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under the bed and calls her dad. Her dad wants to hear the guys in black voices. As they leave, one guy comes back and takes the other girl and her dad tells him if he doesn't give back his daughters he will find the guy, hunt them down and take care of them. That's when it started getting fascinating. He searched the whole city of Paris looking for his daughters. He ran up hills and down hills in the rain (the hills were small), looking for his daughters. When he found them he fought until he finally got them back. I liked the movie because it was exciting and it had lots of action. It was the best movie I have ever seen. It had traveling and lots of rain that made it really exciting to watch.



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To start off I'm going to tell you about my movie. It all started in Hawaii. My cousins and I were on vacation visiting our grandparents. We went on an air plane and flew over the water. Suddenly we crashed into the sea. We got a life jacket, but they didn't float. Then three dolphins picked us up and went underwater and we held on tight. Colorful fish swam right passed us. Wow! That was amazing. Although the airplane sank 30 feet, from that day forward we were on the shore. Even though the dolphins could swim fast, we found three mini cars in a huge bush. We got in the cars and drove to the airport to look for our grandparents. They were sitting on a bench outside looking down, but when they looked up they saw us and said, "we were so worried." We said, "hop in" then they said, "ok." We went so fast and they gave us directions. We only drove one mini car. Although on the way back to the house we parked the mini car and walked

along the beach. My cousin and I wentsurfing for a while. We splashed, went under water, saw fish, and went back home to change. That night my grandma went shopping for us. My grandpa watched us as we waited for grandma. Finally we drank hot coco, ate some crackers, and watched the view from above. Now you have heard about my movie.



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It was a dark and stormy night, the fog is appearing out of nowhere. I was in the graveyard visiting my grandma gravestone. Suddenly a hand grabs my foot pulling me into the moist ground. "Wake up" I hear a voice calling as I see light. I woke up to see I was being watched by a bunch of monsters staring right at me. "Are you ok" a girl with blonde hair said? She was wearing a lime green hat with a dress and green and yellow socks, then I see a girl with the same outfit only in blue and navy blue and her hair was dark blue. The next girl was wearing orange and red. They were all staring at me with worried eyes. "I fine" I said trying not to sound confused. "What happened, where am I, why am I here?" I asked. "Sorry, the one in green is Flores, and the one you see in red is Reene." She continues. "We're truly sorry to have given you such a rough trip, but we need your help" Reene said. "You see there is a dark evil that have taken over our village, and soon our world, and I know you don't have the faintest idea of what we're talking about, but to make it short, we need your help" screams Flores as she cuts off Reene. "I don't really know what you are talking about and all I know is your village is in need of my help, so yea I'm in!" Tune in next month to see what happens in the rest of the story!

# **READING COMPREHENSION**

February 14th is Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is a day for romance and love. Valentine's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world, including Japan, the United States, and the United Kingdom. You see a lot of romantic symbols on Valentine's Day. For example, many couples give each other roses. To give someone flowers at any time of year is romantic, and as roses are a symbol of romance, roses on Valentine's Day are especially popular. Another symbol of romance that is seen frequently on Valentine's Day is Cupid. In Roman mythology, Cupid was the son of Venus, the goddess of love. Cupid was often shown as a smaller, more playful version of his mother. His golden arrows were magical and even slight contact with one of the arrow tips could make a person fall madly in love.

One understanding of romantic love—called courtly love—dates back to medieval times, and sending cards on Valentine's Day dates back equally far. In 1415, a prisoner in the Tower of London sent a poem to his wife. This is considered to be one of the earliest recorded valentines. For over four hundred years, people made their own valentines by writing poems like this.

In the Victorian era, in the mid-1800s, companies started producing valentines for people to buy. Now many people buy, rather than make, their valentines. Almost one billion valentines are sent every year. According to the Greeting Card Association, 85% of the valentines are bought by women. Of course, people don't just buy cards. People buy candles and balloons and many other things, often in the shape of a heart. You can find boxes of candy that are shaped like hearts, or candy that is itself in the shape of a heart!

The presents might be something small and sweet or something big and dramatic. Some people get engaged (promise to marry each other) on Valentine's Day. Although Valentine's Day is generally romantic, many people like to use the day to celebrate any kind of love—including love of friends and family. Some schools have valentine parties. The students give each other valentines. They eat heart-shaped candy. Some schools have other valentine celebrations, such as dances.

## ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY:

- 1. Valentine's Day is a \_\_\_\_\_ day.
- a. lonely and fun
- b. romantic and playful
- 2. Who is Cupid?
- a. He is the son of the goddess of love.
- b. He is the authors puppy.

#### 3. What are symbols of Valentine's Day?

- a. Cupid, roses, and hearts.
- b. None of the above

## 4. What 3 kinds of love are mentioned?

- a. romantic love, family love & courtly love
- b. family love, friendly love & romantic love

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