



Reading Counts Quiz

Teacher: Amy Kendall



Time Period: N/A

Student: _____

Book: Joey Pigza Swallowed The Key

1. **While he viewed Pittsburgh from a telescope on a tall building, Joey**
 - A. wished he could fly away from his problems.
 - B. stated that he was going to be mayor one day.
 - C. saw a man with a gun through the telescope.
 - D. admitted that he wanted to meet his father.

2. **When he _____, Joey heard a speaker talk about doing something wonderful for the world.**
 - A. was sentenced to work at a homeless shelter
 - B. turned the TV channel to public broadcasting
 - C. went to a Memorial Day parade with his mother
 - D. sneaked into the gifted and talented assembly

3. **On the day that she returned home to Joey and his grandmother, Joey's mother**
 - A. stated that Joey would not be allowed to sleep outside.
 - B. took Joey's eleven neglected cats to the Humane Society.
 - C. insisted that utility bills would have to be paid on time.
 - D. said that the family would no longer live in a pigpen.

4. **On the day that a new boy with a tiny head entered Mrs. Howard's class, Joey**
 - A. asked his mother whether she drank during her pregnancy.
 - B. called the boy names when Mrs. Howard was not watching.
 - C. broke a tape measure while trying to measure his own head.
 - D. offered to let the boy play with his space cruiser.

5. **When he returned to Mrs. Howard's class, Joey had to wipe away tears because**
 - A. Maria smiled and offered him the chair beside her.
 - B. Gary was so glad to see him that he punched his arm.
 - C. Mrs. Howard clapped when he walked into the room.
 - D. one of the mothers said that he was naturally good.

6. **How did Joey find his dog, Pablo?**
 - A. Pablo was running loose at the park.
 - B. Joey saw Pablo's paw prints in the snow.
 - C. Pablo came to Joey's house one day.
 - D. Joey read about Pablo in a newspaper.



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7. Joey believed he was "wired" because

- A. his grandmother and father were both "wired."
- B. Uncle Morton once dropped him on his head.
- C. he had received a head injury in a car accident.
- D. he stuck his finger into an outlet and was "wired."

8. After he swallowed his key, Joey

- A. refused to tell anyone in his class.
- B. was rushed to the emergency room.
- C. was made to vomit by the school nurse.
- D. saw it on an X-ray screen at the clinic.

9. Joey did not like to leave his house before his mother came home because

- A. a newspaper article said that the air was polluted.
- B. he was afraid of a pit bull which had once bitten him.
- C. there were mean kids in his neighborhood.
- D. shootings were common in his neighborhood.

10. When Mr. Vanness questioned him at the special-ed center, Joey

- A. lied about Uncle Morton.
- B. made up a story about a cat.
- C. sobbed on Mr. Vanness' shoulder.
- D. told him that his mother drank.

11. Because Joey kicked the legs of the Big Quiet Chair, Mrs. Howard

- A. made him run twenty minutes on a treadmill.
- B. ordered him to go stand in the Quiet Room.
- C. sent him to the school guidance counselor.
- D. replaced his shoes with bunny-rabbit slippers.

12. When he went to Maria's house to apologize, Joey

- A. was forgiven and invited inside.
- B. was told to leave by Maria's father.
- C. changed his mind and ran back home.
- D. gave Maria a bunch of daisies.

13. After he _____ at the Amish farm, Joey jumped into hay bales and hurt his ankle.

- A. let the chickens run free
- B. stole a hat from one of the farmers
- C. ate an entire shoofly pie
- D. drove away in a horse and buggy



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14. Dr. Preston suspected Joey had been abused because

- A. Joey refused to let him examine his back.
- B. he noticed bruises on Joey's legs and arms.
- C. he saw the many Band-Aids on Joey's chest.
- D. Joey's mother made excuses about his black eye.

