Make Way for Dunklings

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MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS Robert McCloskey

Would you make way for ducklings when you are walking on the busy road? *Make Way for Dunklings*, written by Robert McCloskey and published in 1941, is one of the best children's books in the 20th <u>century</u>. Millions of readers have been deeply touched by the lovely duck family and the warmhearted police officer in the book.

The scene of the story is set in the very beautiful Boston. A couple of duck parents were looking for a fine place to bring up their ducklings. The father duck finally found the Public Garden was the **exact dwelling**. The most problem was how

they led their little ducklings "walk" across roads on the busy roads. They were so lucky that a police officer helped them stop the cars to make way for them, and they **reached** the lake of the garden safely before the cold winter came.

Because the story is not only interesting but also very touching, many parents like to share the story with their children and teach them to **protect** animals.

I. Comprehension Check: (5)

1. Where did the story happen?				
(A) In McCloskey.	(B) In Boston.	(C) In a zoo.	(D) In a lake.	

- 2. What does it mean "<u>reach</u>"?
 - (A) Swim in. (B) Fly to.

(C) Arrive at. (D) Pass through.

- 3. What is the most problem for the duck family in the story?
 - (A) They could be shot by hunters when flying to the new place.
 - (B) They could be hit by cars when passing through the road.
 - (C) They could be caught by the police officer when walking on the road.
 - (D) They could catch cold and die during winter in the garden.
- 4. Which is TRUE according to the reading?
 - (A) Boston is famous for lovely ducklings.
 - (B) The duck family spent only a winter in the lake of the Public Garden.
 - (C) The police officer drove a police car to lead the duck family.
 - (D) The ducklings were too young to live by themselves.



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- 5. What does the story teach us?
 - (A) All are born equal.
 - (B) Birds of a feather flock together.
 - (C) Like father, like son.
 - (D) Easy come, easy go.

ANS: B C B D A

II Words for Learning: (10)

publish (vt.) published	發表	p. 178 (on the page of the dictionary)		
Her first novel was published. (the sentence cited from the dictionary)				
1. century (n.)		р.		
2. warmhearted (adj.)		р.		
3. exact (adj.)		р.		
4. dwelling (n.)		p.		
5. protect (v.)		p.		

III. Think and Write: (5)

How to love or protect animals? Write your opinions with 3 complete sentences.