

Comprehension questions were created using the following books:

- Magic School Bus: At the Waterworks
- Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth
- Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System
- Magic School Bus: On the Ocean Floor
- Paul Bunyan
- Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
- Gregory, the Terrible Eater

Some of the lessons have follow-up activities. Others have visual supports included that students can use to re-tell the story, answer questions, or describe what happened in the story. Multiple choice questions are not provided, but can easily be adapted if the students need choices.

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Magic School Bus: At the Waterworks

1. Who is the strangest teacher? (Ms. Frizzle)
2. What does she make them grow on bread? (green mold)
3. How much of our body is water? (2/3)
4. Who was driving the bus for the field trip? (Ms. Frizzle)
5. What forms can water take on? (liquid, solid, gas)
6. What was everyone wearing when they came out of the tunnel? (scuba outfits)
7. What happened to the bus when it was driving over a bridge? (started to rise in the air)
8. What does evaporate mean? (changing from a liquid to a gas)
9. What happened to the kids when they were on the cloud? (started to shrink)
10. What is the water cycle? (evaporates from lakes and rivers, forms clouds, rains/snows)
11. What is a reservoir? (place to store water)
12. What stuck to all the globs of alum? (dirt and mud)
13. What happens in the settling basin? (all the globs sank to the bottom and the clean water flowed off the top)
14. What is an impurity? (dirt, dust, germs that shouldn't be in water)
15. Why is chlorine added to the water? (kills any remaining germs)
16. What does fluoride do? (keeps our teeth healthy)
17. What is water pressure? (how water moves through the pipes)
18. Where did Ms. Frizzle's class end up? (back in the girls' bathroom at their school)
19. What did the students have to make a chart of? (how the water gets in the homes and buildings in the city)
20. What is the next topic for the class? (volcanoes)

Word Bank:

