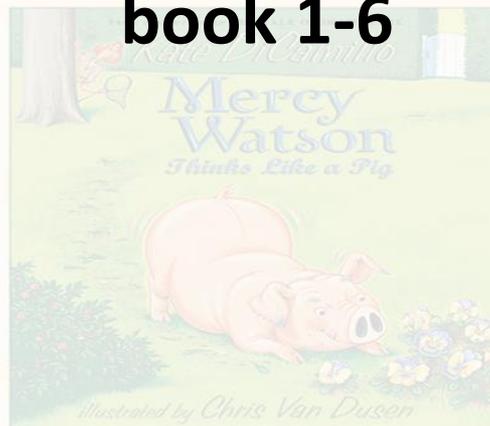
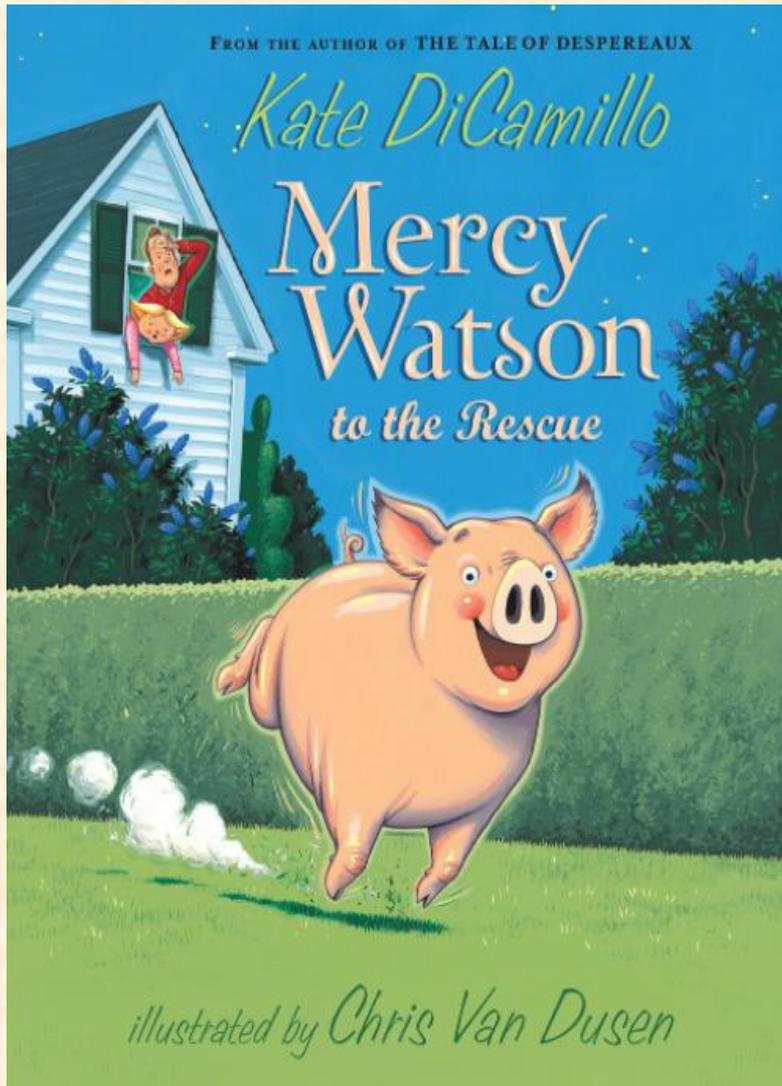


Mercy Watson Book Series

Reading Comprehension Exercises

book 1-6





Book 1

Mercy and the Watsons are in the bed when it starts to sink through the floor. After the pig escapes, her owners believe that she is going to ask for help from the fire department. But could Mercy be thinking of something else -- like getting sugar cookies from the neighbors?

I. Fill in the blanks in Column A using the correct words and phrases in Column B.

Column A

- "Bright, bright is the morning sun, but brighter still is our **darling** one. "
➤ You can use **darling** to describe someone you _____.
- Mercy likes hot toast with a **great deal** of butter on it.
➤ **A great deal** means _____.
- Mercy **snuffled** and chewed in her sleep.
➤ If animals **snuffle**, they breathe _____, especially while they are smelling something.
- "**Nonsense**," said Mr. Watson, but he did not sound very sure.
➤ **Nonsense** means _____.
- Mercy **recalled** her lovely toast-filled dream.
➤ **Recall** means _____.
- Mercy left the bedroom **at a gallop**.
➤ When you do something **at a gallop**, you do it _____.
- Mercy's stomach growled in **disappointment**.
➤ **Disappointment** is _____ because something did not happen, or something was not very good.
- Baby's opinion is that Mercy is good **company**.
➤ In the sentence above, **company** means _____.

