Desert Adventures: Reading Comprehension Quest with Cactus Carl and Sandy Sue

English   **Grade 3**   **Desert Theme**

🌵 Help the desert creatures complete their adventures by reading each story carefully and answering the questions!

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Cactus Carl found a map in an old bottle. The map said: 'Walk 5 steps north to the palm tree, then 3 steps east to the rocks.' Carl walked north first, then east. How many total steps did Carl take to reach the rocks?

2

Sandy Sue the scorpion was collecting desert gems. She found 4 red gems on Monday, 6 blue gems on Tuesday, and 5 yellow gems on Wednesday. How many gems did Sandy Sue collect in all?

3

Dusty the desert lizard was reading a story about a magical oasis. The story said there were 12 palm trees by the water. If 8 palm trees had shade, how many palm trees did NOT have shade?

4

Petra the desert snake made a trail of 20 footprints in the sand. A windstorm blew away 7 footprints. According to the story, how many footprints remained in the sand for others to follow?

5

Rory the roadrunner wrote in his journal that he saw 3 rattlesnakes on the first day of his desert journey, 5 rattlesnakes on the second day, and 2 rattlesnakes on the third day. How many rattlesnakes did Rory see altogether?

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Ollie the owl discovered a story carved on a canyon rock. It said a desert explorer traveled 18 miles through the dunes, then 9 miles to reach the nearest town. What was the total distance the explorer traveled?

7

Sally the sidewinder snake found a scroll that told about desert flowers. The scroll said there were 11 blooming flowers in one spot and 7 blooming flowers in another. How many blooming flowers were there in both spots combined?

8

Gus the ground squirrel read that his family stored 25 seeds for the winter. They already ate 9 seeds. Based on the story, how many seeds did Gus's family have left to eat?

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ANSWER

8 steps

2

Sandy Sue the scorpion was collecting desert gems. She found 4 red gems on Monday, 6 blue gems on Tuesday, and 5 yellow gems on Wednesday. How many gems did Sandy Sue collect in all?

ANSWER

15 gems

3

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ANSWER

4 palm trees

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ANSWER

13 footprints

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ANSWER

10 rattlesnakes

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ANSWER

27 miles

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ANSWER

18 flowers

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ANSWER

16 seeds