

Pirro's Adventures 4: The Summer Vacation

Discussion & Activity Sheet for Teachers, Librarians, and Parents

About Book 4: The Summer Vacation

Pirro gets the chance to leave Tyllebyn for the very first time when he joins his best friend Ruben on a trip to Dalarna. But when Grounds the cat stows away in his backpack, a simple summer trip turns into a hilarious secret-keeping operation involving disguised cats, injured squirrels, and a wise old toad with a mystery from the past.

Part 1: Reading Comprehension & Discussion Questions

Question 1: The Frugal Vacation Argument

Nils-Erik initially complains that going on vacation is a waste of money because "it's the same sun no matter where you go." If you could choose, would you rather stay home to save money or travel somewhere new? Why?

Question 2: The Ninja Stowaway

Grounds pulls off a "Ninja Turtles roll" to sneak inside Pirro's backpack for the long train trip. If your pet (or favorite stuffed animal) secretly joined you on a trip, where do you think they would want to go?

Question 3: The Latte Cat Transformation

To get Grounds into Leksand Sommarland, Pirro paints white spots on the black cat and calls him "The Latte Cat." What other creative ways could someone try to disguise a pet on an adventure?

Part 2: Deep-Dive Story Questions

Question 1: The Crossword Prize

How did the free train trip and accommodation in Dalarna come into the possession of Ruben's family?

Answer: _____

Question 2: The Footstool Excuse

When Ruben's mother suggests putting Pirro's heavy backpack up on the luggage rack on the train, what excuse does Pirro make up to keep it on the floor?

Answer: _____

Question 3: The Rescue at the Lion's Den

When a small kitten gets trapped inside the lion enclosure at Orsa Predator Park, what lie does Pirro tell the lion to stop him from eating the kitten?

Answer: _____

Question 4: The Marten Attack

When Pirro is talking to the squirrel in the woods, a wild marten appears to attack. What does Pirro do to scare the marten away?

Answer: _____

Question 5: The Toad's Secret

What is the name of the old toad who reveals that another person from Tyllebyn could talk to animals thirty years ago?

Answer: _____