

"The Kid in the  
Red Jacket" by Barbara Park

- Howard Jeeter – 10 ½; called Jeeter/by Molly
- Clifford Jeeter – Howard's father; CB handle Big Jake
- Gaylord Jeeter – Howard's baby brother
- Bill – Jeeter family dog; basset hound; stinky
- Aunt Emily – Howard's aunt
- Barry Thornsberry – Howard's best friend in AZ; sensitive
- Roger Grimsley – Howard's best friend in AZ
- Ronald Dumont – 6<sup>th</sup> grader at old school
- Miss Filbert – Howard's preschool teacher
- Molly Vera Thompson – Howard's neighbor; 6; 1<sup>st</sup> grade; from Ohio; frizzy, red hair
- Uncle Russell – gave Molly her new boots
- Buzz, Ralph – movers
- Mrs. Walton – Howard's new teacher
- Sally – Molly's friend; afraid of big kids
- Pete Jones – new classmate; athletic; not ball hog; quiet; soccer captain
- Ollie Perkins – new classmate; wise-guy
- Frankie Boatwright – boy Molly pushed off swing and bumped off seesaw
- Arizona – Howard's former home
- Rosemont, MA – new house; brick, 2-story, porch; 1768; much bigger than old house
- Chester Pewe – new street; named after crossing guard

- As Howard's family left their house in Arizona, what did he start complaining about?
  - Gaylord had the shady side
  - He was hungry.
  - He wanted to sit in the front seat.
- Why was Howard's family moving?
  - His dad got a new job.
  - His dad got a promotion.
  - His mom had inherited a beautiful, old house in Massachusetts.
- What sport did Howard play in Arizona?
  - baseball
  - soccer
  - football
- What did Howard's mother toss back to him to keep him from complaining on the trip to Massachusetts?
  - a new CD
  - a book
  - an orange and a granola bar
- Why didn't Howard want to answer the door when the movers came to his house in Arizona?
  - He didn't want to move.
  - He had on his Porky Pig pajamas.
  - He was afraid of strangers.

6. What did Howard's mom say to Aunt Emily about the move?
- 3  a Howard would bounce right back.  
 b. They would move back to Arizona if Howard was unhappy.  
 c. Howard would be happy once he saw how big his new room was.
7. How did Howard meet Roger and Thornsberry?
- a. They were next door neighbors.  
 b. They went to the same church.  
 2  c. They sat at his table in preschool.
8. What did Roger draw when his teacher asked the class to draw pictures of their family?
- 2  a. A cow.  
 b. A picture of his house.  
 c. A picture of himself, his brother and his parents.
9. Why does Roger hate Pilgrims?
- a. He failed a test on them in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.  
 3  b. His mother made him be one for Halloween.  
 c. He went on a boring vacation to Plymouth Plantation.
10. What did Roger's class call the new kid?
- a. Newbie  
 b. Hey, you.  
 3  c. Kid in the Kenneth shirt.
11. How did Gaylord behave on the trip to Massachusetts?
- a. He was car sick the whole way.  
 2  b. He screamed from Illinois to Massachusetts.  
 c. He slept the whole way.
12. What did Howard's mom offer to sell to the waitress at Denny's?
- 2  a. Gaylord  
 b. Bill, the dog  
 c. Howard
13. Why didn't Gaylord's screaming on the trip bother Bill?
- 2  a. He was deaf.  
 b. He was asleep the whole trip.  
 c. They kept him happy with dog treats.
14. How long was the trip from Arizona to Massachusetts?
- a. 6 ½ days  
 3  b. 5 ½ days  
 c. 4 ½ days
15. What did Howard think his parents should have named Gaylord?
- a. Barry  
 b. Bill  
 3  c. Bob
16. Why does Howard think Gaylord isn't a sissy baby?
- a. He doesn't cry when Bill licks his face.  
 2  b. He always screams when he is in his car seat.  
 c. He didn't cry when his seat tipped him over on his head.
17. What are Gaylord's two favorite stuffed animals?

- a. Mr. Dog and Mr. Monkey
  - b. Mr. Giraffe and Mr. Walrus
  - c. Mr. Lion and Mr. Bear
18. Who did Howard's Dad say might have slept in their new house?
- a. George Washington
  - b. Benjamin Franklin
  - c. Thomas Jefferson
19. The first time Howard saw Molly what was she doing?
- a. Watering the flowers.
  - b. Pretending to be a fire fighter.
  - c. Practicing her cheers.
20. What kind of pet do Molly and her Nonny have?
- a. They don't have a pet.
  - b. Lizard
  - c. Cat
21. On the first day the Jeeter family met Molly she climbed right up onto their \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. car
  - b. front porch
  - c. dog
22. What does Molly suggest is a good way to make a baby laugh?
- a. tickle its toes.
  - b. tell jokes.
  - c. throw it up high in the air and catch it.
23. What did the movers do to get Howard to move out of their way?
- a. Give him a push.
  - b. Say "beep-beep" and "Honk-honk"
  - c. Say "Excuse me".
24. Why was Molly living with her Nonny?
- a. Her parents divorced and didn't want to care for her.
  - b. Her parents had both died.
  - c. Her mother was very ill.
25. What did Howard find scary about the bathroom in his new house?
- a. The loud noise the toilet made.
  - b. The clawed feet on the bathtub.
  - c. The large picture of George Washington on the wall.
26. What did Howard think might be in his closet at the new house?
- a. Zombies
  - b. Vampires and dead men with hatchets.
  - c. George Washington.
27. What did Howard ask the younger kid in the cafeteria on his first day of school?
- a. Where is the milk?
  - b. Where is the garbage?
  - c. Can I eat lunch with you?
28. What did Howard get in trouble for on his first day in the cafeteria?
- a. Fighting.

