

Words

,	optional	monsoon	opponent	oval	massive
	meadow	obstacle	mechanic	minority	oasis
	mackintosh	mosquito	origin	orchard	mussel
	occupation	majority	offspring	optician	muscle

1	A place in a desert where there is water and where plants can grow.	
2	Something that blocks the way and makes it difficult for you to do something.	
3	The work that someone does for a living.	
4	The children or young of humans and animals.	
5	Someone who is against you in a contest or fight.	
6	A person who sells glasses and is trained to test people's eyesight.	
7	Not compulsory, that you can choose or not choose.	
8	The start or source of something and why it began.	
9	A piece of land on which a lot of fruit trees are grown.	
10	Egg-shaped, rugby balls are this shape.	
11	A raincoat that keeps the rain out.	
12	More than half of a total.	
13	Huge.	
14	A grassy field where animals can graze.	
15	A person who understands machines and is good at fixing them.	
16	The smaller of two groups of people.	
17	A small flying insect that bites people.	
18	A small shellfish with two black shells.	
19	A strong wind that brings heavy rainfall around the Indian Ocean.	
20	Part of your body that stretches and relaxes to make your body move.	



Homonyms

excuse	trip	decline	digit
pack	scales	admit	might
band	kind	can	light
aim	hail	glare	free

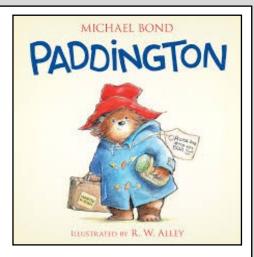
1	A verb meaning to 'confess to be true' and also a verb meaning 'to allow to enter.'	
2	A noun meaning a group of musicians and also a narrow strip of material.	
3	An adjective that means 'costs nothing' and also can mean 'not in captivity'.	
4	A noun for any number between 0 and 9 and also another word for finger or toe.	
5	A verb meaning 'to forgive' and a noun that means the reason given for something that's been done.	
6	A verb meaning 'to fall' and also a noun for a journey or visit somewhere.	
7	A verb meaning 'to stare angrily' and also 'to shine with a harsh dazzling light.'	
8	A verb meaning 'to point towards' and a noun meaning a purpose or intention.	
9	A noun for a type or sort of something and an adjective meaning 'helpful and gentle'.	
10	A verb meaning 'to get something burning' and also an adjective meaning 'weighing very little, not heavy.'	
11	A noun for a group of wild animals, especially wolves and also a verb meaning 'to put things in box or case.	
12	A verb meaning 'to decrease or fade' and also 'to refuse politely.'	
13	A noun for a cylindrical metal container and also a verb meaning ' to be able or allowed to.' $ \\$	
14	A noun for a weighing machine and also the small bits of hard skin that covers the skin of fish and reptiles.	
15	An auxiliary verb meaning 'possibly' and also a noun meaning 'great strength.'	
16	A noun for frozen rain and also a verb meaning to 'call out or	



Comprehension - Paddington Bear.

On Christmas Eve in 1956, Michael Bond was on his way home from his job as a television cameraman when he spied a very lonely teddy bear on a shelf in a shop window. He felt sorry for the little bear, so he bought it and took it home as a stocking filler for his wife. He decided to call the bear Paddington because they were living near Paddington Station at the time.

In the early days of 1957, while musing over a typewriter and a blank sheet of paper, Bond wondered idly what it would be like if an unaccompanied bear turned up at a railway station looking for a home. At that point he decided he would quite like to become a writer.



Michael Bond bashed out his first Paddington Bear story in ten days that spring. In *A Bear Called Paddington* Bond, created a bear from his memories of watching evacuee children in the second world war, luggage-labelled against loss in transit. In the opening chapter of the book, Henry Brown and his wife Mary are waiting at Paddington station for their daughter to chug home from school for the holidays. They spot an adorable little creature sitting on a small suitcase near the lost property office, wearing a hat and a label around his neck: "Please look after this bear. Thank you." The Brown family, unable to resist such a request, decide to adopt the little bear and take him home with them to their house at 32 Windsor Gardens.

Paddington was originally from Darkest Peru where he was brought up by his Aunt Lucy when he was orphaned after an earthquake when he was just a few weeks old. When Aunt Lucy went to live at the Home for Retired Bears in Lima, she decided to send her nephew to live in England to live. After teaching him to speak perfect English, Aunt Lucy arranged for him to stow away in a ship's lifeboat.

As Paddington settles down to family life with the Browns, their children and their housekeeper Mrs. Bird, he invariably becomes entangled in numerous misadventures.

