**Story Time: A Packet on Picture Books** 

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- 1. Description acceptable. Two of the title creatures, one wearing a blue hat and the other a red hat, stand on a giant pile of ballots in the first of two books of this type by Keith Baker. That book of this type was followed by a sequel titled *Little Green Peas*. The current #4 best-seller on Amazon for books in this category features Malala, Oprah, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the cover. Another book of this type has characters declaring, "I'll meet you at the top of the coconut tree" and frequently repeats the phrase, (\*) "Chicka chicka boom boom!" 19th century books of this type apparently used to make frequent references to Xerxes. I learned what a Q-Boat was from the appendix in one of these books about boats. For 10 points, name this type of book that often include X-Rays and xylophones, examples of which include *L-M-N-O-Peas*.

  ANSWER: ABCs book [or alphabet book]
- 2. The most recent book titled for this character includes fake copyright text on its first page that notes that it was printed above a tasty bagel shop and includes some "first addition." That same book titled for this character has an inside front cover of a bunch of empty desks. This character declares "That's what you think" after another character apologizes for not including him in their books in *The & Thank You Book*. This character claims to have an uncle named Herb in his first appearance. This character whines, "I (\*) ask for things all the time!" in a book where a companion receives a cookie with nuts in it. This character desires both a puppy and a Walrus in one book. For 10 points, name this Mo Willems character who shouldn't be allowed to drive the bus.

ANSWER: The **Pigeon** 

3. In one book by this author, a character's car gets crushed by a tree branch and then run over a steamroller; that book centers on an inept fire crew consisting of Smoeky, Sparky, Snozzle and Squirty. In another book by this author, the central family get some oranges to eat after . Mrs. Rabbit yells out to her son, "DUMP IT THERE," accidentally resulting in all the surrounding dump trucks dumping their load. That same book by this author hides an all-yellow character called Goldbug on each of the pages. Many books by this author feature things like (\*) pickle cars, caterpillar buses, and other wacky vehicles. Lowly Worm is a resident of a fictional city created by this author. For 10 points, name this author of many books set in Busytown.

ANSWER: Richard Scarry

- 4. Description acceptable. The top Amazon review for a Sesame Street lift the flap book of this type complains about it being too long and centers on Albie learning important skills from Elmo. One of these books by Leslie Patricelli with a purple cover sees the protagonist say "oh" as he observes both the family dog and cat. A Tom Toro book of this type imagines using hair curlers to teach a lesson to a porcupine. In the Family Guy episode "Brian In Love," a bookseller tells Peter they have a book of this type made for (\*) Catholics whose title starts "You're a Naughty Child." The aforementioned Leslie Patricelli book of this type ends with a family ecstatically proclaiming, "Undies!" For 10 points, name this type of book that includes Everybody Poops.

  ANSWER: potty training book
- 5. One of these characters repeatedly tells his bigger companions "SHHH!" so as to not disturb a bunch of kittens he discovered in a book where he "Helps Out." In another book, one of these title characters "revs up his motor" to create a playground in his dreams. "No one's as tough and strong" as one of these characters in a best-selling Sherri Duskey Rinker and Tom Lichtenheld book about going to sleep. One of these characters is joined by (\*) Crane Truck, Cement Mixer, Dump Truck, and Excavator in Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site. For 10 points, name this type of construction vehicle who "[pushes] his mighty blade" and "clears the way to level ground".

ANSWER: bulldozer

- 6. The protagonist of one book titled for this stuff cracks an iPad, waking her dad up and causing him to proclaim, "What on earth?" In that same book titled for this stuff, Zuri prepares for a reunion with her mom and had some of this stuff that "has a domain mind of its own." Crystal Swain-Bates and Megan Bair created a book about a girl who "Don't Care" about having a "big" type of this stuff. A Matthew A. Cherry book titled for this stuff was based on an animated short that won a 2019 Oscar and sees Zuri apply (\*) oil and a pick to hers. For 10 points, name this stuff which is used to climb up a tower in Rapunzel stories.

  ANSWER: hair [accept Hair Love; prompt on love by asking "what's the other word in the title of that book?"]
- 7. Description acceptable. Count Bill Crunch, Cornelius Compass and Edwina Sharp are some names given to previously-unnamed background characters in a Where's Waldo book of this type that also features dancing silhouettes. The Pigeon asks, "Can we please get back to ME?" on one of the opening

pages of a book of this type. A Mario-themed book of this type includes a Koopaling Airship 👶 Vision Test. On the inside cover of the aforementioned Pigeon book of this type, the Bus Driver tells you to use the inside flap to (\*) save your pages. One page of the Mario book of this type tasks you with throwing Lakitu eggs. For 10 points, name this type of book very popular during the Covid-19 pandemic that might have you doing math problems, writing your own stories, or otherwise being productive.

