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Passage 1



What's in My Pocket?

What does Brian have in his pocket?
Fill in the blanks in this story to find out.

One day, Brian asked his parents, "Can you _____ what's in my pocket?"

His mom asked, "Is it pink like the nose of a kitten?
Or blue like your _____?"

Brian shook his head. His dad asked, "Is it soft like a
bunny's tail? Or hard like a _____
and pail?"

Brian shook his head. Dad asked, "Can it _____
or crawl? Can it roll like a ball?"

Brian laughed and said, "No! Give up?"

"Yes," they _____, "Just TELL us!"

Brian said, "It's not pink or blue. It's not soft or hard. It can't crawl
or roll... because it's a great big HOLE!"

Word List

guess
mittens
nodded
shovel
wiggle

Think About It!

What can you tell about Brian from reading this story?

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Passage 2



The Stars and Stripes

Read this poem to find out about the stars and stripes
on our flag. Use the word list to fill in the blanks.

We live in the land of the free.

Our flag flies high for all to see.

Red, white, and blue are the colors we see.

The flag tells about our country's _____.

The story begins with thirteen stripes,

Seven are red, and six are white.

From one to fifty—now count each star.

That's how many states there are!

We fly the flag on _____ days.

We _____ the flag and give it _____.

Oh, say can you see, in this land of the free,

How _____ our flag flies for you and me?

Word List

history
praise
proudly
salute
special

Think About It!

What are some reasons people fly the U.S. flag?

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