- b. Not eating his lunch.
  - c. Not throwing away his garbage.
29. Why is Sally afraid of big kids?
- a. She has an older cousin who is mean to her.
  - b. A big kid stole her sandwich.
  - c. A big kid pushed her off the swings.
30. What has Molly been forbidden to do on the playground?
- a. play tag
  - b. play four square
  - c. swing and see-saw
31. What game did Howard participate in on his first day at recess?
- a. soccer
  - b. four square
  - c. football
32. What did Ronald Dumont do during recess at Howard's old school?
- a. Played double dutch with the girls.
  - b. Played horses with the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.
  - c. Played by himself every day.
33. Where did Molly live immediately after her parents divorced?
- a. foster home
  - b. With her Uncle Russell
  - c. With her father
34. What did Molly lend to Howard to help him feel better?
- a. Her blanket.
  - b. Her stuffed giraffe.
  - c. Her best baby, Madeline.
35. What was Molly afraid of at night?
- a. Monsters in her closet.
  - b. Frog heads that eat your fingers.
  - c. A tree that reaches in your window and tickles you.
36. What did Aunt Emily give Howard for his birthday?
- a. purple socks
  - b. a red jacket
  - c. a soccer ball
37. What did Howard do to try to keep Molly from getting back into the house?
- a. Have Bill guard the door.
  - b. Put a "No girls" sign on the door.
  - c. Locked the front door.
38. What did the first person to speak to Howard in class say to him?
- a. What is your name?
  - b. Can you lend me a pencil?
  - c. Get your big feet off my desk.
39. What did Molly shout after Howard when he ran away from her on the way to school?
- a. Come back.
  - b. Do you have to go to the potty?

- c. Don't divorce me.
40. What advice did Howard's father give him about eating alone?
    - a. Eat with someone who looks lonely.
    - b. Go up to a table and ask if he can join them.
    - c. Ask the lunch monitor for help.
  41. What did Molly and Howard do together when she came to his house?
    - a. Play house
    - b. Color.
    - c. Practice cheerleading.
  42. What two colors did Molly always use to color her pictures?
    - a. light pink and black
    - b. lime green and lavender
    - c. purple and orange
  43. What did Ollie ask Howard to do when he called him?
    - a. Play football.
    - b. Play soccer.
    - c. Got to a movie.
  44. What does Molly want to do at the football game?
    - a. cheer
    - b. play quarterback
    - c. bring water to the players
  45. What does Howard have in his room?
    - a. Madd magazines and games
    - b. microscope and butterfly collection
    - c. baseball card collection
  46. Why did Molly come over on the day that Ollie and Peter first visited?
    - a. To color with Howard
    - b. To show Howard her new boots.
    - c. To show Howard her football cheer.
  47. What did Ollie and Howard do to tease Molly?
    - a. Hid Madeline.
    - b. Made fun of the picture she colored.
    - c. Used Madeline as a football.
  48. What did Pete call Ollie and Howard after they threw Madeline around?
    - a. jerks
    - b. hilarious
    - c. childish
  49. What did Howard do during the football game to try to make friends with Pete?
    - a. Let him take his turn at quarterback.
    - b. Hand off to him every time.
    - c. Passed to him every time.
  50. Why didn't Howard go to the movies with Ollie and Morty?
    - a. He had to go home to baby-sit Gaylord.
    - b. He wanted to talk to Pete.
    - c. He thought Ollie was a jerk.
  51. What movie did Howard and Thornsberry see?

- a. Star Wars
  - b. Harry Potter
  - c. Bambi
52. What did Molly promise to do if Howard would still be her friend?
- a. Use light pink to color the pig.
  - b. Baby-sit Gaylord.
  - c. Walk Bill every day.
53. What kind of lessons was Sally taking to help her be brave around big kids?
- a. Self defense
  - b. Karate
  - c. Self esteem
54. What did Howard tell Ollie when he wanted to come over?
- a. His brother was taking a nap.
  - b. He was playing with Molly.
  - c. He didn't want to be his friend.
55. Molly told Howard's mother that she was a better cook than \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Her Nonny.
  - b. Ronald McDonald
  - c. Her mother

## The Kid in the Red Jacket Answers

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| 1. A  | 29. B |
| 2. B  | 30. C |
| 3. B  | 31. A |
| 4. C  | 32. B |
| 5. B  | 33. A |
| 6. A  | 34. C |
| 7. C  | 35. B |
| 8. A  | 36. A |
| 9. B  | 37. C |
| 10. C | 38. C |
| 11. B | 39. B |
| 12. A | 40. B |
| 13. B | 41. B |
| 14. B | 42. B |
| 15. C | 43. A |
| 16. C | 44. A |
| 17. B | 45. A |
| 18. A | 46. B |
| 19. B | 47. C |
| 20. C | 48. A |
| 21. A | 49. B |
| 22. C | 50. B |
| 23. B | 51. C |
| 24. A | 52. A |
| 25. B | 53. B |
| 26. B | 54. A |
| 27. A | 55. B |
| 28. C |       |