

Koala Climbing Club

When Korizella Koala decided she loved to climb trees, the other girls said they 14
 loved climbing trees, too! So they spent their recesses climbing up and down the 28
 trees on the playground. One day Korizella had an idea: they should start a 42
 climbing club! “And,” said Korizella, “To be in our club, you have to touch that 57
 bird’s nest.” From down on the ground the nest was a little dot at the top of the 75
 tallest tree. The nest rule didn’t sound fair to Kami Koala, but when she looked at 91
 the other girls they were all smiling. Kami didn’t want to make Korizella mad, so she 107
 smiled too. One by one the girls tried out to be in the club. Korizella went first 124
 and she zoomed up and down like it was no big deal. When Kami’s turn came she 141
 was really frightened to be that high. But she didn’t want Korizella to think she was 157
 a baby, so she kept going till she touched the nest. Then it was Klippa’s turn. 173
 When she was half way up, she froze. She was too scared to go on. Slowly she 190
 climbed back down. “Too bad you can’t be in our club now,” said Korizella. Klippa’s 205
 eyes filled with tears and she walked away. Kami wanted to stand up for Klippa, but 221
 she knew that Korizella would be mean to her if she did. The other girls didn’t look 238
 happy either, but no one said anything; they just watched Klippa walk away. 251

	day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

Parent Tips

It is important that students recognize that reading fluently sounds like speaking... Although speed is important, it is equally important not to turn fluency into an exercise in which your students' goal is to read with ever increasing speed.

-- Melanie R. Kuhn and Paula J. Schwanenflugel, *Fluency in the Classroom*, p. 31

1. What does Kami think about Korizella?

- Kami loves everything Korizella tells her to do.
- Kami doesn't agree with Korizella, but she's afraid to say anything.
- Kami wants Korizella to make more rules about the club.

2. What clues in the story tell you that Klippa felt sad at the end?

- Klippa took a turn climbing the tree.
- Klippa watched Kami take a turn.
- Klippa's eyes were filled with tears.



3. What is an example of cause and effect?

- Kami was afraid when she was climbing the tree.
- Korizella likes climbing trees at recess.
- Because Klippa didn't touch the nest, she's out of the club.

4. What do you think Kami should do now?