

## Literacy Olympics 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 the Book” questions from the video. Remember, these types of questions are directly stated within the text.

What are the signal words stated in the “In the Book” questions that will help you locate the information 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 the Book: Right There

What did Ethan's hamster do all day long?

#### 2. In the Book: Think and Search

Describe what the hamster cage has in it.

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