Year 4 reading comprehension: Kiki and the Slippery Trunk

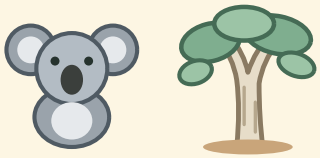
English · Reading comprehension
Level: Easy

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.



Kiki and the Slippery Trunk

Kiki the koala wanted the fresh leaves high in a tall gum, but rain had made the trunk too slippery. She did not give up. She looked around and found a long, fallen branch. She leaned it against the trunk, like a ladder, and climbed it, step by step. Soon she was among the leaves, munching happily, with a plan that had worked.

1. What does the writer admire about Kiki?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** She is strong enough to climb a wet trunk.
- ○ **B** She is good at giving orders.
- ○ **C** She finds a way instead of giving up.

2. Why did Kiki’s plan work?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** The trunk dried out very quickly in the morning sun.
- ○ **B** Other koalas lifted her up.
- ○ **C** She used something nearby in a clever way.

3. Which saying best matches the story?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** Where there’s a will, there’s a way.
- ○ **B** Don’t cry over spilt milk.
- ○ **C** Too many cooks spoil the broth.

Answer key

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1. C — She finds a way instead of giving up.

The text says: “She did not give up. She looked around and found a long, fallen branch. She leaned it against the trunk, like a ladder, and climbed it, step by step. Soon she was among the leaves, munching happily, with a plan that had worked.” The text says ‘She did not give up’ and shows her clever plan. The writer admires that Kiki finds a way instead of giving up.

2. C — She used something nearby in a clever way.

The text says: “She did not give up. She looked around and found a long, fallen branch. She leaned it against the trunk, like a ladder, and climbed it, step by step.” She found a fallen branch and used it as a ladder. She used something nearby in a clever way.

3. A — Where there’s a will, there’s a way.

The text says: “She did not give up. She looked around and found a long, fallen branch. She leaned it against the trunk, like a ladder, and climbed it, step by step. Soon she was among the leaves, munching happily, with a plan that had worked.” Kiki did not give up, and she found a way to climb. ‘Where there’s a will, there’s a way’ matches the story.