In the Paddington books, the little bear has a close friend; Mr. Samuel Gruber, who owns an antique shop and most days Paddington and Mr. Gruber share their elevenses of buns and cocoa. If Paddington ever has a problem he will almost always turn to his friend Mr. Gruber for help and advice. The Brown's have a very unpleasant neighbour; Mr. Reginald Curry, who addresses Paddington simply as 'Bear!' Penny-pinching by nature, Mr. Curry always wants something for nothing and often persuades Paddington to run errands for him.

Paddington is rarely parted from his battered, brown, leather suitcase. It has his initials written on the side and a secret compartment in which he keeps all his important papers. Paddington is famous for his love of marmalade and he usually has a marmalade sandwich tucked beneath his hat 'just in case of emergencies'. Paddington's most important possession is his scrapbook where he likes to write about his adventures. It is also full of mementoes and the regular postcards that he receives from his Aunt Lucy in Peru.

Paddington is a very polite bear. He is very well-meaning and full of good intentions but his trusting nature can often get him into trouble. If people upset Paddington then they get treated to one of his famous hard stares! Fortunately for Paddington, whatever scrapes he gets into, things always turn out alright for him in the end.



1 Wh	nich of Paddington's belongings is the most important to him?
A	A His old hat.
Е	B His duffle coat.
C	C His scrapbook.
C	His leather suitcase.
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	which year was the first Paddington Bear book published?
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C	C He copied an idea from a book about evacuees.
C	He could remember his own children wore luggage labels when they were evacuated.
4 'ln	the early days of 1957, while musing over a typewriter'
Wł	nat does the word 'musing' mean in this context?
A	A Thinking.
Е	3 Slumped.
C	C Looking.
	D Reading.



- 5 At what time of day did Paddington and Mr. Gruber meet for hot drinks and a snack?
 - A At about noon.
 - B First thing in the morning 09:00am.
 - C They would meet around four o'clock every weekday afternoon.
 - D Around 11:00am.
- 6 What tragedy occurred when Paddington was a very young Bear in Peru?
 - A There was a huge earthquake and his Aunt Lucy died.
 - B He lost his mother in a terrible flood.
 - C Both his parents died in an earthquake.
 - D His uncle died in a railway disaster.
- 7 What does Paddington Bear often have to do for his neighbour?
 - A He has to mow the grass in his garden.
 - B He has to do lots of little jobs for him.
 - C He has to clean his windows.
 - D He has to clean his car.
- 8 How did Paddington Bear travel to England?
 - A He hid in a boat.
 - B He caught a flight from Lima.
 - C He hitch-hiked.
 - D He travelled by train.



- 9 Which of the following statements is true?
 - Option 1 Paddington frequently carries a bright red suitcase.
 - Option 2 Paddington continues to receive regular postcards from Peru.
 - Option 3 Michael Bond worked as a cameraman prior to becoming an author.
 - Option 4 Paddington Bear is a very courteous character.
 - A Options 1 and 2.
 - B Options 2 and 3.
 - C Options 1, 3 and 4.
 - D Options 2, 3 and 4.

- 10 Which of the following statements is true?
 - Option 1 Paddington Bear always carries a marmalade sandwich in his leather suitcase.
 - Option 2 The Paddington Bear stories were written on a typewriter.
 - Option 3 Mr. Curry is a miserly character.
 - Option 4 Henry and Mary Brown employ a housekeeper called Mrs. Finch.
 - A Options 1 and 3.
 - B Options 2 and 3.
 - C Options 1, 3 and 4.
 - D Option 4 only.



Words meaning 'nice'.

Please can you put all the adjectives in the table below into the correct boxes?

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caring
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considerate
friendly
glorious
delicious
generous
impressive
luscious
gentle
helpful
kind
scrumptious
unspoiled
tasty
likable
obliging
sympathetic
mouthwatering
picturesque
panoramic
thoughtful
understanding
unselfish

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	nice person:	
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Answers

Words

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1	oasis	
2	obstacle	
3	occupation	
4	offspring	
5	opponent	
6 7	optician	
7	optional	
8	origin	
9	orchard	
10	oval	
11	mackintosh	
12	majority	
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A nice meal:

delectable delicious

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luscious

mouthwatering

scrumptious

tasty

A nice view:

breathtaking

glorious

impressive

picturesque

panoramic

unspoiled

A nice person:

amiable

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caring

charming

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friendly

generous

gentle

helpful

kind

likable

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unselfish

Comprehension

1	С	His scrapbook.
2	Α	1957.
3	В	He was drawing on his childhood memories of seeing evacuated children at the train station.
4	Α	Thinking.
5	D	Around 11:00am.
6	C	Both his parents died in an earthquake.
7	В	He has to do lots of little jobs for him.
8	Α	He hid in a boat.
9	D	Options 2, 3 and 4.
10	В	Options 2 and 3.