Evaporates fluoride

Clouds storage

Rain

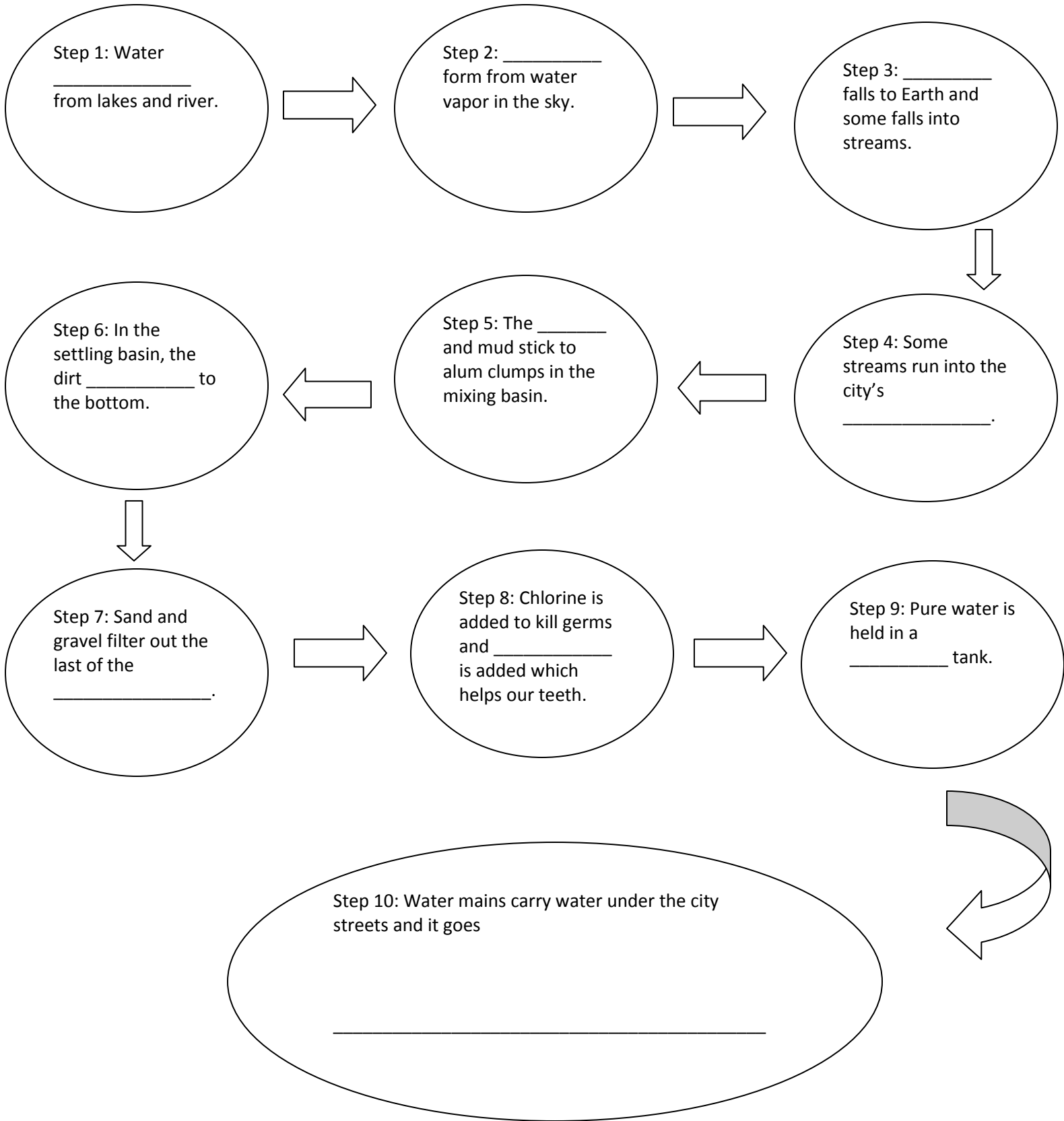
Sinks

Dirt

Streams

Impurities

Make A Water Chart!



Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth

1. What had the class been learning about for a month? (animals' homes)
2. What was the homework assignment for that night? (find a rock and bring it to school)
3. Who was the only one to find a real rock? (Phil)
4. What are rocks made of? (minerals)
5. What happened to the bus in the middle of the field? (began to spin like a top)
6. What did the bus turn into? (steam shovel)
7. What is the outside of the earth called? (crust)
8. Why were the kids given shovels and picks? (to start digging a hole)
9. What tool did they need to break through the hard rock? (jackhammer)
10. What is the tan rock called? (sandstone)
11. What is often found in sedimentary rocks? (fossils)
12. Where did the bus end up when it began falling? (limestone cave)
13. What are the pointy rocks on the ground and ceiling called? (stalagmites, stalactites)
14. What does it mean if a rock is metamorphic? (they were changed by heat and pressure)
15. What are statues made out of? (marble)
16. What does igneous mean? (fire)
17. What can we make with the igneous rock granite? (buildings, monuments)
18. What does it feel like inside the earth? (very hot)
19. What is a volcano? (opening in the earth's crust where melted rock flows out)
20. What is the melted rock that comes out of a volcano called? (lava)

Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System

1. Who was Janet? (Arnold's cousin)
2. Where were they supposed to be going on their field trip? (planetarium)
3. How long does it take for the earth to make one complete rotation? (24 hours)
4. Why couldn't they go to the planetarium? (it was closed)
5. What keeps us on the ground? (gravity)
6. Where were they going first? (the moon)
7. Why are there craters on the moon? (from being hit with meteorites)
8. What is the sun? (a star)
9. What is the planet closest to the sun? (Mercury)
10. What is Mercury like? (no water, hardly any air)
11. Where did they visit next? (Venus)
12. What color are Venus's clouds? (yellow)
13. How many moons does Mars have? (2)
14. Why does Mars look red? (lots of iron)
15. What are chunks of rock and metal in orbit around the sun called? (asteroids)
16. What is the largest planet? (Jupiter)
17. Which planet has rings? (Saturn)
18. Which planet is no longer considered a planet? (Pluto)
19. Where did they go to pick up Ms. Frizzle? (asteroid belt)
20. What is a year? (how long it takes the earth to go around the sun?)

