Year 2 reading comprehension: Picking strawberries

English · Reading comprehension
Level: Hard

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 3 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Circle the best answer. Look back at the text to find the words that tell you.
- A grown-up can read the text aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer questions 1–3.



Picking strawberries

Last Thursday, my class went on an excursion to Dunmore Strawberry Farm. We travelled for forty minutes on a bus, and Ms Rao counted us twice before we got off. A farmer called Mr Lowe showed us how to pick a strawberry without squashing it. He said to hold the stem, not the fruit, and twist it gently. Each child was given a small tray, and we were allowed to fill it to the top. I picked eleven strawberries, but I ate three before they were weighed. My friend Priya found a strawberry that was as big as an egg. On the way home, Jai fell asleep before the bus even left the farm.

1. How did Mr Lowe say to pick a strawberry?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** hold the stem, not the fruit, and twist it gently
- ○ **B** hold the fruit tightly, not the stem, and pull it hard
- ○ **C** hold the stem
- ○ **D** twist it gently

2. How many strawberries did the writer eat?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** eleven ○ **B** three ○ **C** two ○ **D** eight

3. Who showed the class how to pick a strawberry?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Priya ○ **B** Ms Rao ○ **C** Mr Lowe ○ **D** Jai

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Answer key

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1. A — hold the stem, not the fruit, and twist it gently
   The text says: “He said to hold the stem, not the fruit, and twist it gently.” The answer gives the whole fact, not just part of it.
2. B — three
   The text says: “I picked eleven strawberries, but I ate three before they were weighed.”
3. C — Mr Lowe
   The text says: “A farmer called Mr Lowe showed us how to pick a strawberry without squashing it.”