

First Grade

English Language Learners Academic Packet



Week 8

May 18 -May 22, 2020

Name: _____

The Hummingbird and the Crane

Adapted by Danny Eggers

Illustrated by Jim Madsen

Lexile®: 430L, 251 words



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Crane was large and slow. Hummingbird often made fun of Crane.

One day Crane said to Hummingbird, "Let's race to the old tree by the river. The first one to the top of the tree wins." Crane knew the tree was very far away.

Hummingbird agreed. She was faster than Crane and knew she could win.

The race began. Hummingbird zipped ahead. She teased Crane for being slow.

Hummingbird saw a flower garden. "I am so far ahead, I can take a break," she thought. Soon she was sipping nectar from the flowers. She forgot all about the race.

Crane flew at a slow and steady pace. She soon passed Hummingbird.

Hummingbird looked up and saw Crane far ahead. "Oh no!" Hummingbird thought as she hurried to catch up.

Hummingbird flew with all her might until she was far ahead of Crane. But Hummingbird saw another garden and again forgot the race.

This continued all day. While Hummingbird zipped from garden to garden, Crane flew at a slow and steady pace.

At sunset, Hummingbird was very far ahead. She decided to rest in a nearby tree. Crane never stopped. She just kept flying.

Hummingbird woke up and hurried to finish the race. When she arrived at the river, Crane was already at the top of the old tree!

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The Hummingbird and the Crane

Comprehension Questions



1. What was Hummingbird proud of?
 - a. her wings
 - b. her beauty
 - c. her feet
 - d. her speed
2. Why did Hummingbird lose the race?
 - a. She kept stopping.
 - b. She couldn't find the old tree.
 - c. She teased Crane.
 - d. She got lost in the garden.
3. Crane flew at a slow and steady pace. What does steady mean in the story?
 - a. The tree was firm in the ground.
 - b. Crane never stopped flying.
 - c. Hummingbird went from garden to garden.
 - d. The garden was full of flowers.
4. What lesson did Hummingbird learn?
 - a. Being small and fast is best.
 - b. Being big and slow loses the race.
 - c. Slow and steady wins the race.
 - d. Flying from garden to garden is best.

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word cards

Cut out the cards and practice learning the words.

nearby

hummingbird

continued

replied

steady

already

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Week 9
May 25 -May 27, 2020

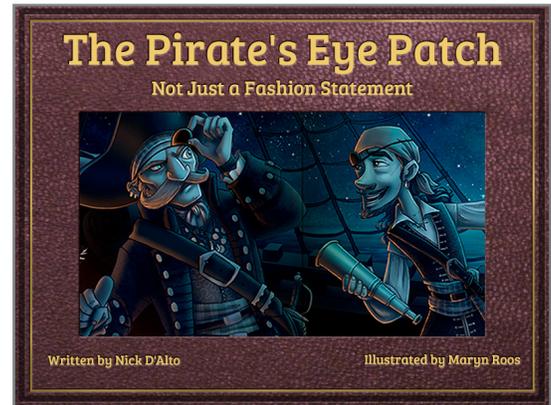
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The Pirate's Eye Patch: Not Just a Fashion Statement

Written by Nick D'Alto

Illustrated by Maryn Roos

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When you think of a pirate, do you think of a tough guy with an eye patch? No one knows why pirates wore eye patches. But experts like historians and eye doctors have ideas.

Some people think a pirate may have worn an eye patch to cover an injured eye. Pirates could lose an eye in a sword fight or a battle. There were no doctors on pirate ships. The cook would do his best to help. A patch might be used to keep the injured eye from getting infected.

Some experts think pirates wore eye patches to help them see in the dark. Sunlight on the ocean could be bright, and inside the ship would be as dark as night. During a battle, a pirate wouldn't have time to let his eyes adjust to the dark. If you've been in bright sunshine then gone into a dark room, you know what this is like.

If the pirate had a patch over one eye, he could switch the patch to the other eye when he went into the dark ship. The eye that had been covered would be ready to see in the darkness.

Does this really work? The television show *Mythbusters* tried this eye patch trick on a replica pirate ship. It worked! Do you think pirates would have figured this out so long ago?

Some experts think pirates didn't really wear eye patches. Old paintings of pirates often don't show eye patches. Eye patches aren't written about in true stories about pirates. It's only the pirates in made-up stories that have eye patches. Were eye patches just a made-up way to make pirates scary?

