Reading Comprehension Worksheets

LAZY NED

Independent Reading: Read the poem below. Read aloud then answer the questions that follow.

Notes for reading: Preview the text to be read. Before you start reading, ask yourself, what does the poet want me to think or feel? Do I agree with the author? While you read pay close attention to the details presented in the text.

1. "'T is royal fun," cried lazy Ned,
   "To coast, upon my fine, new sled,
     And beat the other boys;
   But then, I cannot bear to climb
   The tiresome hill, for every time
     It more and more annoys."

2. So, while his schoolmates glided by,
   And gladly tugged uphill, to try
     Another merry race,
   Too indolent to share their plays,
   Ned was compelled to stand and gaze,
     While shivering in his place.

3. Thus, he would never take the pains
   To seek the prize that labour gains,
     Until the time had passed;
   For, all his life, he dreaded still
   The silly bugbear of uphill,
     And died a *dunce* at last.

Discussion

1. What game do you to play? Why is it important to you?
2. Do you think the poet's words were harsh in the last stanza? Explain your answer

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What did Ned like? And what did he not like?

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2. What annoys Ned?

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3. Why does the poet call Ned "lazy"?

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4. Match the word and its definition.

SORT ELEMENTS

o   reward

o   lazy

o   troubles

o   a silly fellow

o   something frightful

o   to slide

o   excellent, noble.

Royal	
Coast	
Annoys	
Indolent	
Prize	
Bug-bear	
Dunce	