

# Minions

**Part 1** **Vocab Preview** *Try to infer the meaning of the underlined words before you watch the video.*

1. His name is William, but he goes by many names. Bill. Billy. Willy.
2. Man has walked the earth for about 6 million years.
3. She could afford the house, but it was two hours away from her job. Therein lies the rub.
4. John has trouble being faithful to his girlfriends. He tends to bounce from one to another.
5. Surprisingly, the young boy took a liking to classical music at a very early age.
6. When he received the criticism, he took it badly and refused to speak to anyone.
7. The small church offered a sanctuary for those seeking shelter from the chaos outside.

**Part 2** **Comprehension** *Answer these questions after you watch the video.*

1. How long have the Minions been on this planet?
  - a) Longer than Man
  - b) Longer than mammals
  - c) Longer than dinosaurs
2. What does the narrator say about Norbert?
  - a) He is the strongest.
  - b) He is the smartest.
  - c) He is an idiot.
3. What is the goal of the Minions?
  - a) They want to kill their boss.
  - b) They want to find a new boss.
  - c) They want to make their boss happy.
4. What is difficult for the Minions?
  - a) Finding a boss
  - b) Killing their boss
  - c) Keeping their boss
5. What new species came during the Stone Age?
  - a) Humans
  - b) Vampires
  - c) Dinosaurs
6. How was Man different from dinosaurs?
  - a) Man was stronger.
  - b) Man was smarter.
  - c) Man was more delicious.
7. What mistake did the Minions make in Egypt?
  - a) They served the wrong boss.
  - b) They built the pyramid sideways.
  - c) They spent too much time in the sun.
8. Who was the Minions' boss in the Dark Ages?
  - a) Napoleon
  - b) Dracula
  - c) T-Rex
9. What was unusual about this boss?
  - a) He slept all day.
  - b) He didn't like cake.
  - c) He wore strange clothes.
10. How did the Minions fail this boss?
  - a) They served him the wrong food.
  - b) They exposed him to sunlight.
  - c) They forgot his birthday.
11. Why did the Minions have to run away?
  - a) They were too cold.
  - b) They killed Dracula.
  - c) They failed Napoleon.

**Part 3 Discussion** *Discuss these questions with your group.*

1. Imagine you are talking to someone who has never seen a minion. How would you describe a minion? Think about both their appearance and personality.
2. In this clip, the Minions killed four of their masters. How did they kill each one?
3. Why do you think *Minions* became so popular?
4. Who is cuter—the Minions or Grogu (*Baby Yoda*)? Why or how?



5. Do you think *Minions* is a movie made for adults or children? Explain your opinion.
6. We see the Minions serve a dinosaur, a caveman, an Egyptian pharaoh, a vampire, and a French general (Napoleon). Which story would make the most interesting full movie? Why? What would happen in that movie?
7. What are the three most important moments in the history of your country? How would Minions have made these moments worse?
8. What is your favorite animated movie? Why?

**Part 4 Language** *Choose the most natural way to express each idea.*

1. Minions [ **go on / go by / go after** ] many different names.
2. The Minions' [ **reason for exist / reason existing / reason for existence** ] is to make their master happy.
3. The Minions can find a boss. However, they can't keep a boss. That is the [ **rub / strike / punch** ].
4. The Minions [ **took alike / took liking to / took a liking to** ] man right away.
5. The Minions were [ **front and center / front centered / the front of center** ] for many of the important moments in history.
6. Serving Napoleon [ **had a promise / hoped to promise / held great promise** ] for the Minions.
7. The Minions [ **give / have / make** ] a tendency to fail their masters.
8. When the Minions failed Napoleon, he took it [ **angry / badly / sadly** ].
9. When the Minions [ **lost / broke / missed** ] hope, they found a new home.

**Part 5 Sentence Building** Write sentences about the video clip using the words given. You can change the word form or add words, but you cannot change the word order.

E.g. Minion / exist / Earth / much / long / than / human

Minions have existed on Earth for much longer than humans.

