

READING WITH JERRY SPINELLI

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Understanding what You Read

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why did Jeffrey Magee run away from Aunt Dot and Uncle Dan?
2. Three events helped to create the legend of Maniac Magee when he first arrived in Two Mills. What were these events?
3. When John McNab and the Cobras were chasing Maniac Magee down Hector Street, they suddenly stopped. Why did they do this?
4. Maniac lived with Amanda and her family at 728 Sycamore Street. How did this happen?
5. Jeffrey was very happy living with the Beale family. Make a list of reasons why he was so happy with them.
6. Why did Maniac leave the Beale family?
7. Grayson had not always worked in the park. What did he do when he was younger? How successful was he?
8. How did Maniac meet Piper and Russell McNab?
9. What was Maniac's first reaction to the McNab's house? Why did he feel that way?
10. Mars Bar Thompson was not welcome at Piper McNab's birthday party. However, Russell and Piper's attitude changed after the incident on the railroad trestle. Explain what happened.
11. Maniac was persuaded to return to 728 Sycamore Street. Who persuaded him? Why did he go back?
12. What was the importance of the Pickwell family and the old man at the water hydrant to the plot of the story?

CAPITAL LETTERS

A capital letter is used at the beginning of all proper nouns.

A proper noun is a word that names a specific person, place or thing:

Pennsylvania Abby Doctor James Westland Street Carnegie Hall

In addition, the following rules apply to the use of capital letters.

1. The words *north, south, east* and *west* are capitalized when naming a region or place name, but not when used to give directions.

a) There is oil underneath the North Sea.

b) As we drove south the weather became much warmer.

2. Only the names of school subjects that are languages are capitalized.

Jack enjoys English and French, but dislikes science and geography.

3. Capitalize the days of the week, special holidays and the months of the year, but not the names of seasons.

a) I think Halloween falls on Friday this year.

b) I like June because it marks the beginning of summer.

4. Capitalize nouns that mark a family relationship unless they are preceded by a possessive pronoun, such as *my, his, her, your, our* and *their*.

a) We will visit Grandmother and Grandfather next week.

b) My grandmother is an excellent cook.

5. Adjectives formed from proper nouns are always capitalized.

The Italian climate is warmer than the Swedish climate.

Word Study 1

- 1) Make a list of 25 common nouns from the novel you are reading.
- 2) Write each common noun in its plural form.

Word Study 2

- 1) **Make a list of 25 verbs from the novel that you are reading.**
- 2) **Rewrite the list in alphabetical order.**