

Comprehension Worksheet

THE BOAT UPSET



"Sit still, children. Do not move about in the boat," said Mr. Rose to the young folks he was taking for a trip on the water. The boat was a large one, and could not easily be upset. There were in it Mr. and Mrs. Rose, the boatman, and several little boys and girls. "Keep still, please, young gentlemen," said the boatman, when Edgar Rose and Thomas Read began to move from one side to the other. They kept quiet for a short time only. Edgar soon wanted a stick which Thomas held in his hand. He lost his balance in trying to get the stick, and fell into the water.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose both started up, and stretched out their arms to save him; but in so doing, they upset the boat. Every one fell into the water, and all were in the greatest danger of being drowned. Another boat was near, with but one man in it. He hastened to them as quickly as possible, and saved them from drowning.

Questions:

1. What is the main idea in the first paragraph?
 - ☐ The boat was large.
 - ☐ Do not upset the boat.
 - ☐ Keep still and sit down in the boat.
2. The children were going _____.
 - ☐ on a trip
 - ☐ swimming
 - ☐ fishing
3. Who fell overboard first? _____ *fell overboard first.*
 - ☐ Mr. Rose
 - ☐ Mrs. Rose
 - ☐ Thomas Read
 - ☐ Edgar Rose

4. What caused the boat to tip over?

- ☐ Mr. and Mrs. Rose tipped the boat when they tried to save Edgar.
- ☐ Edgar pulled the boat over when he fell in the water.
- ☐ The boys were rocking the boat
- ☐ The boys were moving too much.

5. What could have happened if another boat was not close by?

6. What lesson did the children learn that day?

a. Do you think the boys were pleased with older boys' decision?