What do you think? Did pirates wear eye patches to cover an injured eye or to help them see in the dark? Or did they really even wear eye patches? Maybe we'll never know.

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Comprehension Questions

Glossary Words	adjust, battle, expert, figure this out, historian, infected, injured, patch, pirate, replica, switch, tough
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Question Type	Question
Author's Purpose	<p>What is the author's purpose in writing this article?</p> <p>a. to describe different kinds of pirates and what they did b. to discuss different pirate clothes and why they looked good c. to describe different kinds of pirates and what they did</p>
Problem/Solution	<p>What problem could an eye patch solve?</p> <p>a. Being able to see which way to go when on the water. b. Being able to see things that are really far away. c. Being able to see again quickly when moving from light to dark.</p>
Inferential	<p>What might be a good reason that nobody really knows the truth about eye patches?</p> <p>a. Pirates were scary, so people never asked them questions. b. Pirates liked to fool people by wearing wooden legs and eye patches. c. Pirates lived a long time ago and didn't write much down.</p>

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Comprehension Questions (Answer Key)

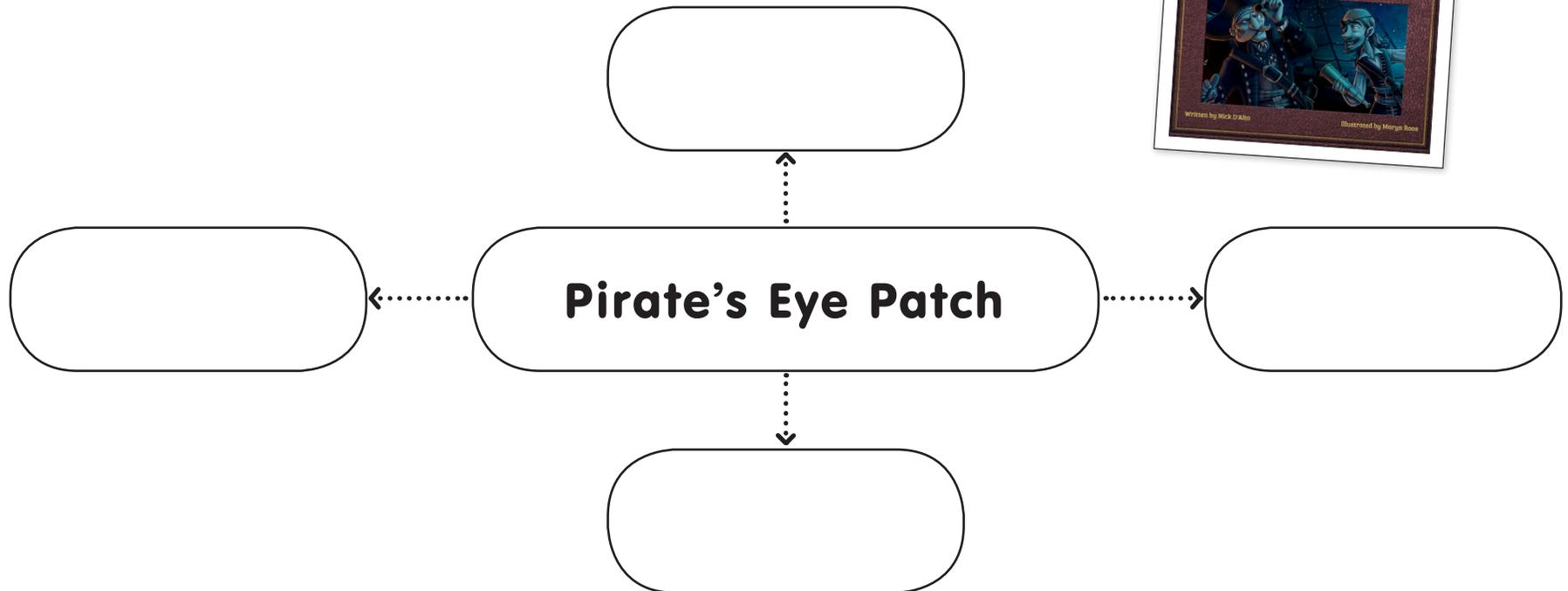
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Main Idea and Supporting Detail:

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* **Directions:** Fill in the empty boxes with information about why pirates may have worn eye patches. Then write a summary of the article.



My Summary of the Article
