

# acadience™ reading

## Maze

Student Materials

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## Practice 1

After playing in the dirt, Sam went 

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chair
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saw

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## The Lizard Store

Lisa flopped onto her bed and gazed at the walls of her room. Today she was finally going to

though friends a pet! Pictures of puppies, kittens, tigers remembered, and even gorillas peered at her from her get two

some bedroom walls. There was no doubt that Lisa was wild an animal lover. Whether the animal was salesclerk adapting

will big or small, furry or smooth, Lisa sneeze sold was wild about it. easily

The only problem was that Lisa was held allergic to furry pets. The slightest whiff smooth others make would

her sneeze, cough, and itch. She once long calm visited a friend who had a rabbit any animal, and her eyes swelled shut

for three get hours. Owing a dog, a cat, or going even gazed a hamster was impossible for her and this cage small Lisa made

sad. She tried to make up for it with her actually animal turtles posters, but she still longed for a pet notice shut.

She didn't have to be sad approached still any longer, though. Today she and Dad were pets because going to

Lou's Lizard Land to pick out an shy got animal companion. There would be no fur or today fuzz curled to irritate

Lisa's nose at this animals store walls, because they only sold lizards, snakes, front green turtles, and frogs.

When Dad's car pulled up to the house owning companion, Lisa dashed outside. "Hop in," said

Dad, “**visited**  
**we've**  
**longer** got some shopping to do!”

At the **that's**  
**didn't**  
**store**, they looked inside every cage and **irritate**  
**would**  
**glass** aquarium that held a small creature.

**Cat**  
**Some**  
**Type** of the animals hid, while others **puppies**  
**won't**  
**seemed** not to notice the two humans. Lisa **have**  
**almost**  
**stopped** in front

of one aquarium that **looked**  
**eyes**  
**held** a small green lizard moving slowly up a **nose**  
**branch**  
**best**. When it noticed Lisa,

it gazed at her and **come**  
**rabbit**  
**curled** its long tail around the branch.

She **big**  
**made**  
**said** to her Dad excitedly, “Come look at this **lizard**  
**sales**  
**shoulders**!” Dad hurried over to see, and a

**impossible**  
**salesclerk**  
**later** approached and told them that the **lizard**  
**evening**  
**environments** was a chameleon, a type of lizard that

**different**  
**skill**  
**can** change the color of its skin to **adapt**  
**tail**  
**feeling** to temperature, light, and mood.

Lisa **noticed**  
**feet**  
**could** that this particular lizard was a **beautiful**  
**pick**  
**ride** green color. She remembered reading

that **slowly**  
**when**  
**pet** lizards were green, they were usually **dashed**  
**color**  
**feeling** calm. She also noticed that the **dog**  
**lizard's**  
**creature**

feet curled almost completely around the **branch**  
**one**  
**lizard's** in its cage. “That's so they **can**  
**smile**  
**cough** climb trees

easily,” said the sales **be**  
**three**  
**clerk**. “Eventually, the lizard will actually prefer to **skin**  
**snakes**  
**ride** on your shoulders

and see the lizards  
world  
completely with you.”

Lisa could hardly wait to particular  
take  
hop her new pet home. The salesclerk aquarium  
told  
probably her that the

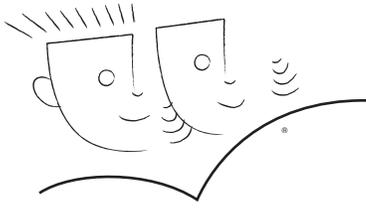
lizard would probably hamster  
be  
furry shy at first, but its skill in hurried  
change  
adapting to different environments would

make it a very  
hid  
said good pet.

Later that evening, Lisa bedroom  
said  
house goodnight to her new pet. “It bed  
won't  
trees be long until we're best

friends!” she said  
peered  
its with a smile.





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## A Leaning Tower

The country of Italy is home to a building you may recognize. It is called the Leaning Tower of

Pisa, and it 

is
much
first

 one of the most recognized buildings in the 

world
is
began

. The building is an eight-story,

white
see
lasted

, round tower with large bells at the 

able
all
top

. Thousands of tourists visit the building 

each
other
open

 year.

People stand at the bottom and 

view
look
years

 up. As they do this, their 

marble
heads
stopped

 tilt to match the leaning of

the 

plans
south
building

.

