

Pen Pals

Dear Amabel,

We chose our pen pals today and I picked your name out of a hat. I guess we are supposed to write each other e-mails. My name is George and I am in the 6th grade. I like playing ice hockey and video games. How about you?

From, George

Dear George,

I am also in the 6th grade. I like playing video games too, but not the shooting kind. My favorite is Panda Planet. Where I live it's really hot, so no one plays ice hockey much. I did go skiing on vacation once though.

From, Amabel

Dear Amabel,

I've never been skiing but I think it would be cool. I love Panda Planet! I just built the Bamboo Bistro. I want to see if I can level up, but I'm not supposed to play right now. I have to finish my homework first.

From, George



Dear George,

Pro tip - the pandas really like the bamboo burgers at the bistro. If you feed them those you'll level up fast. Have you built the roller rink yet? That scored me lots of points. I don't have much homework, besides reading 20 minutes each day. Do you like to read?

From, Amabel

Dear Amabel,

I do like to read. My favorite books are sci-fi and fantasy. What do you like to read?

From, George

Dear George,

I like mysteries. And scary stuff. Some sci-fi is pretty scary, so that's cool. I just read a sci-fi book about an alien that becomes friends with a 6th grader. Guess how they met? They were intergalactic pen pals! Makes me wonder

From Amabel



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NAME: _____ DATE: _____

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 - b. Roller skating
 - c. Ice hockey
 - d. Football
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 - a. Mysteries and scary books
 - b. Sci-fi and fantasy
 - c. Mysteries and fantasy
 - d. Scary books and realistic fiction
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 - a. George
 - b. Amabel
 - c. They are at the same level
 - d. They don't play Panda Planet
4. What do you think Amabel is wondering at the end?
 - a. If George likes bamboo burgers
 - b. If George likes scary books
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Instructions for teachers:

These questions can be used to assess understanding of the reading passage.

The item in bold is the correct answer for each question.

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