



**4th Grade**  
**SUMMER READING COMPREHENSION**  
**GUIDED READING QUESTIONS**

**Book**

**“Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing”**

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**Chapter 1**

1. How does Peter’s mom feel when he brings home his prize?
2. What is the biggest problem in Peter's life?
3. How does the experience of having a turtle as a pet different from having a cat or a dog as a pet? What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a turtle?
4. Why does Peter’s dad spend so much time watching commercials on TV?
5. What are some advantages and disadvantages of being an older sibling?

**Chapter 2**

1. How does Peter feel when he finds out he’s going to be sharing his room with Fudge when the Yarby’s visit?
2. What does the phrase “cooked up a storm” mean?
3. Peter thanks Mrs. Yarby for the dictionary and says that it’s just what he always wanted even though this is not really how he feels. Why do you think Peter says this?
4. Mr. Yarby calls Mr. Hatcher by his last name and refers to Dribble as a “thing”. What does this tell you about Mr. Yarby?
5. Mr. Hatcher collected all the cans of Juicy-O and dumped them in the garbage. Why did he do this?

**Chapter 3**

1. Why is this chapter titled “The Family Dog”?
2. What did Mr. Hatcher really mean when he said “You will eat that cereal, or you will wear it”? Do you think this was a good way to solve the problem?
3. Doctors suggested different things for Mrs. Hatcher to do in order to get Fudge to eat, which doctor’s advice do you agree with most?
4. When Fudge gets punished, Peter thinks, “This was turning out to be fun after all”. What does this reveal about his feelings toward Fudge?
5. What does the phrase “Monkey Business” mean in the fifth paragraph?

#### **Chapter 4**

1. Pg. 38 - Peter says, "Mom doesn't love me anymore. She doesn't even like me. Maybe I'm not her real son. Maybe somebody left me in a basket on her doorstep. My real mother's probably a beautiful princess or a movie star or a famous politician. I'll bet she'd like to have me back." What does the above quote reveal about Peter's feelings towards his mother? What do you think caused him to feel this way?
2. Pg 39 - How do Peter and his mother solve their argument?
3. Describe Sheila from Peter's point of view and then describe Sheila from his mother's point of view.
4. Pretend you are Peter. Tell what you would have done differently in order to prevent Fudge's accident.
5. Pg. 27 - Use the context clues to figure out what the word muggers means.

#### **Chapter 5**

1. Pg. 40 - Peter and his mom argue about appropriate names to call his little brother. If you were part of this discussion, what would you say about calling him Fudge, Fang or Farley Drexel?
2. Name and describe the three guests at Fudge's birthday party?
3. How does Peter feel about how people use him to get Fudge to obey?
4. At the end of the chapter, Mom and Peter agree that 3 years old is too young for a birthday party. Do you agree or disagree?

#### **Chapter 6**

1. Why do you think Judy Blume titled this chapter Fang Hits Town?
2. How did Peter get Fudge to try on shoes at the store? Why do you think Peter is able to get Fudge to do certain things and Mrs. Hatcher can't?
3. How did Mr. Hatcher's phrase "Eat it, or wear it" backfire at Hamburger Heaven?
4. How does Peter feel when his mom buys Fudge and him the same shoes? Do you agree or disagree with Mrs. Hatcher's decision?

#### **Chapter 7**

1. Shelia and Peter disagree on how to solve the transportation problem in New York City. Which person do you agree with most?
2. Why do you think Mrs. Hatcher won't let Peter have a lock on his door? Do you agree or disagree with her reasoning?
3. Peter says "I was ready to kill Fudge". What do you think he really means? What words could he use instead?
4. Who do you think is to blame for Peter's poster getting ruined?
5. What were some challenges Peter, Jimmy and Shelia faces while working together? How did they do well? How could they improve?

#### **Chapter 8**

1. Why is Peter looking forward to having only his father home?

2. Peter saw at least 50 kids in the waiting room of his father's agency. Why were they there?
3. How does Peter feel when he finds out Fudge is going to be in a commercial and get paid for it?
4. Why do you think Peter decided to get on the Toddler-bike without being told? How do you think the story would have been different if Peter had not got on the Toddler-bike?

### **Chapter 9**

1. Do you think the trip to the movies was a mistake?
2. Use context clues to figure out what the word aisle means.
3. Why didn't Peter tell his mother about the things that happened to Fudge when she was gone? How do you feel about this?
4. Do you think it was a good decision to turn the lights on during the middle of the movie in order to look for Fudge?
5. Peter thought the omelet tasted awful but he told his dad it tasted good. Have you ever lied to spare someone's feelings? Do you think it's ok?

### **Chapter 10**

1. What is Mrs. Hatcher's reaction when she realizes Fudge has eaten Dribble? How does Peter feel about her reaction?
2. Once Peter knows that Fudge is going to be alright, how do Peter's feelings about him change?
3. How do his parents make up for the loss of Dribble?
4. Fudge drives Peter crazy sometimes, but deep down he really loves his younger brother. How did Peter demonstrate his annoyance with Fudge? How did he show his love for Fudge?
5. How does the title of the book fit the story? Why does Peter feel he's a "fourth grade nothing?" Is he right? Why or why not?