Magic School Bus: On the Ocean Floor

1. How much of the earth is covered by water? (3/4)
2. Why are oceans salty? (salt comes from rocks)
3. When does the water near the shore rise? (high tide)
4. What causes the waves in the ocean? (wind)
5. Who came out to try to save Ms. Frizzle's class? (Lenny the lifeguard)
6. What did the bus turn into? (a submarine)
7. What is the continental shelf? (where the land slants down and is covered by the ocean)
8. How many continents are there? (7)
9. What do fish use to breathe underwater? (gills)
10. What is the mass of plants and animals that float near the surface of the ocean called? (plankton)
11. What do plankton use to make food? (sun)
12. What makes sharks different from other fish? (no bones)
13. What are the biggest sharks called? (whale sharks)
14. Why are plants unable to grow on the ocean floor? (no light)
15. What are vents? (opening in ocean floor with a lot of life)
16. What does coral look like? (trees with branches)
17. What is a dolphin? (mammal)
18. What happened to the bus then? (became flat)
19. What does it called when the ocean bottom drags on the lower part of the wave and slows it down? (breaking)
20. What did the class make when they got back to the classroom? (map of the ocean)

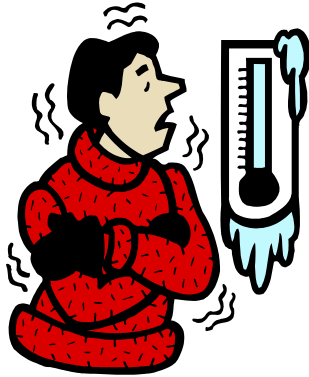
Paul Bunyan

Questions:

1. Where was Paul Bunyan born? (Maine)
2. What was different about Paul Bunyan? (he was the largest, strongest, and smartest baby)
3. What kind of business did his family own? (logging)
4. Where did Paul's parents put his cradle? (in the harbor)
5. What happened when Paul rocked his cradle? (he stirred up waves)
6. What did he do with the animals? (raced with the deer, wrestled with the grizzlies)
7. What did he name the ox calf? (Babe)
8. How did Paul comb his beard? (with the top of a pine tree)
9. Who did Paul hire to join his lumbering crew? (Ole, Sourdough Slim, Creampuff Fatty, Big Tim Burr, Hardjaw Murphy, seven Hackett brothers)
10. Who were the Gumberoos? (ogres who attacked Paul's men)
11. Where did the Gumberoos go? (they disappeared into the earth)
12. What did Paul build to make more flapjacks? (a giant griddle)
13. Why did he build the St. Lawrence River? (so maple syrup could be brought to camp)
14. What kind of weather buried the mountains? (a blizzard)
15. Why did Babe start eating the snow? (the sunglasses made him think the snow was clover)
16. What kind of weather was in Texas? (very hot)
17. What happened when they crossed Arizona? (the griddle curled up and the men had to food)
18. What happened when Paul's ax fell from his shoulder? (it made the Grand Canyon)
19. What happened when the sunrise hit the barn? (popcorn was made)
20. What ocean did they finally reach? (Pacific Ocean)

Vocabulary:

1. Anchor
2. Shivering
3. Pine tree
4. Ogre
5. Griddle
6. Blizzard
7. Hibernate
8. Clover
9. Grand Canyon
10. Popcorn balls





Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs

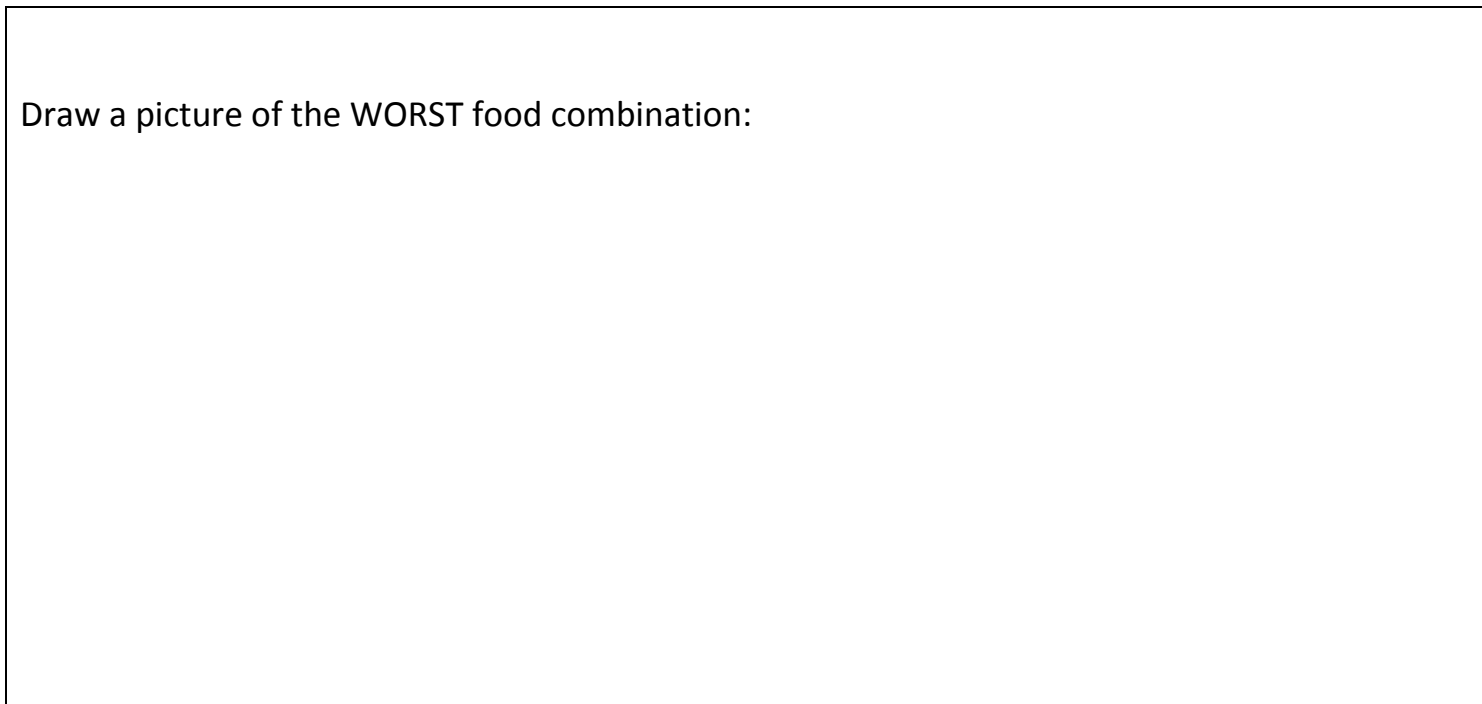
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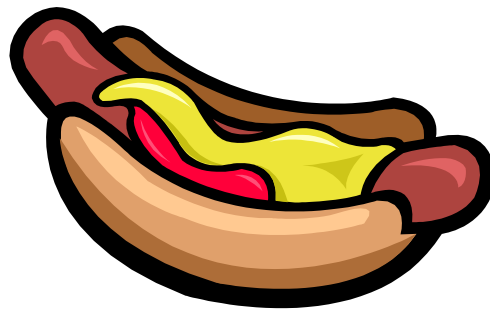
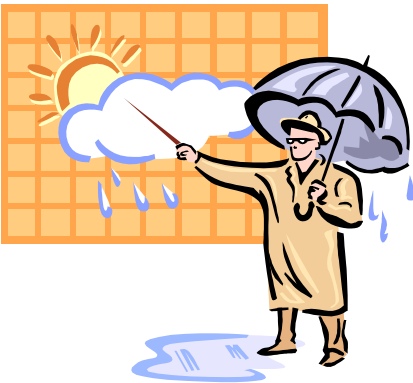
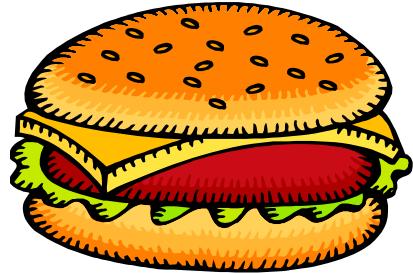
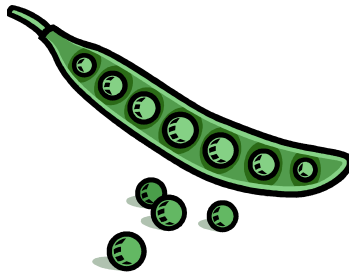
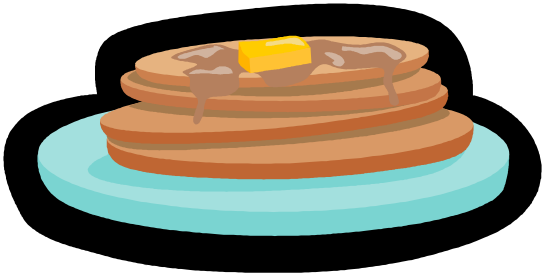
1. What day of the week is pancake morning? (Saturday)
2. Who was making the pancakes? (Grandpa)
3. What happened to Henry? (a pancake landed on his head)
4. What was the town in Grandpa's story called? (Chewandswallow)
5. What was different about Chewandswallow? (no food stores)
6. How many times a day did the weather come? (3)
7. What came down as snow? (mashed potatoes and peas)
8. What did people carry with them? (plates, cups, glasses, forks, spoons, knives, napkins)
9. Why did restaurants have no roofs? (so the food could drop onto plates)
10. Who ate all the food that was cleaned up from the streets? (cats, dogs, fish)
11. What kind of food came down when the weather took a turn for the worse?
(Gorgonzola cheese, overcooked broccoli, brussel sprouts and peanut butter with mayonnaise, pea soup)
12. What did the hurricane bring? (bread and rolls)
13. What covered the school? (a huge pancake)
14. Why was there tomato pulp everywhere? (from a tomato tornado)
15. What had hit some of the houses? (giant meatballs)
16. What did people make rafts out of? (stale bread and peanut butter)
