The Dragon's Eggs

One day, my friend and I went for a walk in the park.

"Look!" I exclaimed. "What is that over there? Can you see… next to the trees?"

"Shh, let's walk over to it – but don't make a sound," replied my friend.

There, next to the trees, was a giant purple and green dragon. By her feet were ten, twelve, no, fourteen, big round white eggs! She opened one of her eyes and looked at us. Oh, no! The air around us was very hot. We stopped very still. The dragon moved her head and looked up at the blue sky. She looked at us and then at her eggs.

Suddenly she said, "I need to fly away to find food, but I can't leave my little eggs. What am I to do?"

We looked at each other, "Can we help you by looking after the eggs while you look for food?"

The dragon looked hard at us with both of her yellow eyes. She thought for a long time and then, with a whoosh, she was gone.

We sat down next to the eggs, under the trees. After a little time, we heard a small sound. "Tap, tap!" One of the eggs started to move. "Tap, tap!" again! Another egg started to make a sound and then, all of a sudden, all of the eggs were making sounds and moving! What were we to do?

From out of the sky, the dragon landed down on the earth again. She looked at all of her eggs and was very happy.

"Thank you for looking after my baby dragons," she said. "I'm going to be a mother at last!"

Now read the following questions carefully. Write your answers in full sentences. Go back and read the story again if you are not sure of the answer.

1. What was next to the trees?

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2. Why did the children think that they should be quiet?

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3. Why do you think that the air near the dragon was very hot?

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4. What did the dragon look like?

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5. How many eggs was she looking after?

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6. Why did she need to leave her eggs?

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7. Why was she worried about leaving her eggs behind?

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8. What was she thinking when she looked hard at the children?

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9. How did you know that the eggs were starting to hatch?

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10. Circle the words that you think the dragon might have been feeling when she returned back to her eggs.

happy	important	little
magic	old	well
pleased	love	cross