

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson

UPPER PRIMARY



Interpreting Information.

Read the following information carefully, fill in the gaps and answer the questions below.

'Calvin and Hobbes' is a comic strip about an imaginative six-year old, created by Bill Watterson. The strip began in 1985 and appeared in more than 2,400 newspapers when it _____ publication January 1, 1996.

The comic features Calvin, a child who is struggling to _____ the world around him, often getting into _____ in the process.

He lives with his frustrated parents and his _____ toy tiger Hobbes. Of course Calvin doesn't see Hobbes as a stuffed toy like everybody else does. To Calvin, and the reader, Hobbes is a friendly, _____ and playful _____ to share his many adventures with!

companion

understand

intelligent

mischief

ceased

DAD! DAD! OUTER SPACE ALIENS JUST LANDED IN THE BACK YARD!



OH, REALLY. WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?



SORT OF LIKE BIG BAKED POTATOES WITH LASER GUNS. I THINK WE SHOULD DO WHAT THEY SAY.



DID THEY SAY WHAT THEY WANT?



YEAH, THEY WANT 10 DOLLARS.

I'LL BET THEY DO.



SINCE YOU'RE SO BUSY, YOU CAN JUST GIVE THE MONEY TO ME, AND I'LL TAKE IT OVER TO THEM.

< 1. What do you think Calvin is really up to in this strip? _____

2. Describe Calvin's dad's reaction. _____

> 3. Does Calvin enjoy bathtime? What tells you this? _____

4. What does 'burden' mean? _____

I'VE BEEN THINKING. SUPPOSE I GROW UP TO BE ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST MEN OF ALL TIME. SUPPOSE MY NAME WILL BE AN INSPIRATION TO HUMANITY FOR EONS TO COME!



WHAT WILL THE HISTORY BOOKS SAY? THEY'LL SAY, "MUCH OF HIS CHILDHOOD WAS SPENT UNWILLINGLY IN THE BATHTUB."



WHAT AN INDIGNITY THIS BATH IS! IS THIS SITUATION WORTHY OF ONE OF THE GREATEST MEN OF ALL TIME???



MY LIKELY HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE IS A TERRIBLE BURDEN.



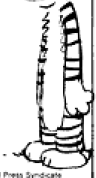
WOULD YOU RATHER THEY SAID YOUR CHILDHOOD WAS DIRTY AND SMELLY?



HELP ME (HIC) GET (HIC) RID OF (HIC) THESE DARN (HIC) HIC (HIC) HICCUPS!



HOW?



(HIC) SCARE ME.



OK...



OUR OCEANS ARE FILLED WITH GARBAGE, WE'VE CREATED A HOLE IN THE OZONE THAT'S FRYING THE PLANET. NUCLEAR WASTE IS PILING UP WITHOUT ANY SAFE WAY TO GET RID OF IT



(HIC) I MEAN, SURPRISE ME (HIC).



THAT DOESN'T?! BOY, YOU'RE CYNICAL.



< 5. Why does Calvin want Hobbes to scare him? _____

6. How does Hobbes try to scare Calvin? _____

> 7. What is Hobbes' latest hiccup cure? _____

8. Explain what you think Calvin is really saying in the final frame. _____

THESE (HIC) HICCUPS ARE DRIVING ME (HIC) CRAZY.



EAT A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR. THAT'S SUPPOSED TO HELP.



I'LL (HIC) TRY ANYTHING.



CRUNCH SMACK SMACK

WELL? ARE YOU CURED?



(HIC) NOPE. I'D BETTER (HIC) EAT SOME MORE.

Comics Word-Search. Find the names of these famous comic strip characters in the Wonder Word.



SNOOPY
HAGAR
FRED BASSET
GARFIELD
DILBERT
SUPERMAN
ARNOLD
SNAKE
CHARLIE
BROWN
WIZARD OF ID
HERMAN
PHANTOM

C	M	D	I	F	O	D	R	A	Z	I	W	T
N	A	M	R	E	H	H	J	Y	D	F	C	R
W	N	L	A	Z	V	A	D	K	E	P	V	T
O	W	S	N	A	K	E	G	L	H	E	X	E
R	D	N	Q	I	B	W	F	A	M	G	S	S
B	O	O	U	C	N	S	N	B	R	A	F	S
E	I	O	A	K	B	T	Y	A	S	R	B	A
I	U	P	F	S	O	A	N	G	F	F	N	B
L	G	Y	P	M	X	M	C	B	D	I	H	D
R	J	N	A	M	R	E	P	U	S	E	W	E
A	R	N	O	L	D	Y	S	G	B	L	S	R
H	J	L	P	T	R	E	B	L	I	D	D	F
C	A	L	V	I	N	X	D	F	N	R	S	R

Work It Out!



- $8 \times 8 \div 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $9 \times 4 \div 12 \times 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- Cm in 5.5 m = $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- Degrees in circle? $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $\$100 - \$46.75 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $34.67 \div 10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $69.4 \times 100 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $4/5$ of 45 = $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- Hours in $2\frac{1}{2}$ days? $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $40 \times 300 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Visit these great comic websites!

- www.calvinandhobbes.com
- www.peanuts.com
- www.garfield.com

Puzzle Verbs. Fill in the missing action words by using the clues.

- g _ _ _ _ _ To run like a horse
- w _ _ _ To cry
- p _ _ _ _ To leap
- w _ _ _ _ _ To talk quietly
- l _ _ _ _ To actively hear
- h _ _ _ _ To shout or yell
- c _ _ _ _ _ To find fault
- s _ _ _ _ _ To eat without chewing

Stereotypes.

Often cartoon characters are given human characteristics or 'stereotypes' so that we can relate to them better. For instance, a pig might be portrayed as greedy or selfish. What stereotypes come to mind when you think of these characters?

Character	Personality
pig	greedy, messy, selfish
sheep	not very clever
cat	
rabbit	
dog	
turkey	
turtle	

Brainstrains. Solve these puzzles to reveal a phrase or famous saying.

DEATH / LIFE	GOING _____ CCCC ccc c
T E S	PETS A



Eugene's Challenge.

Create a humorous comic strip based on one or two of the above stereotypes. Perhaps think of a funny joke as a starting point!

Parent Signature: _____