

Name _____

Date _____

Read the paragraph. Then follow the directions.

Some Soup!

Birds called swifts are popular in Thailand. People there welcome the birds into their homes. In one city the birds even live in a hotel. The reason the birds are in such demand is their nests. Bird's nest soup is a big treat in Thailand. I don't think I would care for it. Vegetable soup seems better to me!



1. Write *fact* or *opinion* next to each sentence.

_____ A. Birds called swifts are popular in Thailand.

_____ B. I don't think I would care for it.

_____ C. In one city the birds even live in a hotel.

2. Write another opinion from the paragraph.

Wham-O® Toys

LISTEN to
your child read
this story aloud.

Do the names Richard Knerr and Arthur "Spud" Melin mean anything to you? You have probably never heard of them, but in 1948, these two men started the Wham-O® toy company, and the company is still making toys today.

In the 1950s, these men heard about people using circles made from bamboo to help with exercise and losing weight. The men thought kids would like to play with the circles too. They made their circles out of hollow plastic. They made 25 million of their toys in the first two months. After a few years they had sold 100 million. What do you think the toy was?



Another toy made by the Wham-O® toy company really started out as a pie pan..It became popular for young people to toss around the pie pans from the Frisbie Pie Company, after they had eaten the pie. This gave Fred Morrison an idea. He made a toy shaped like these pans, using plastic instead of metal. He called it the "Pluto Platter," but people didn't buy very many of them. Then he changed the name of the toy. In 1957, he began selling his new toy. You can still buy this toy today. Can you guess what it is?



A third toy from Wham-O® is much newer. Children often play with this toy in the summer, and when they do, they get really wet. No, it is not a garden hose. It is not a plastic pool. It is not a water gun. Here's a hint: You lie on your tummy and slide on it. Now do you know what toy it is?

This summer you can thank the Wham-O® toy company for making your life more fun!



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