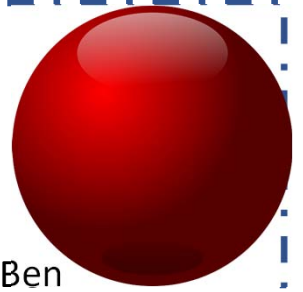


# The Big Red Ball



Ben had a big, round ball that was as red as an apple. He loved his ball very much because it was a gift from his grandma. One sunny morning, Ben took his ball outside to play. He kicked the ball with his foot, and off it went, rolling down the hill. The ball bounced high and low, and Ben ran after it. The ball rolled through the green grass, past the yellow flowers, and under the blue sky. It went over a small bump and even through a big puddle. Splash! Water went everywhere, but Ben didn't mind. He was having so much fun. Then, the ball hit a big rock on the path. "Oh no!" cried Ben, his ball might be broken. He rushed to check on it. He was happy the ball was just fine, not even a scratch. Ben hugged his ball and said, "I am so happy you are not broken!"

Ben then took his ball to the park. There, he met his friends, Lily and Sam. "Can we play with your ball?" they asked. Ben said yes. They played all kinds of games. They kicked the ball, threw it, and even made up a new game called 'Catch the Star', where they had to jump high to catch the ball. As the sun began to set, Ben and his friends were tired but happy. They had spent the whole day playing with the big red ball. Ben said goodbye to his friends and walked home, his ball tucked under his arm.

That night, Ben put his ball next to his bed and whispered, "Thank you for the fun day." He fell asleep very fast.

1. Read the passage about 'The Big Red Ball'
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the follow up questions.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

**1. What is the boy's name?**

- a. Jake
- b. Ben
- c. Jared

**2. Why did Ben cry 'Oh No'?**

- a. his ball hit a log
- b. his ball hit a tree
- c. his ball hit a rock

**3. Who did Ben meet at the park?**

- a. his mom
- b. his dad
- c. his friends

**4. What new game did they play at the park?**

- a. catch the star
- b. catch the moon
- c. catch the star

**5. What did Ben say to his ball before he went to sleep?**

- a. thank you for playing with me
- b. thank you for the fun day
- c. thank you for being red

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## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

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

1. Why does Ben like his red ball so much?
2. Explain how the game Catch the Star is played.
3. In 3 sentences, explain what this reading passage is about.
4. Describe what Ben might look like.

- What do you like to do with balls?
- Could this story be true? Why or why not?
- Explain how you can have fun with balls.
- How can you play safely with balls?
- How many different types of balls can you think of?
- Invent a new game for a ball.
- Do you think you are like Ben? Why or why not?