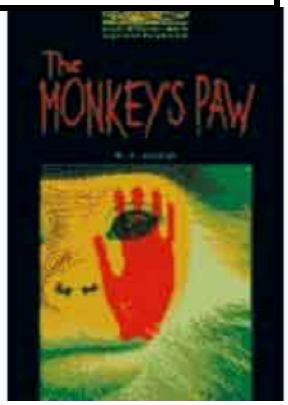
Reading Comprehension - The Monkey's Paw



Questions pertain to W.W. Jacobs classic short macabre tale "The Monkey's Paw", adapted from Oxford Bookworms edition, Stage 1.

What game did Herbert and his father play?
O football
✗chess
O poker

How many people were there in the White family?
O three
O four
O five

Where they a rich family?
O No, they were very poor and unhappy.
O They were not rich, but they were happy.
O Yes, they were very rich.

Tom Morris was
O an old soldier.
O a young sailor.
O Herbert's teacher.

Mr White and Tom Morris drank
O orange juice
O whisky
O red whine

Herbert wanted to go to India, too.
O But his mother didn't like the idea.
O He wanted to go with Tom Morris.
O But his father said no.

Tom Morris
O told a lot of stories about India.
O was very quiet and didn't say anything.
O told the family about his business and his plans.

Tom Morris showed the Whites
O a rare flower.
O a magic paw.
O a green monkey.

The monkey's paw was given to Morris by
O a young soldier.
O a friend.
O an old Indian.

The monkey's paw should teach us:
O It's never good to want to change things.
O People can't be happy.
O Be careful with monkeys.

Did Tom Morris have his three wishes?
O No, he had made only one.
O Yes, but they made him unhappy.
O Yes, that's why he is so rich and so happy.

Tom White gave the paw to Mr White, but
O his son was against it.
O he told him to be careful.
O his wife didn't like Tom Morris.

Mrs White said that
O Herbert never helped her with the housework.
O she would like to have a new husband.
O she needed two more hands.

Mrs White thought that
O their life wasn't very exciting.
O she didn't like Tom Morris as her guest.
O she didn't like Tom's stories.

Mr White had never been to India but he thought
O there were too many monkeys there.
O it wasn't a very exciting country.
O it was a wonderful country.

Mr White
O got some money from his friend.
O didn't give his friend any money.
O gave his friend some money for the monkey's paw.

Mr White's first wish was
O a monkey's paw.
O thirty thousand pounds.
O a new car.

At the time Mr White made his wish, he thought that the paw
O had cried.
O had disappeared.
O had moved.

The next morning, when they woke up,
O there wasn't any money there.
O the money was in a bag under their bed.
O the money had disappeared.

The next day
O the postman brought thirty thousand pounds.
O the postman brought two letters, but there was no money in them.
O the postman didn't come because he was afraid of the monkey.

The stranger that had come to Mr and Mrs White
O was tall and well dressed.
O was small and in a workman's dress.
O was in a policeman's uniform.

Herbert worked
O at a small zoo.
O at a public library.
O in a big factory.

The stranger
O was a friend of Tom Morris'.
O looked very unhappy. He didn't smile.
O was rather jovial. He told jokes all the time.

The man from Maw & Meggins said that
O there was a lot of work at the factory, so Herbert had to work until midnight.
O the story about the paw wasn't true.
O there had been an accident at the factory.

The man from Maw & Meggins informed the parents that
O their son was dead.
O their son had to stay in hospital for a whole week.
O their son had won a voyage to India.

Herbert was killed
O in a car accident.
O by a machine.
O by a professional killer.

The £ 30 000 pounds were
O for a new machine.
O for the accident.
O for the costs of the hospital.

Three days after the accident, Herbert was brought
O to the hospital.
O to the cemetery.
O home.

The idea of the second wish was
O Herbert's.
O Mr White's.
O Mrs White's.

Mr White thinks that if ever their boy would return, he would return
O very badly hurt.
O in a good condition.
O as a rich man.

Mrs White
O didn't want to lose the £ 30 000.
O wanted her boy back.
O didn't believe that the paw could help.

When Mr White made his second wish,
O Herbert returned at once.
O he didn't believe it would work.
O nothing happened for the moment.

The same night they made their third wish
O somebody knocked at their door.
O they slept well for the first time.
O they saw their son again.

Mr White made a third wish. We don't know exactly what he wished
O but we can guess.
O but it pleased Mrs White.
O but the paw didn't work anyway.

A paw is an animal's
O tooth.
O ear
O hand.

In a factory there are
O machines
O flowers and trees.
O teachers and children.

The story takes place
O in America.
O in Spain.
O in England.

The story is
O true.
O purely fictional.
O a children's story.

A monkey is
O a kind of fish. It usually lives in the water.
O a grey horse-like animal.
O an animal with a long tail that lives in trees.

According to Jacob's tale, which is true?
O The monkey's paw could speak.
O The Whites got £ 30 000.
O Herbert had warned his parents to use the paw.