

# Puzzles are the Best!

Mila was a 4<sup>th</sup> grader who loved to solve puzzles. She was always looking for new and interesting puzzles to solve.

She liked online puzzles, puzzle apps, puzzles books and enjoyed solving all types of puzzles. Every

day after school, Mila would come home and spend hours searching for new puzzles to do. She was

fascinated by the challenge of solving them and enjoyed the great feeling she got when she figured

out the answer. Mila loved the feeling of using her brain to solve a tricky puzzle,

and she always felt proud when she figured it out. One day, Mila's teacher announced that there was going to be a puzzle-solving competition for the

fourth-grade students. Mila was so excited she could hardly contain herself. She spent all of her free time practicing and trying to solve as many puzzles as she

could. The day of the competition arrived, and Mila was nervous but determined. She was up against some tough competition, but she refused to let that get in her

way. As soon as the competition started, Mila's love for puzzles kicked in, and she breezed through the first few puzzles with ease. In the end, Mila won the

competition, and she felt like she was on top of the world. Her classmates

congratulated her, and her teacher was so proud of her. From that day on, Mila knew that her love for puzzles would continue to be a big part of her life, and she

couldn't wait to tackle the next challenge.



1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

Answer according to the reading passage:

**1. What grade was Mila in?**

- a. 6
- b. 5
- c. 4

**2. What did Mila like to solve?**

- a. math problems
- b. puzzles
- c. games

**3. What did Mila's teacher announce?**

- a. the afternoon could be spent doing puzzles
- b. the class was getting lots of new puzzles
- c. there would be a puzzle solving competition

**4. Who won the puzzle competition?**

- a. Mila
- b. Mila tied with a classmate
- c. Mary

**5. How did Mila feel after the puzzle competition**

- a. very grateful
- b. like a champion
- c. on top of the world

## Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why do you think Mila liked solving puzzles?
  2. Do you feel like Mila about puzzles? Why or why not?
  3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
  4. What images go through your mind as read **Puzzles are Best**?
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- Do you think solving puzzles is good to do? Why or why not?
  - How many different types of puzzles can you list?
  - What type of puzzles have you solved and how did you feel when you were solving a puzzle?