ANSWER: **activity book** [anti-prompt on coloring book]

- 8. A great book about one of these title people features a battle-royale featuring "dodgeballs and spitballs and hairballs and squareballs" with characters such as Sally Smash and Otto the Awful. That book features one of these people named Pinecone who receives a farting pony and was written and illustrated by . Hark a Vagrant creator Kate Beaton. Shannon Hale created a series of book about one of these people "in Black." One of these title types of people gets all of her (\*) clothes burned off by a dragon. Robert Munsch created a popular book about one of these people who wears a Paper Bag. For 10 points, name this type of person that appear in a series of Disney books featuring characters like Belle and Cinderella.

  ANSWER: a princess
- 9. It's not New York, but the speaker instructs you to "bobble like a cork" and "ride a silver stork" above the buildings of this city in the title poem in *Ride a Purple Pelican*. A much-overrated book set in this city centers on a character who makes a stink about the whistling of nearby workers; to resolve the conflict, the mayor of this city presents that character with a gigantic pair of earmuffs. Stephen Cosgrove and Robin James created the character . Wheedle, who lives atop a building in this city. For 10 points, name this city, where the nose of the aforementioned Wheedle lights up the (\*) Space Needle.

  ANSWER: Seattle
- 10. A book titled for one of these creatures describes the swinging of a spider monkey and the splashing of a sea lion. Some versions of a different book titled for one of these creatures end with a teacher, others with a parent staring back at the reader. One of these creatures with "two big goggly eyes" titles a book that ends with it sadly walking along the shore at nighttime. The central family proclaims, "Oh, no! We forgot to (\*) shut the door" while being chased by one of these creatures through a snowstorm and a river. For 10 points, name these creatures that, in a Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury book, are hunted into a cave. ANSWER: a bear [accept brown bear or panda bear]
- 11. In one book titled for this activity, a character who "was very good at standing still and munching shoots off trees" struggles at this activity until he's given advice by a cricket. That Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees book is about a giraffe. A Peppa Pig episode about this activity adapted into a picture book has Peppa surprised that Daddy Pig knows the same "funny" French words that Madame Gazelle does. Piggie tells Gerald that there's no rule saying he can't try to perform this activity after consulting a book on what elephants can do in a Piggie and Elephant book. A pretty good kid's biography of (\*) Audrey Hepburn notes how she did silent forms of this activity to raise money for the Dutch resistance during World War II. A Rebecca Janni book is about how "Every Cowgirl Needs" special boots for this activity. For 10 points, name this activity common in books about ballerinas.

ANSWER: **dance** [or **ballet**]

12. This character's companion owns a skateboard with a rocketship design on its deck. In one book, this character writes words like "precocious" and "mercurial" on a blackboard, and on the next page stands on top of a volcano spewing purple lava. In a Christmas-themed book starring this character, he uses carrots to build the walls to a fort during a snowball fight. My son had endlessly watched the Valentine's Day episode of an Amazon Prime TV adaptation of this character's series where he makes a giant version of his companion Oliver. In this character's first appearance, he draws a surprisingly competent picture of himself with his parents and two siblings in front of a tree before using (\*) Scotch Tape to affix the picture to the fridge. A series starring this character has featured sequels involving a pig and some pancakes and a moose and some muffins. For 10 points, name this Laura Numeroff character who asks for a glass of milk after you give him a cookie.

ANSWER: Mouse

13. A man unwraps a giant stone head of an old woman in one of the final pages of a Lisa Brown book centering on these things where a little sister loses her monkey for most of the book. Workers are described "cleaning and checking" in a Byron Barton picture book titled for these things that also features a "drink milk" advertisement near a beach. The title mouse notes that "it takes a lot of lights and buttons" to operate one of these things in a Maisy book. One of these things called the Handley Page is included in an awesome (\*) Look Inside Cross-Sections book by Michael Johnstone. A bunch of Disney books centering on these things feature characters like Ishani, Skipper Riley and Dusty Crophopper. For 10 points, name these vehicles whose entry in the "That's Not My X" series have touch-and-feel tails and propellers.