1. their / primary / goal / serve / most / despicable / master / they / can / find
2. despite / their / different / name / personality / they / all / share / this / common / purpose
3. although / find / master / easy / keep / one / prove / difficult
4. throughout / history / they / serve / various / master / but / their / effort / always / end / failure
5. they / cause / dinosaur / fall / off / cliff / and / caveman / be / eat / bear
6. they / accident / crush / Egypt / Pharoah / by / build / pyramid / sideways
7. they / expose / vampire / sunlight / birthday / turn / him / stone
8. they / accident / shoot / Napoleon / cannon
9. but / when / all / hope / seem / lost / Minion / find / sanctuary

## Script

Minions. Minions have been on this planet far longer than we have.

They go by many names. Dave, Carl, Paul, Mike.

Oh, that one is Norbert. He's an idiot.

They're all different, but they all share the same goal. To serve the most despicable master they could find.

Boss!

Making their master happy was the tribe's very reason for existence.

But that's not to say that they didn't have other passions.

Huh?

Finding a boss was easy, but keeping a boss, therein lies the rub.

Nope, it wasn't easy for these guys, but they never gave up.

With the emergence of the Stone Age came the rise of a new species.

Man was very different from the dinosaur. He was shorter, hairier, and way, way smarter.

The Minions took an instant liking to man, and helped him the best they could.

Oh, no, no.

Eh?

Poor man. So trusting. So fragile. So, so delicious!

Their quest for a boss put the Minions front and center for some of civilization's most historic moments.

Anubis!

Ancient Egypt held great promise.

Okay! Pancake!

But it didn't last long.

Hmm. Oh!

Ow!

The Dark Ages were actually fun times. Their new master had a tendency to party all night and sleep all day.

Ooh!

Oh.

But eventually, the party was over.

They bounced from one evil boss to another, but they never seemed to find their perfect fit.

One particular employer took their failure very, very badly.

Huh?

The Minions had no other choice but to keep moving.

Oh.

And then, when all hope seemed lost, they found sanctuary.

The Minions were safe!

## Answers

### Part 2

1. How long have the Minions been on this planet?      **a) Longer than Man**
2. What does the narrator say about Norbert?      **c) He is an idiot.**
3. What is the goal of the Minions?      **c) They want to make their boss happy.**
4. What is difficult for the Minions?      **c) Keeping their boss**
5. What new species came during the Stone Age?      **a) Humans**
6. How was Man different from dinosaurs?      **b) Man was smarter.**
7. What mistake did the Minions make in Egypt?      **b) They built the pyramids sideways.**
8. Who was the Minions' boss in the Dark Ages?      **b) Dracula**
9. What was unusual about this boss?      **a) He slept all day.**
10. How did the Minions fail this boss?      **b) They exposed him to sunlight.**
11. Why did the Minions have to run away?      **c) They failed Napoleon.**

### Part 4

1. Minions [ **go by** ] many different names.
2. The Minions' [ **reason for existence** ] is to make their master happy.
3. The Minions can find a boss. However, they can't keep a boss. That is the [ **rub** ].
4. The Minions [ **took a liking to** ] Man right away.
5. The Minions were [ **front and center** ] for many of the important moments in history.
6. Serving Napoleon [ **held great promise** ] for the Minions.
7. The Minions [ **have** ] a tendency to fail their masters.
8. When the Minions failed Napoleon, he took it [ **badly** ].
9. When the Minions [ **lost** ] hope, they found a new home.

### Part 5

1. Their primary goal is to serve the most despicable master (that) they can find.
2. Despite their different names and personalities, they all share this common purpose.
3. Although finding a master was easy, keeping one proved difficult.
4. Throughout history, they served various masters, but their efforts always ended (up) in failure.
5. They caused a dinosaur to fall off a cliff and a caveman to be eaten by a bear.
6. They accidentally crushed an Egyptian Pharaoh by building a pyramid sideways.
7. They exposed a vampire to sunlight on his birthday, turning him [to/into] stone.  
They exposed a vampire to sunlight on his birthday, which turned him [to/into] stone.  
They exposed a vampire to sunlight on his birthday and turned him [to/into] stone.
8. They accidentally shot Napoleon with a cannon.
9. But when all hope seemed lost, the Minions found sanctuary.