Construction of the remarkable building began over 

home
stories
eight

 hundred years ago, in 1173, and

hundred
lasted
columns

 many years. Workers had finished three of the 

building's
slightly
recognized

 eight marble stories when they

noticed 

vertical
little
something

 odd. The building was leaning! It 

was
halt
idea

 sinking into the ground. The engineer in

charge
added
tried

 changed the building's plans. The next 

fifteen
spiral
stories

 that were added were slightly taller on

one
farther
so

 side. The idea was to even out the 

leaning
continued
where

. But the heavy marble only made the 

still
destroyed
tower

sink farther into the soil. Work 

ground
was
many

 stopped at the time, but started 

century
be
once

 again and continued

off and on for 

bracing
many
public

 years. It was finally done in the 

some
engineers
sixteenth

 century, and the tower still leaned.

At  point, the tower leaned so much that the  was about fifteen feet farther south

the bottom. People tried many ways to  it, including bracing the building with

columns. Nothing seemed to correct or  the leaning. One attempt to straighten it

destroyed the tower. The building leaned  and farther.

In 1990, engineers worried that the  was unsafe, so they closed it and  work

to correct some of the . This time, they dug some of the  soil out from underneath

the building's  on one side. When they removed the , that side of the building

came down a . The workers were able to steer the  where they wanted it, but they

they would not straighten it entirely. After , it would no longer be the Leaning Tower

of Pisa  it were vertical.

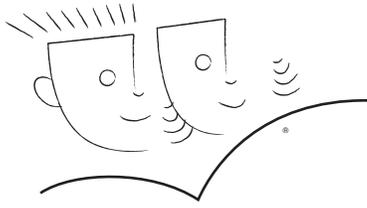
The building straightened  inches and finally stabilized entirely for the  time.

Now, the building is once  safe and open to the public. You  climb the almost three

hundred stairs that recognize  
make up the spiral staircase that leads made  
engineer do the way to the top. From  
all

country  
there , you can see a view of Italy that round  
noticed is like no other.  
year





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## Diamonds State Park

There is a park in Arkansas where visitors come to enjoy the outdoors, view wildlife, camp, and

hunt for diamonds. That's right, diamonds! Crater of Diamonds State Park sits on a 

end
hunt
piece

 of land that is

full of 

diamonds
bank
did

, and visitors can dig through the 

dirt
outdoors
sits

 to find them. Whatever they find, they

come
can
zone

 keep.

One hundred years ago, the 

pan
yellow
land

 belonged to a farmer. One day, 

while
diamonds
many

 the farmer was

in the field 

day
feeding
different

 his pigs, he saw something sparkle in the 

something
dirt
share

. He hoped it was a little

keep
work
piece

 of gold. He scooped some of the 

rocky
offers
how

 soil into a pan and washed it in 

water
washed
belonged

. He didn't

find any gold, but he 

prefer
did
have

 find two strange pebbles. One was 

forever
yellow
uncover

 and the other was white. He

showed
look
property

 them to the president of his 

local
land
hundred

 bank, and learned that they were 

soil
falls
diamonds

.

How did the diamonds end up on a 

farmer's
pebbles
shovel

 property? Billions of years ago, there 

was
strange
tiny

 a

volcano on this part of the 

land
hard
however

. The diamonds were created deep inside the Earth, and 

right
then
are

 the

volcano pushed them to the Earth's 

surface
learned
patience

. The volcano is long gone, but the 

diamonds
pushed
owned

 are still

there.

Today, the land 

is
inches
leaving

 owned by the state of Arkansas, and the 

rocks
park
ways

 is a place for locals and 

tips
tourists
billions

 alike to enjoy. There is a 

visitor
rocky
simply

 center where people can learn how the diamonds 

large
hoped
formed

. The park also offers a discovery 

alike
zone
ago

, where park rangers share tips about 

how
send
rangers

 to

search for diamonds.

The diamonds 

are
gold
didn't

 hard to find. Visitors can hunt for them in 

pigs
several
memory

 different ways. They can simply walk along and 

walk
look
feeding

 for diamonds on the surface. This 

is
farmer's
use

 a good method to use after it 

dig
dirt
rains

. The rain washes the dirt away and 

uncovers
deep
several

 the rocks and diamonds near the 

method
surface
piece

.

Many visitors prefer to use a 

water
is
small

 shovel to dig up a few 

enjoy
inches
diamond

 of soil. They toss the soil onto a 

piece
years
learn

 of screen. The dirt falls through the 

fun
holes
local

 in the screen, leaving any rocks and diamonds behind.

Very  
Gone  
Serious

diamond hunters dig deep holes and

washes  
away  
send

the soil through several screens. This

while  
method  
one

takes many hours of hard work and

patience  
most  
sparkle

.

Over the years, several very large diamonds

will  
discovery  
have

been found at the park. However,

most  
been  
screens

of the diamonds are very small.

Still  
Few  
Even

, the visitor who finds even a

saw  
tiny  
locals

diamond will keep

the memory of a

scooped  
full  
fun

time forever!