14. In a book by Caldecot-winner Dan Santat, a character of this type is forced to eat cereal like "Fiber Flakes" and "Grown-Up Food" rather than "Free Toy" and "Sugar Frosted Sugar" due to psychological trauma. Another of these characters opens his book by rescuing a cat and helping a piece of toast paint its house and has two different siblings named Frank. In a Jory John and Pete Oswald sequel to a book about a Bad Seed, one of these characters starts to literally (\*) crack under the pressure of his awful siblings. Probably the most famous children's character of this type cannot be helped by "four-score men and four-score more" or "forty doctors and forty wrights" or "All the King's horses." For 10 points, name this type of character illustrated in books about Humpty Dumpty.

ANSWER: an egg

15. A profile of this author by Ian Bogost in *The Atlantic* noted how she insisted on printing her books with Terry Ortolani, the only remaining board-book printer in the US. B.B. King sang a song on a Grammy-nominated 2008 album based on songs written by this author. The characters in this author's books were originally used on the Recycled Paper line of greeting cards. One book by this author instructs you to prance with the horses, skitter with the mice." A recent book by this author finally cleared up what happened to the (\*) armadillo; an earlier book opens with one of the title creatures, "all alone" before his fellow animals "Go Berserk!" Books by this author include *Dinosnores*. For 10 points, name this author of simple picture books like *But Not the Hippopotamus*.

ANSWER: Sandra Boynton

16. In one book, a character of this type asks, "You're probably wondering why my head is stuck to your sock?" In that same book, a character of this type complains to Duncan that "you LOST me TWO YEARS ago" in the opening postcard of a sequel book. In the original book, two of these types of characters get into an argument over the proper way to represent the sun. Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers created a book titled "The Day [These Things] Quit." In a different series, a character uses one of these objects to (\*) create a tightrope at the circus; in the original Crockett Johnson book, that character uses one of these objects to create a moon to light up the night. For 10 points, a purple example of what type of object is owned by Harold in a classic picture book?

ANSWER: crayons

- 17. The last line in a book centering on this action before several pages without words are, "Nobody will ever find me." After performing this action, one character tells the reader that he's travelling to "where the plants grow big and tall and close together," and doesn't initially think that a crab has seen him. After a troupe of animals perform this action, they will only copy the actions of a mustachioed man until he gives up in disgust, inadvertently solving his problem. Those (\*) monkeys perform this action in a classic Esphyr Slobodkina children's book about a peddler. A fish is presumably eaten for performing this naughty action in an award-winning Jon Klassen book. For 10 points, name this action that leaves that big fish with a bare head. ANSWER: stealing a hat [or stealing a cap]
- 18. One of these creatures always goes swimming with a teacup on her head in one of the characteristically weird kids' graphic novels by Sara Varson. My son laughed every time at a line beginning, "We ordered crackers, not..." in a book titled for these creatures where a dog delivers them to a menacing-looking wolf. That book is titled for a "Truck Full" of these creatures. The second of a group of these creatures witnesses a seal bark at it in a book based on a true story; that book about these creatures sees them dispersed across the world after a (\*) wave destroys a ship and is by Eric Carle. For 10 points, name these creatures, toy examples of which often appear in illustrations of bath time.

  ANSWER: a duck [or a rubber duck; or duckling]
- 19. Greg Pizzoli and Leo and Diane Dillon both illustrated new editions of a crappy Margaret Wise Brown book about two of these things that features a problematic reference to a Black man. An amusing book on how to tame one of these things features ones named Pushkin and Smokey and has the narrator corralling some in a desert. In a book titled for one of these things, a crew "sits back and chills out with a midnight snack" on a page that precedes one where "ten hard workers lend a hand / to fill the gondolas with sand." One popular book titled for a "dream" one of these things opens with a sly reference to a (\*) J. M. W. Turner painting involving a rabbit. For 10 points, name these vehicles, examples of which include Thomas the Tank.

  ANSWER: trains

20. Description acceptable. An old turtle named Hurry watches this action take place in Wichita Falls, Texas at the end of a book by Antoine O Flatharta. A lost paper airplane inspires the central character to climb a wall and then perform this action at the end of *After the Fall*. One character is told "NO! JUST BE

PATIENT" and wait for this action to take place in a satire by Ross Burach. A book that ends with this action opens with a page describing, "In the light of the (\*) moon a little egg lay on a leaf. In a book that ends with this action, the central character gets a stomach ache on a Saturday. For 10 points, name this action that takes place at the conclusion of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

ANSWER: <u>transforming into another creature</u> [accept <u>turning into a butterfly</u> or <u>turning into a bird</u> or <u>metamorphosizing</u>]