Year 3 reading comprehension: The Kookaburra's Lunch

English · Reading comprehension
Level: Easy

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 4 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 1–4.

The Kookaburra's Lunch

Grandpa put his sausage sandwich on the picnic table and turned to pour the tea. A kookaburra watched from the gum tree. When Grandpa turned back, his plate was empty. From the branch above came a loud, laughing cackle. Grandpa shook his head, chuckled and made another sandwich.

1. The 'laughing cackle' from the branch makes it seem as if the kookaburra

Circle one answer.

○ **A** is laughing at a joke someone told.

○ **B** is pleased with its stolen lunch.

○ **C** is scared of Grandpa.

2. Who most likely took the sandwich?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** a dog ○ **B** the kookaburra ○ **C** Grandpa

3. The kookaburra can best be described as

Circle one answer.

○ **A** a bird that lives in a gum tree ○ **B** cheeky

○ **C** shy

4. Grandpa's reaction shows that he is

Circle one answer.

○ **A** good-humoured

○ **B** a grandpa having a picnic

○ **C** furious with the bird

Answer key

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1. B — is pleased with its stolen lunch.
The ‘plate was empty’ and then came a ‘laughing cackle’. It sounds like the kookaburra is pleased with itself. Nobody told a joke.

2. B — the kookaburra
A ‘kookaburra watched’, then the ‘plate was empty’, and a ‘laughing cackle’ came from the branch. The kookaburra took it. Grandpa was busy pouring tea.

3. B — cheeky
It took the sandwich (‘plate was empty’) and gave a ‘laughing cackle’. That is cheeky, not shy.

4. A — good-humoured
Grandpa ‘chuckled’ and ‘made another sandwich’. He isn't furious; he sees the funny side.