

# The One and Only Ivan

## "arrival" – "worry" (vignettes 33–47)

by Katherine Applegate

### Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

**Practice words:** awed, bankrupt, belching, emphasize, incline, intently, smudge, species, weary, winces

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#### PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Vocabulary Preview ..... 2

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**Caution:** share only if self-checking

#### OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context ..... 4

Answer Key — In Context ..... 5

**Caution:** do not share with students

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#### About the Pre-Reading Activity (open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade):

Students preview 10 words from the upcoming reading, each in a sentence that supports understanding. They choose the best meaning from 3 choices.

#### About the Optional Post-Reading Quiz (use after reading, or skip):

Same words, now in real excerpts from the text, with questions that build reading and analytical skills.

#### Vocabulary Sections for this Book:

Section 1 · "hello" – "lucky" (vignettes 1–32) · Ivan and the Big Top Mall

**Section 2 · "arrival" – "worry" (vignettes 33–47) · A new arrival at the mall**

Section 3 · "the promise" – "a bad dream" (vignettes 48–73) · Ivan makes a promise to Stella

Section 4 · "the story" – "check marks" (vignettes 74–109) · Ivan begins a secret project

Section 5 · "free ruby" – "silverback" (vignettes 110–153) · Protesters gather at the mall

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# Vocabulary Preview

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

*Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.*

1. The children were **awed** by the giant waterfall crashing below them.

- A. filled with fear
- B. filled with wonder
- C. filled with confusion

2. The toy store went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors.

- A. out of stock
- B. out of style
- C. out of money

3. The old bus rolled by, **belching** black smoke from its tailpipe.

- A. spewing out noisily
- B. slowly trailing
- C. gently releasing

4. The coach likes to **emphasize** good sportsmanship before every game.

- A. to give special attention to
- B. to practice over and over
- C. to describe in detail

5. A long **incline** stretched ahead of the tired runners.

- A. a rocky trail
- B. a slope
- C. a narrow path

6. He listened **intently** to every word of the mystery podcast.

- A. with close attention
- B. with great fear
- C. with growing excitement

7. There was a dark **smudge** on the window where he pressed his nose.

- A. a round dent
- B. a blurry smear
- C. a small crack

8. Tigers are an endangered **species** that needs our protection.

- A. a group that hunts together
- B. a place in the wild
- C. a type of animal

9. The **weary** travelers still had many miles to go before nightfall.

- A. very hungry
- B. very dirty
- C. very tired

10. She **winces** when the nurse cleans the deep cut.

- A. flinches in pain
- B. holds very still
- C. looks away sadly

### Reading Helpers

*(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)*

**domain** — the territory or space one rules over

**make a killing** — make a lot of money

**the benefit of the doubt** — willingness to trust someone rather than judge harshly

**sound sleeper** — one who sleeps deeply and is hard to wake

**Homo sapiens** — the scientific Latin name for human beings

# ANSWER KEY

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| 2  | C   |
| 3  | A   |
| 4  | A   |
| 5  | B   |
| 6  | A   |
| 7  | B   |
| 8  | C   |
| 9  | C   |
| 10 | A   |

**Vocabulary in Context**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

*Read each excerpt carefully. Then choose the best answer to each question.*

**1** "A big white truck is backing up to the door, belching smoke."

As used in the passage, the word "belching" most nearly means...

- A. spewing out noisily
- B. breathing in deeply
- C. stirring up gently

**2** "She catches her swollen foot on the edge of the ramp and winces. Blood trickles down."

Based on the word "winces," it can reasonably be inferred that Stella...

- A. is afraid of the ramp
- B. feels a jolt of pain
- C. slips and falls down

**3** "Slowly Stella makes her way up the rest of the ramp. It groans under her weight, and I can tell how much she is hurting by the awkward way she moves. At the top of the incline she stops."

According to the passage, what does Stella do when she reaches the top of the slope?

- A. she comes to a stop
- B. she slides back down
- C. she lets out a loud groan

**4** "Not the greatest specimen," Mack says, "but I got her cheap from this bankrupt circus out west. They had her shipped over from Africa. Only had her a month before they went bust."

It can reasonably be inferred that Mack got Ruby at a low price because the circus...

- A. was returning to Africa
- B. had too many elephants
- C. had run out of money

**5** "The dawn sky is a smudge of gray flecked with pink, like a picture drawn with two crayons."

As used in the passage, the word "smudge" most nearly means...

- A. a neat stripe
- B. a blurry smear
- C. a bright flash

**6** "She studies it intently, her head turned so that one black eye is trained on my drawing."

In the passage, the words "studies it intently" characterize her as...

- A. focused and curious
- B. restless and impatient
- C. careless and hasty

**7** "Wow," Ruby says again in an awed voice when I hold up the page. "It looks good enough to eat!"

It can reasonably be inferred from Ruby's awed voice that she...

- A. is puzzled by what she sees
- B. is asking for something to eat
- C. is amazed by the picture

**8** "Having young ones is a big responsibility. You have to teach them how to take mud baths, of course, and emphasize the importance of fiber in their diet."

According to the passage, what must a parent do about fiber in a young one's diet?

- A. point out how much it matters
- B. let them choose it themselves
- C. mix it into their mud baths

**9** "It's Stella's voice. She sounds weary. Slowly she makes her way over to Ruby."

As used in the passage, the word "weary" most nearly means...

- A. very annoyed
- B. very tired
- C. very worried

**10** "Humans can surprise you sometimes. An unpredictable species, *Homo sapiens*."

As used in the passage, the word "species" most nearly means...

- A. a strange habit
- B. a family's last name
- C. a type of living thing

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| 2  | B   |                                                                                                                             |
| 3  | A   |                                                                                                                             |
| 4  | C   |                                                                                                                             |
| 5  | B   |                                                                                                                             |
| 6  | A   |                                                                                                                             |
| 7  | C   | Ruby's 'It looks good enough to eat!' is praise for the drawing, not a request for food — her awed voice signals amazement. |
| 8  | A   |                                                                                                                             |
| 9  | B   |                                                                                                                             |
| 10 | C   | 'Homo sapiens' is the scientific name for humans — Stella is classifying people the way a scientist would.                  |

**Teacher Context: “arrival” – “worry” (vignettes 33–47)**

A sickly baby elephant, Ruby, is brought to the struggling mall to draw crowds, and Stella asks Ivan to help watch over her. Ivan learns Ruby's story and grows attached to her. Break falls just before Stella's health crisis.