

# An Adventure Awaits . . .

## Reading Comprehension

Read the given story and solve the worksheet that follows.

### Still Water Adventure

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"Daddy!" Mia shouted. "Look! There are clouds in the water!" "Yes," Daddy whispered, "the lake is so still it's like a mirror." "Can we go in the canoe?" Mia whispered. "Yes." Daddy smiled. Mia put on her life jacket. "You get the front seat," said Daddy.



The canoe wobbled when Mia stepped in. Mia sat quietly. The water was still again. Daddy handed her a paddle and showed her how to hold it. Smoothly, he sat in the back seat and pushed the canoe away from the dock.

Mia dipped her paddle in the water. She watched her father slice the water silently with his paddle.

The canoe glided away from the lilies. A dragonfly landed on Mia's paddle. It wiggled its tail and flew away.

"Let's just float near the shore," said Daddy.



Mia took a big breath when a turtle plopped off a log into the lake. Its short legs stroked through the clear water. When its head popped up beside the canoe, Mia saw red and yellow stripes on its neck. The turtle disappeared as she leaned closer to look at its toes.



"Look!" Daddy whispered. "A heron!"  
 The tall bird in the shallows stretched its long, curved neck. With powerful flaps of its great, gray wings, the heron rose above them. Its long legs pointed straight behind. Too soon, it disappeared over the trees on the far side of the lake.

"Oh, Daddy, was I too loud? Will it come back?"  
 "Maybe it was time for it to go home. It's time for us to go home, too. We can come again tomorrow."



Read the questions and mark the correct answer.

1 Who is Mia referring to in the given sentence?  
*"Oh, Daddy, was I too loud? Will **it** come back?"*

- a. The dragonfly
- a. The turtle
- b. The heron

2 How do you think Mia is feeling at the beginning of the story?

- a. She is scared to go in the canoe.
- b. She is excited and looking forward to the ride in the canoe.
- c. She is bored and not interested in the canoe.

3 Why does Mia's daddy make her wear a life jacket?

- a. He wants her to be safe.
- b. He thinks it looks good on her.
- c. Mia's mom has asked him to do so.

4 What does the word slice mean in the given sentence?  
*She watched her father **slice** the water silently with his paddle.*

- a. cut into thin pieces
- b. move smoothly and quickly
- c. a kind of spoon used for lifting foods like cakes

