\_\_\_\_ the whole basement!
5. Ji Min led the way, \_\_\_\_\_ usual.
6. The vertical bars were divided \_\_\_\_\_ rectangles.

**D Write your own sentences using the same pattern and the given words in the correct forms.**

**Superlatives with *ever* + present perfect**

- Those are **the weirdest fish** I've ever seen!  
= I've never seen weirder fish than those.
- Michael is **the best friend** she's ever had.  
= She's never had a better friend than Michael.
- That's **the most terrifying roller coaster** he's ever been on.  
= He's never been on a more terrifying roller coaster than that.

1. (scary movie / see)

→ "A Quiet Place" is the scariest movie I've ever seen.

2. (delicious food / eat)

→ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. (good present / get)

→ \_\_\_\_\_.

4. (fun thing / do)

→ \_\_\_\_\_.

**A Circle T for true or F for false.** (pp. 2-5)

1. There are different kinds of writing on the wall. T / F
2. Mitzi has learned to read Greek writing. T / F
3. The mural makes Catina think of a quilt. T / F
4. The mural is made up of dozens of different colors. T / F
5. The children's task is to find out what the letters and colors mean. T / F
6. They must summarize all the library's books in one sentence. T / F

**B Answer the questions.** (pp. 5-12)

1. Which is true about the library ?
  - a. There are 400 books in it.
  - b. It is located inside a huge nail.
  - c. There is an aquarium in it.
  - d. All its books are thousands of pages long.
2. Which is NOT true about the roller coaster?
  - a. It looks like a giant braid with four strands.
  - b. The children have to get on it to read the "books."
  - c. Its tracks are connected by colored bars with letters on them.
3. When they get on the roller coaster, what do the first images on the wall show?  
They show two \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. What does Mitzi hope will happen?  
She hopes \_\_\_\_\_ .

**C Match and complete the sentences.**

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|-------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1. Each color in the mural    | • | • | a. has to be an <i>-ing</i> word.       |
| 2. The summary of the books   | • | • | b. gets the right answer at the end.    |
| 3. The books in the library   | • | • | c. show the story of two people's life. |
| 4. The images on the wall     | • | • | d. has a different letter.              |
| 5. Catina                     | • | • | e. is the human genome.                 |
| 6. The roller coaster library | • | • | f. have over six billion letters total. |

**D Summarize the story. Write 1 or 2 words in each blank.**

*Beginning*

The children arrive at their \_\_\_\_\_ adventure. The wall outside has \_\_\_\_\_ on it in different alphabets, so they can't read it.

*Middle*

Inside, they see a \_\_\_\_\_ made up of four colors. Each color has a letter: A, C, G, or T. Their adventure is to go to the library and find out what this means by reading all the books. Then they have to summarize them using \_\_\_\_\_. The library is actually a huge \_\_\_\_\_, which they ride. During the ride, they see images of two people growing up.

*End*

At the end of the ride, the attendant asks the kids for their summary. Catina says "growing or \_\_\_\_\_," which is correct. The attendant explains that the four letters are a special \_\_\_\_\_ for finding treasure: our genes.