

*Passage 3*

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Rascal got bored and fell asleep beneath a shady tree. When the little chipmunk awoke, he stretched and looked around. Suddenly, the island had all kinds of scary noises.

“Caw, caw” came from a nearby tree. Rascal ran away from the noise. He almost ran into a small alligator. “Hey!” it cried. “Want to be my dinner?”

“Not really,” answered Rascal, racing up a tree.

When the discouraged alligator went back in the water, Rascal came down and continued on his way.

Rascal hadn’t gone much farther when he came to a huge snake sunning itself in the middle of the path.

The snake raised its head. “You look delicious,” it hissed. It struck at Rascal, but the chipmunk quickly jumped out of its way. As a pet, Rascal had never before met animals that wanted to eat him. He felt very afraid as he hurried away, determined to be more careful.

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**1. What is the main idea?**

- (a) Rascal meets some animals that want to eat him.
- (b) Rascal is afraid of all the scary noises on the island.
- (c) Rascal eats dinner with an alligator and a snake.

**2. What is the topic sentence?**

- (a) Rascal got bored and fell asleep beneath a shady tree.
- (b) Suddenly, the island had all kinds of scary noises.
- (c) As a pet, Rascal had never before met animals that wanted to eat him.

**3. What would be the best title for this passage?**

- (a) Rascal Meets Hungry Strangers
- (b) Rascal Makes New Friends
- (c) Rascal Eats Dinner