

ENTERTAINMENT

READING COMPREHENSION

DANA'S FLOWER GARDEN

Dana loves flowers. Her favorites are daisies, tulips, and daffodils. Tulips and daffodils come up every spring, and daisies come up later in the summer. These plants are perennials; they come up year after year.

Dana loves the spring because she can go to the flower market to buy her annuals. The annuals only last one season, but they add a lot of color to the garden. Dana got up Saturday morning very early. She wanted to get to the market early so she would have time to plant everything when she got home.

Off she went to Barton's Flower Market. She ran into some friends. "Hi, Dana," they called out to her. "Hi," said Dana with a big smile. "Let's look around together!" Dana and her friends saw pansies, geraniums, periwinkles, and petunias. "Oh, so many pretty flowers!" exclaimed Dana. "I love them all."

Dana decided to buy red and yellow pansies, blue periwinkles, and purple petunias. That will add a lot of color to my garden, thought Dana. She said good-bye to her friends and went home.

Dana happily began planting her new flowers around the tulips and daffodils. Dana was so happy. She loved her flower garden, and she knew she would enjoy it all summer long. Dana had a perfect day.

Answer the questions about DANA'S FLOWER GARDEN

1. According to the story, Dana liked to

- a. cook food from the garden
- b. plant flowers in the garden
- c. pull weeds from the garden
- d. none of the above

2. Daffodils and tulips are

- a. perennials
- b. annuals
- c. need to be planted each year.
- d. none of the above

3. Annuals are flowers that

- a. come up year after year
- b. add color
- c. must be planted each spring
- d. both b and c.

4. Dana bought

- a. every flower at the market
- b. tulips and daffodils
- c. pansies, petunias, and periwinkles
- d. none of the above

5. In this story, Dana's mood was

- a. sad
- b. surprised
- c. happy
- d. all the above

Explain the difference between a perennial and an annual.



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I want to get a pool, spend the night at my grandma's house for two weeks, and go to the beach over Spring Break! First of all, over Spring Break I want a pool so my friends, my family, and I can swim (if I can't get a pool that's fine). If I do get a pool then one hot day I can have a pool party. Also, I want to spend the night at my grandma's house for two weeks (my record is one week). My cousin Timmy lives there and he jokes with me a lot, but I know he is just playing. Last but not least, I want to go to the beach. I want to go because of the showers. They are awesome! Sometimes they'll have boat rides too. Now you know what I want to do over the Spring Break.



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Thank goodness! Spring Break is finally here! I've been waiting for this moment since August. There are water slides, picnics, and more! Today Spring Break has started and I'm planning to do something that will make my day the best day ever. On the first day of spring vacation I feel like ... oh I know my dad and I can go to the beach. Finally an hour later we arrived at Pensacola beach. My dad and I splashed into the glistening waters of the beach. While I was building a sand castle my dad got pinched by a sand crab. After my dad was pinched by the crab, he was ready to go home. On the next day my dad decided he wasn't going to be pinched again, so he decided to do something less painful. My dad and I got out the amazing water slide. After we set it up we were zipping up and down on the slide. My dad had red marks on his tummy! On the last day my dad and I went to the park and had a picnic. My dad had a very strange banana sandwich. I also had a sandwich and a banana. We also had a little bottle of water. By the time we got home I was tired and I had to go to school the next day. That Spring Break was the best Spring Break I could have asked for. We got to go to the beach, play on the painful water slide, and have a beautiful picnic. That was my spring vacation.



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Once upon a time there were three princesses and a witch. The witch wanted to be a beautiful princess, but she wanted to be the only beautiful princess. One day there was great excitement at the palace. The king had arrived and was looking for wife. The next day there was a party at the palace and all the young ladies were invited. One of the sisters was going to be chosen to marry the king, but the witch wanted to marry the king. The witch decided to set a trap for the princess. Instead of the princess falling into the trap the witch fell into her own trap. The king would marry the princess and they would live happily ever after. Now that is my fantasy story. Can you make up your own fantasy story? The End.