

Going For The Gold Practice Activities

Hello Hamster

Ethan counted his money. “I have enough to buy a hamster!” he said. Ethan picked out a hamster, and a cage with climbing tubes. He also bought an exercise wheel. But when Ethan put his hamster in the cage, he burrowed in the bedding. His hamster slept all day long.

“I didn’t know hamsters were so sleepy,” Ethan said, disappointed.

In the quiet of the night, Ethan heard something. It was his hamster racing on the exercise wheel. Ethan watched as his hamster skittered up the tubes, twitched his whiskers, and munched his treats.

“I don’t have a night owl,” he laughed. “I have a night hamster!”

Before You Read:

Consider what you’ve learned about “In My Head” questions from the video. Remember, these types of questions are NOT directly stated within the text.

What are the signal words stated in the “In My Head” questions that will help you look for clues within the text as you read?

Think about how you will use this QA4 strategy to answer questions about what you read.

Please read the story and answer the following questions:

1. In My Head: Author and Me
Why did Ethan's hamster sleep all day and stay awake all night?
2. In My Head: On My Own
What is your favorite animal to visit at the pet store? Why?

Compare your answers with **Martin's Think Aloud**.