

Drum Mania



Rat-a-tat-tat! Boom, boom, boom! Rat-a-tat-tat! Boom, boom, boom! The sound grew louder as it came closer. Jaime looked out her window but couldn't see anything. The drumming sound continued, growing louder and louder.

Curiosity led Jaime outside. She stood in the front yard and peered down the street. Suddenly, she spotted the source of the beating rhythm. A parade of young drummers headed her way as they marched toward the nearby community park. Jaime noticed other neighbors had come outside to investigate the drumming sounds. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the show. Many followed the parade to the park where a bandstand had been set up in preparation for a concert.

The surprise event had been orchestrated by members of the local high school marching band in honor of International Drum Month. Drummers from other area high schools were invited to participate, and the group numbered over fifty. They played every kind of percussion instrument imaginable, and their lively performance was inspirational. Children and adults alike were invited to step up from the audience and give the instruments a try. It was a clever way to showcase the students' talents and introduce others to the fun of drum playing.

Directions: *Please choose the correct answer and write its alphabet letter on the space in front of the appropriate question.*

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| _____ | 1. What sound did Jaime keep hearing outside? | a. parade of drummers |
| _____ | 2. When she stepped outside, what did Jaime see? | b. the marching band |
| _____ | 3. Where were the drummers headed? | c. a drumming sound |
| _____ | 4. Who planned the drum concert for the community? | d. to the park |
| _____ | 5. The drum concert was _____. | e. inspirational |