Column B

- being sad
- remember
- very quickly
- in a noisy way
- a large amount
- like or love very much
- silly ideas, words, or actions
- the person or people you
are with

II. Fill in the boxes with the correct letters to complete the sentences in the table.

Page	Meanings of Words and Phrases in the Story
53	5. When you do something <input type="text" value="_____"/> , you do it in a strong or sure way.
53	6. " <input type="text" value="_____!"/> " means "I've got you!" You can say this word when you catch something or someone.
56	7. You can use <input type="text" value="_____"/> to talk about land and buildings.
60	8. At a table, the <input type="text" value="_____"/> is the most important seat.

III. Write 1 to 8 to arrange the events below in the order in which they happened in the story.

_____ Eugenia started to run after Mercy.

_____ Eugenia called the fire department.

_____ A hole opened under Mr. and Mrs. Watson's bed.

_____ Mercy went to the kitchen to look for some toast.

_____ Mercy went to the Watsons' bed to sleep with them.

_____ Ned and Lorenzo picked up the Watsons from their bed.

_____ Baby thought there was a monster at her window, so she shouted for help.

_____ Eugenia, Baby, Ned, and Lorenzo had breakfast with Mercy and the Watsons.

IV. Which characters said the following? Match the lines with the correct characters in the blue box.

1. *"It's an earthquake! It's the end of the world!"*
2. *"We must call the fire department. They will rescue us."*
3. *"Oh, Sister. Don't yell at her. You'll hurt her feelings."*
4. *"No -- pigs -- allowed!"*
5. *"What was the emergency exactly?"*
6. *"Somebody is in trouble. Let's go."*



A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



F.

V. Choose the correct answer.

CHAPTER 1

1. Mercy feels warm inside because of _____.

- A. her bed
- B. the morning sun
- C. Mr. and Mrs. Watson's song

CHAPTER 2

2. _____ was dreaming of buttering pieces of hot toast.

- A. Mercy
- B. Mr. Watson
- C. Mrs. Watson

V. Choose the correct answer.

CHAPTER 3

3. Mercy _____ while the bed was falling into the hole.

- A. felt hungry
- B. was very still
- C. sounded frightened

CHAPTER 4

4. Mercy stepped outside after she _____.

- A. heard Mr. Watson call for help
- B. found toast on the kitchen counters
- C. thought about Baby Lincoln's sugar cookies

V. Choose the correct answer.

CHAPTER 5

5. Eugenia Lincoln _____.

- A. has a lot of opinions
- B. is younger than Baby Lincoln
- C. thinks that pigs belong in houses

CHAPTER 6

6. Baby Lincoln said "Oh, dear" and "Oh, my" probably because she felt _____.

- A. tired and angry
- B. glad and excited
- C. surprised and worried

VI. Identify whether the sentences below are true or false. If a sentence is false, change the underlined words to make it true.

CHAPTER 7

1. The fire truck stopped at Eugenia and Baby's driveway.

CHAPTER 8

2. Baby, Ned, and Lorenzo watched Mercy chasing Eugenia through the yard.

CHAPTER 9

3. Ned and Lorenzo saved the Watsons before their bed fell completely through the floor.

VI. Identify whether the sentences below are true or false. If a sentence is false, change the underlined words to make it true.

CHAPTER 10

4. The Watsons would prefer that Eugenia call Mercy a pig.

CHAPTER 11

5. At the kitchen table, there was a very tall stack of hot buttered toast in front of Mercy.

CHAPTER 12

6. Mercy was in her own bed while the Watsons sang together.

VII-A. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

CHAPTER 1

1. What happens when the Watsons kiss Mercy good night and turn off the light?

CHAPTER 2

2. Why did Mr. Watson, Mrs. Watson, and Mercy not hear the bed creak? Why did not hear the floor moan?

CHAPTER 5

3. Where exactly did Eugenia tell the fire department to come immediately?

VII-A. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

CHAPTER 7

4. How did Mercy feel about a chase?

CHAPTER 9

5. Who saw a bed hanging out of the ceiling?

CHAPTER 10

6. What was Eugenia like when the firemen and the Watsons all went outside?

VII-B. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. In Chapter 10:
 - a. Why do you think Eugenia started to cry?
 - b. Mr. Watson said that Mercy was a hero. Do you agree with him? Why or why not?
2. In your opinion, do pigs belong on farms, or do they belong in houses?
Why do you think so?
3. What will you do if there is an emergency in your house?