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# Ohio's Assessment System



Reading

## Student Booklet

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## Activity 1: Informational Text Comprehension

**Directions: Read the selection.**

### All About Kites



Many people think that kites are fun to fly. They might not know that kites are also very old, more than 3,000 years old! Kites were first made in China out of a cloth called silk and a kind of stick called bamboo. Later, people made kites out of paper, cloth, and other kinds of sticks. Today people make kites out of plastic and nylon. They come in many bright colors.

Most kites have a body and a tail. The body of the kite can be in many shapes and sizes. It can be square or round, big or small. The body of the kite is the shape that you see flying in the sky. The tail is the long, thin piece of cloth that hangs down from the bottom of the kite. The tail helps the kite to fly. To fly the kite, you tie a string onto the body of the kite on one end and to a stick on the other. The string should be very long.

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To make the kite fly, you need some wind. The wind helps move the kite up in the air and keep it there. You can run with the kite. You can let out the string as you run. This helps the kite go up and down by pulling on the string. Some people can make the kite do tricks, like spin in circles or dive down very fast.

It is good to fly a kite where there are not many trees or houses. A park or another open place is good for flying kits.

People have been having fun flying kites for a long time.

**Directions: Use the selection to answer questions 1 – 4.**

1. Put these three things in the order that they happen in the selection.

\_\_\_\_\_ Kites were made out of plastic.

  1   Kites were made out of silk in China.

\_\_\_\_\_ Kites were made out of paper.

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2. A main idea from the selection is kites have many shapes and sizes. Which detail supports this idea?

A. To make the kite fly, you need some wind.

B. You can run with the kite.

C. Kites can be square or round, big or small.

3. What are the two parts that most kites have?

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4. Why does the author say that a park is a good place for flying kites?

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## Activity 2: Literary Text Comprehension

### The Balloon Man



There was a man who sold balloons at the park. We called him the Balloon Man. My little brother Warren wanted a balloon every time we went.

One day we couldn't find the Balloon Man. We asked the lady who sold popcorn. She hadn't seen him. We asked the boy selling newspapers. He didn't know where the Balloon Man was. We walked slowly, looking everywhere. No Balloon Man!

Warren started to cry.

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Just then, we saw the Balloon Man. He held a giant bunch of balloons! There were red, orange, yellow and blue balloons.

“Can we buy one of your balloons?” Mom asked.

“What color would you like?” the man asked.

“Blue!” Warren said.

The man gave Warren a blue balloon. Mom tied it around Warren’s wrist. Warren had fun with his balloon!

**Directions: Use the selection to answer questions 5 – 7.**

5. What does Warren do when his family can’t find the Balloon Man?

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6. Based on the story, what will happen tomorrow when Warren goes to the park? Why?

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7. Based on the story, how does Warren feel about balloons?  
How do you know?

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