

READING COMPREHENSION: FRIENDS

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the poem and story below. Answer the questions that follow.

The Falling Ball

The ball is flying over the wall.
Oh no! I think it's going to fall.
I could try to catch it,
But I'm so very small.
I think I'll call my friend the giant.
He's 24 feet tall.
He'll climb the wall and catch the ball
And throw it back to me.
That's all.

Luke's First School Friend

Luke could not fall asleep. Tomorrow was his first day of first grade and he was scared. He didn't know anyone at school. In the morning, he got up, got dressed, and walked to school. When Luke got to his class, he saw one desk left next to a giant. This made Luke even more scared. Luke looked over at the giant. The giant gave Luke a nice, big smile. Maybe he would be Luke's first school friend!

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1. What do the poem and the story have in common?
 - a. They both have characters named Luke.
 - b. They both are about first grade.
 - c. They both have giants.

2. Which part of the story could not happen in real life?
 - a. A boy could be in first grade.
 - b. A boy could have trouble sleeping.
 - c. A boy could have a giant in his classroom.

3. How do you know that Luke's giant is friendly?
 - a. He smiles at Luke.
 - b. He shakes Luke's hand.
 - c. He says, "Hello."

4. How tall is the first giant?
 - a. He is 10 feet tall.
 - b. He is 12 feet tall.
 - c. He is 24 feet tall.

5. What did the story "Luke's First School Friend" remind you of?