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Multi-Step Questions

Sometimes, in school, you answer questions and stuff.  Here’s an example:

Why did Lenny the Not-So-Adorable Hamster steal the magical candy corn?

This is all well and good.  But sometimes you’ll get a question with MORE THAN ONE question hidden inside it.  Check it out:

Why did Lenny the Not-So-Adorable Hamster steal the magical candy corn?  Was it a good idea?

That’s really two questions, isn’t it?  One of the most common mistakes that students make (besides not bringing their teachers scones and coffee on a daily basis) is answering one question and totes forgetting about the other one.

This is a bummer.

It gets worse.

Why did Lenny the Not-So-Adorable Hamster steal the magical candy corn?  Was it a good idea?  Do you think it was fair to his friend Gregor the Dehydrated Cheetah?

This gaggle of words is PRETENDING to be one question, but it’s actual THREE questions--which is cruel, malicious and quite possibly evil.

It is always a good idea to answer open-ended questions in the following manner:

1. Read the question.
2. Write your answer.
3. Re-read the question.
4. Proofread your answer (and check to make sure that you answered all the questions).

Here are some practice questions.  Please make sure that you answer ALL the questions that are asked--AND re-state the questions.  You can certainly be silly and creative!

1. Why did Swimmy the Misnamed Bird fight with his brother?  Who do you think was right?  Why?

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1. Fernando the Grape-Flavored Apple gains two things in the story.  What are they?  Which of them do you think is the most important to him?  Why?

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1. What text evidence shows that Fangless the Unfortunate Vampire has learned how to get along with his new teacher?  Will he get along with his new classmates as well?  How do you know?

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1. At the start of the story, what text evidence proves that Trevor is better at basketball than his friend Amadeus?  With whom would you rather play basketball?  Why?

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