

Dorothy and the Emerald City

From *The Wizard of Oz* by Frank Baum. Changed to first person by Lorraine Griffith.

Even with eyes protected by my green spectacles, my friends and I were at first dazzled by the brilliancy of the wonderful city. The streets were lined with beautiful houses all built of green marble and studded everywhere with sparkling emeralds. We walked over a pavement of the same green marble, and where the blocks were joined together were rows of emeralds, set closely, and glittering in the brightness of the sun. The windowpanes were of green glass; even the sky above the city had a green tint, and the rays of the sun were green.

There were many people—men, women, and children—walking about, and these were all dressed in green clothes and had greenish skins. They looked at me and my strangely assorted company with wondering eyes, and the children all ran away and hid behind their mothers when they saw the lion; but no one spoke to us. Many shops stood in the street, and I saw that everything in them was green. Green candy and green popcorn were offered for sale, as well as green shoes, green hats, and green clothes of all sorts. At one place a man was selling green lemonade, and when the children bought it, I could see that they paid for it with green pennies.

There seemed to be no horses nor animals of any kind; the men carried things around in little green carts, which they pushed before them. Everyone seemed happy and contented and prosperous.

This passage has 247 words. Fluency Goal: Read 114 words in one minute. The highlighted word is the 114th word.

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Drawing Conclusions

Part A

Directions: Write what you can conclude about the city and draw a picture to match.



Part B

Directions: Answer the questions.

1. Why did the people look at them with wondering eyes, and why did the children hide from the lion?

2. What clues from the story helped you conclude this?

3. What do you already know that helped you conclude this?

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Drawing Conclusions *(cont.)*

Part C

Directions: Answer the following questions.

1. Can you conclude that everything in the city is green?

2. If there were animals, do you think they would be green as well?

3. Why do you think there are no animals?

Part D

Directions: Dorothy draws the conclusion that people seemed happy, contented, and prosperous. What do you think leads her to conclude this?

Part E

Directions: Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

Jamie thought it was strange that the playground was empty. She went down the slide and swung on the swings. Then she climbed up the structure and slid down the pole. Then Jamie realized that she had blue paint on her hands. When she left, she saw the sign that had fallen down that said why the park was closed.

Why was the park closed?

How did Jamie get blue paint on her hands?
