



Year 5 Comprehension 12: The Animal Sanctuary



In the heart of Willowville, a small town nestled between rolling hills and green meadows, there was a magical place known as "Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary." This sanctuary was unlike any other, where animals of all shapes, sizes, and backgrounds found a safe and loving home.

The sanctuary was founded by Mrs. Wilson, a kind-hearted woman with a deep love for animals. She had always dreamed of creating a haven where creatures in need could thrive. With the help of her friends and the support of the community, her dream became a reality.

One sunny morning, Emma, a fifth-grader with a passion for animals, visited Willow Haven with her classmates. They were greeted by a symphony of animal sounds: the gentle neighing of horses, the playful barks of dogs, and the melodious chirping of colourful birds.

Mrs. Wilson welcomed the children with a warm smile and began the tour. They met Lulu, a rescued horse with a playful spirit, and learned about her journey from a neglected farm to the sanctuary's open pastures.

Next, they visited the "Feathered Friends" aviary, where exotic birds perched on branches, their feathers a dazzling display of colours. Emma was captivated by the stories of parrots who had once lived in cramped cages and now enjoyed the freedom to spread their wings.



In the "Furry Companions" area, the children met a group of friendly dogs and cats. Each one had a unique tale of rescue and recovery. Emma couldn't resist petting Max, a lovable dog with soulful eyes, who had been abandoned but now had a loving family at Willow Haven.

The highlight of the tour was the "Wild Wonders" sanctuary, where they encountered deer, foxes, and even a playful squirrel named Sammy. Mrs. Wilson shared stories of animals that had been injured and nursed back to health, emphasizing the importance of wildlife conservation.

As the children explored the sanctuary, they realized that it wasn't just a place for animals to find refuge; it was a place where people learned the value of compassion and responsibility. Emma felt a deep connection with the animals and decided to volunteer her time to help care for them.

Over the months that followed, Emma became a regular visitor to Willow Haven. She helped feed the animals, cleaned enclosures, and learned about their individual needs. She even formed a special bond with Max, the dog she had met on her first visit.

One day, Emma noticed a wounded bird in the "Feathered Friends" aviary. With guidance from Mrs. Wilson, she nursed the bird back to health and watched it take flight once more. It was a moment of pure joy and accomplishment.

Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary continued to thrive, not only as a place of refuge for animals but also as a source of inspiration for the community. Emma, along with her classmates, learned valuable lessons about empathy, responsibility, and the importance of protecting the creatures that share our world.

As Emma looked out at the peaceful sanctuary, she knew that it would always be a place of magic and wonder, where animals and humans alike discovered the true meaning of compassion and friendship. Willow Haven had become a sanctuary not just for animals but for the hearts and souls of all who visited.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the name of the animal sanctuary in the story?

- A) Green Meadows Sanctuary
- B) Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary
- C) Rolling Hills Refuge
- D) Friendly Creatures Haven

2. Who founded Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary?

- A) Mrs. Johnson
- B) Mrs. Wilson
- C) Emma's classmate
- D) The entire community

3. What was Emma's grade level in the story?

- A) Fourth grade
- B) Fifth grade
- C) Sixth grade
- D) Seventh grade

4. What animal did Emma have a special bond with at the sanctuary?

- A) A playful squirrel
- B) A rescued horse named Lulu
- C) An injured bird
- D) A lovable dog named Max



5. Which area of the sanctuary featured exotic birds with colourful feathers?
- A) Furry Companions
 - B) Wild Wonders
 - C) Feathered Friends
 - D) Gentle Neighbours
6. What lesson did Emma learn when she helped nurse a wounded bird back to health?
- A) The importance of wildlife conservation
 - B) How to train dogs
 - C) How to ride a horse
 - D) How to clean enclosures
7. What was the highlight of the sanctuary tour for the children?
- A) Visiting the "Furry Companions" area
 - B) Meeting the friendly dogs and cats
 - C) Exploring the "Wild Wonders" sanctuary
 - D) Petting Max, the rescued horse
8. What did Emma decide to do after her first visit to Willow Haven?
- A) Adopt a pet from the sanctuary
 - B) Volunteer her time to help care for the animals
 - C) Donate money to the sanctuary
 - D) Write a book about her experiences



9. What did Emma learn from her experiences at Willow Haven?

- A) The importance of responsibility and empathy
- B) How to start her own animal sanctuary
- C) How to become a veterinarian
- D) How to train birds

10. What did Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary become for the community?

- A) A place for wildlife research
- B) A tourist attraction
- C) A source of inspiration and learning
- D) A retirement home for animals



Short Answer Questions

1. What was the name of the animal sanctuary in the story?

2. Who founded Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary?

3. What kind of town was Willowville?

4. What was Emma's passion in the story?



5. What sounds did the children hear when they visited Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary?

6. What was the name of the rescued horse they met during the tour?

7. In which area of the sanctuary did the children encounter exotic birds?

8. What did Emma learn about the parrots in the aviary?



9. What was the name of the friendly dog that Emma formed a bond with?

10. What important lessons did Emma and her classmates learn from their visits to Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions

1. B) Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary
2. B) Mrs. Wilson
3. B) Fifth grade
4. D) A lovable dog named Max
5. C) Feathered Friends
6. A) The importance of wildlife conservation
7. C) Exploring the "Wild Wonders" sanctuary
8. B) Volunteer her time to help care for the animals
9. A) The importance of responsibility and empathy
10. C) A source of inspiration and learning

Short Answer Questions

1. The animal sanctuary in the story was called "Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary."
2. Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary was founded by Mrs. Wilson.
3. Willowville was a small town nestled between rolling hills and green meadows.
4. Emma's passion in the story was her love for animals.
5. When they visited the sanctuary, the children heard the gentle neighing of horses, the playful barks of dogs, and the melodious chirping of colourful birds.
6. They met a rescued horse named Lulu during the tour.
7. The children encountered exotic birds in the "Feathered Friends" aviary.
8. Emma learned that the parrots in the aviary had once lived in cramped cages but now enjoyed the freedom to spread their wings.
9. The friendly dog that Emma formed a bond with was named Max.
10. Emma and her classmates learned valuable lessons about empathy, responsibility, and the importance of protecting animals and wildlife through their visits to Willow Haven Animal Sanctuary.



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