15. Joey's mother explained that his grandmother _____, but had actually moved to Pittsburgh.

- A. had not slipped down a sewer
- B. had not gone to sea as a sailor
- C. had not pursued an acting career
- D. had not remained in the hospital

16. When Mrs. Pigza appeared at her door one day, Grandma

- A. put her arms around Mrs. Pigza and wept for joy.
- B. asked if Mrs. Pigza had enough money to pay the bills.
- C. threatened to call the police if Mrs. Pigza stayed.
- D. said she was sorry that Mrs. Pigza had returned.

17. On his first day at the downtown special-ed center, Joey called his mother at work because

- A. the bus driver had called him a foster child.
- B. he had forgotten his lunch box at home.
- C. a girl had threatened to shoot his family.
- D. he was afraid the nurse was poisoning him.

18. After Mrs. Maxy sent him out into the hall during math drills, Joey

- A. spun himself in circles by pulling on his belt.
- B. studied trophies in the school's showcase.
- C. ran up and down the hallway yelling "fire."
- D. locked himself inside the teachers' lounge.

19. On Joey's last day at the special-ed center, Charlie

- A. asked Joey if he wanted to be president one day.
- B. used his new plastic arm to shake Joey's hand.
- C. apologized for threatening to shoot Joey's family.
- D. gave him the space cruiser that Joey had admired.

20. When Mrs. Maxy asked him to sharpen pencils for her, Joey

- A. made it clear that he was not a servant.
- B. broke each pencil into three pieces.
- C. started throwing the pencils like darts.
- D. hurt his finger by trying to sharpen it.



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21. Joey's mother originally abandoned Joey because

- A. she was tired of taking care of him.
- B. she was in love with a married preacher.
- C. she wanted to pursue her career.
- D. she was following Joey's father.

22. How did Joey's mother support herself and Joey?

- A. She was a corporate executive.
- B. She managed a small gift shop.
- C. She was a bartender at a bar.
- D. She worked in a beauty parlor.

23. According to Joey's mother, rule number one

- A. was to brush one's teeth first thing in the morning.
- B. was to get even with anyone who harmed loved ones.
- C. was to think of all one's personal needs first.
- D. was slowing down and thinking about one's actions.

24. Because she was angry about Joey bouncing around one day, Grandma

- A. locked him in a closet for two days without food or water.
- B. put him in the bathtub and said she would whip him if he moved.
- C. left him in a museum and ordered him to be still as a statue.
- D. emptied the refrigerator and ordered him to climb inside.

25. After he had evaluated Joey's hospital test, Dr. Preston

- A. decided he should see a doctor at a mental health center.
- B. put a patch on him that released steady doses of medication.
- C. asked him to talk about pictures of ink blots one more time.
- D. congratulated him for leading Pittsburgh police to a gunman.

26. Why was Joey sent to the downtown special-ed center?

- A. He accidentally cut off the tip of Maria's nose.
- B. He became angry with Maria and punched her.
- C. He tripped Maria and she broke her right arm.
- D. He shoved Maria down a flight of steep stairs.

27. While he was waiting for the pharmacist to fill his prescription, Joey

- A. slipped pill bottles off the counter and mixed up the contents.
- B. picked cotton stuffing out of a chair and hid it in his pants.
- C. ate twenty aspirins and had to have his stomach pumped.
- D. stole candy from a display and put it in his mother's purse.



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28. Joey's mother bought him a new outfit because

- A. he had been selected to attend a regional spelling bee.
- B. she wanted him to look good for his hospital test.
- C. he wanted to look nice for his class picture.
- D. she wanted him to impress her new boyfriend.

29. On his first day back at his regular school, Joey

- A. said the Pledge of Allegiance over the loudspeaker.
- B. made up a story about visiting his famous relative.
- C. told his friends about Charlie and the space cruiser.
- D. showed his classmates his healed surgical scars.

30. When Joey lived with his grandmother,

- A. she lied about his mother wanting to see him through a window.
- B. she traded him to a drug dealer in exchange for more drugs.
- C. she dressed him in frilly clothes and pretended he was her baby.
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