

Identifying the 5Ws

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

Identifying the 5Ws—**who**, **what**, **when**, **where** and **why**—can help you better understand what you read.

Read the story. As you do, think about the 5Ws.

Max loved April Fools' Day. He had spent the whole week planning the perfect prank for his dad. "This year, I'm going to do something funny!" he told his mom. She laughed and said, "Just make sure it's harmless."

On the morning of April 1st, Max woke up extra early. He tiptoed into the kitchen and got to work. His plan was to switch the sugar and salt jars. His dad always sprinkled sugar into his coffee, and Max couldn't wait to see his reaction when he took a sip.

"Perfect," Max whispered, as he swapped the lids on the jars. Then, he stood by the counter and waited.

A few minutes later, Max's dad came into the kitchen, yawning. "Morning, buddy," he said.

"Morning, Dad!" Max called, trying not to laugh.

His dad made his coffee as usual, adding a spoonful of "sugar" from the salt jar. He gave it a quick stir, then took a big sip.



"Bleh!" Dad spat the coffee back into the sink. "What is this?"

Max couldn't hold it in anymore. He burst out laughing. "April Fools', Dad!" he said, pointing at the salt jar.

Dad stared at him for a moment, then started laughing too. "You got me, Max! That was a good one. Just you wait, though. I'm going to get you back."

Max's eyes widened. "What? No way!"

Later that day, Max went to grab his favorite snack: chocolate pudding. When he opened the fridge, he saw someone had added some whipped cream on top. "Yes!" he said, grabbing a spoon. He took a big bite and then he froze.



"Mashed potatoes?" Max said, confused.

From the living room, Dad burst out laughing. "Gotcha! April Fools', Max!"

Max couldn't help but laugh too. "Okay, Dad, that was a good one," he admitted.

For the rest of the day, Max and his dad tried to out-prank each other. Dad put tape over the TV remote sensor so it wouldn't work, and Max placed a toy snake on the front porch. By the end of the day, they couldn't stop laughing.

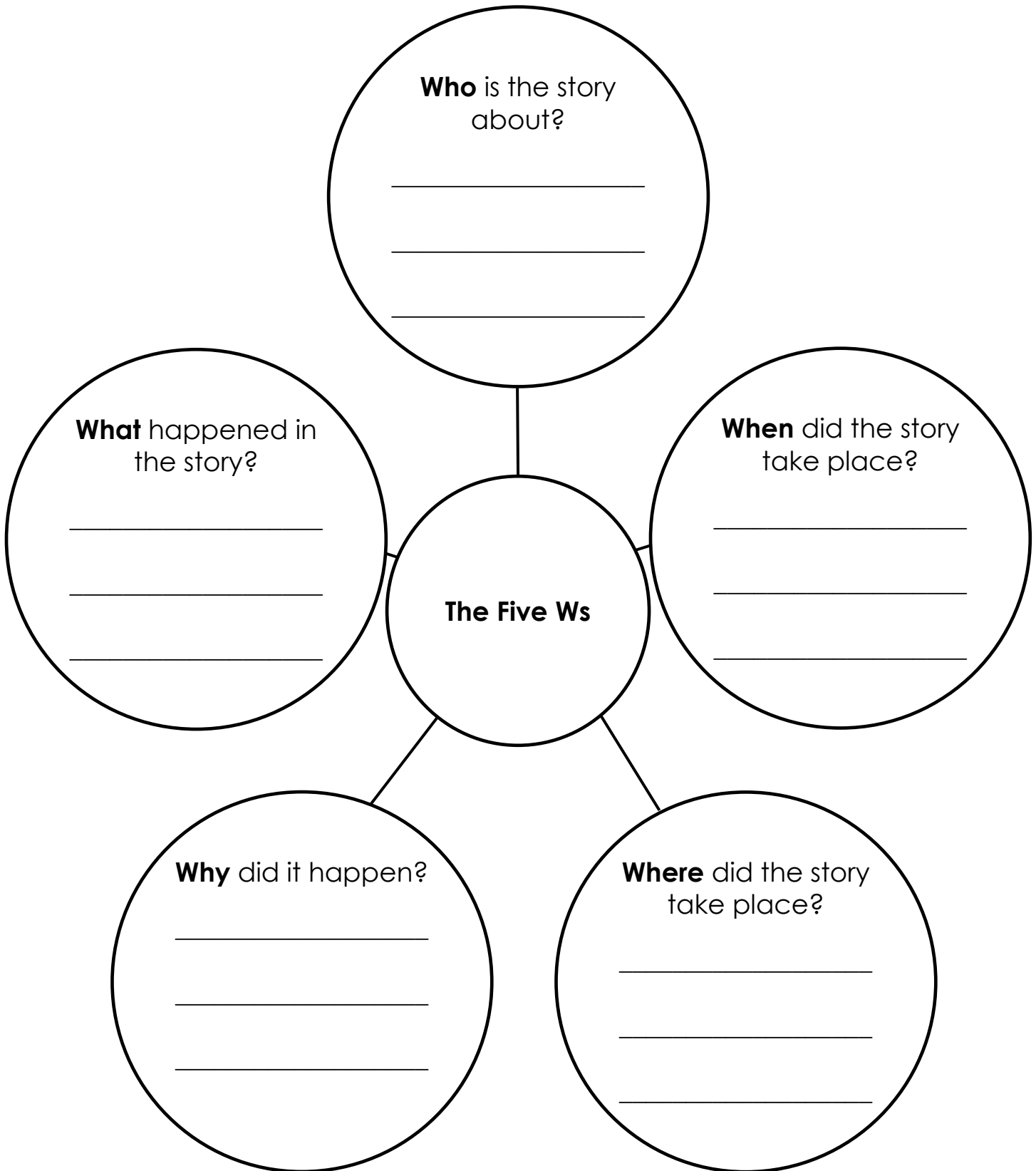
At dinner, Max's mom shook her head. "You two are impossible," she said, smiling.

Max grinned at his dad. "Best April Fools' Day ever!"

His dad laughed. "Agreed. Next year, just wait... I'm going to win!"

"We'll see about that!" Max said.

Then answer the question in each box as you explain the story's 5Ws:



Answers

Answers may vary slightly.

