

THE ESCAPED TIGER



One day a farmer was out walking in a field near his house. Suddenly he spotted something strange in the long grass. It was very large, and was orange with black stripes. It was a tiger! The farmer ran home as fast as he could and called the police. The police arrived at the farmer's house. They called the police helicopter. They called in experts from the zoo. The police asked people to leave the area. The school closed early, and there was no homework that evening. The principal waited until all of the children had been collected and then drove home. A football match was stopped and the players left. Nobody was allowed near the field with the dangerous animal. The helicopter arrived ten minutes later. The pilot soon spotted the escaped tiger. He was still in the exact same place. He had not moved at all. The pilot was very surprised that the tiger did not run away when he heard the noise of the helicopter. She flew down very close to the ground. The wind from the blades was very strong. Still the tiger did not move. The pilot flew down even closer. Suddenly the tiger blew over! The pilot started to laugh. Now she could see that it was not a real tiger at all. It was only a life-size toy!

Try these activities.

A. Answer the questions.

1. What was the farmer doing when he spotted the tiger? The

2. Why did the principal have to wait at the school? _____

3. What blew the tiger over? _____

4. Why was the pilot surprised when she came close to the tiger? _____

5. Where do you think the toy tiger came from? _____

B. Number the sentences in the correct order.

- _____ The pilot knew it was not a real tiger.
- _____ The children went home from school.
- _____ The farmer spotted the tiger.
- _____ The police called in experts from the zoo.
- _____ The helicopter arrived at the field.

C. Tick (✓) the sentences you think are correct.

1. The farmer was a fool.
2. The experts from the zoo were very clever.
3. The principal of the school was brave.
4. The police should not have called for a helicopter.
5. The pilot's time was wasted.

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