17. What did they make their houses out of? (the rafts)
18. What did they have to get used to? (buying food in a supermarket)
19. What kind of weather did the kids wake up to the next morning? (snow)
20. What did the snow look like? (a mound of mashed potatoes)

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS

BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER

Draw a picture of the WORST food combination:





Gregory, the Terrible Eater

Questions:

1. What was the goat's name? (Gregory)
2. What foods did his parents offer Gregory? (tin can, box, rug, bottle cap)
3. What food did Gregory want to eat? (fruits, vegetables, eggs, fish, bread, butter)
4. What were Mother and Father Goat eat for breakfast? (pants, coat)
5. What did Gregory ask for? (orange juice, cereal, bananas)
6. Who did Mother and Father Goat take Gregory to see? (Dr. Ram)
7. What did Dr. Ram suggest? (giving Gregory one new food a day)
8. What was in Gregory's spaghetti? (a shoelace)
9. What was in his green beans? "(a rubber heel)
10. What did Gregory have to eat with his vegetable soup? (the can)
11. What did he eat for dessert? (ice cream and the box)
12. Where did Mother and Father Goat go before supper? (the town dump)
13. What did they bring home? (8 flat tires, barber pole, violin, half a car)
14. What was Gregory's problem after eating all the food? (his stomach hurt)
15. What did Gregory want for breakfast the next morning? (scrambled eggs, two pieces of waxed paper and orange juice)

