

“Feathered Friend”

Name: _____

COMPREHENSION

1. What are two reasons Claribel is a good pet choice for Sven?
2. When does the narrator realize Claribel is aboard the space station?
3. What happens after the crew revive her?
4. Why do they pass around an oxygen bottle?
5. Why does the narrator have a headache?

VOCABULARY

6. Define *distressed*.
7. Define *pathetically*.
8. Define *lamented*.

ANALYZE the TEXT

9. What about the setting made “early spacers... wiry little fellows”?
10. What does the following mean? “Half a million dollars’ worth of chemical and electronic engineering had let us down completely.”

11. How is Claribel similar to a hummingbird?

12. How do crew members feel about her?

CRAFT and STRUCTURE

13. Explain one theme of the story that relates to the title.

14. What theme is supported by the following passage from the story?

It was one of those accidents that couldn't possibly happen; we'd had one of our rare eclipses by Earth's shadow that night: Part of the air purifier had frozen up, and the single alarm in the circuit had failed to go off.

15. What is a third theme of this story?

WORD STUDY

16. Define the Greek root *-path*.

17. Define *antipathy*.

LANGUAGE

18. What is a compound word in open form? Write an example.

19. Write a compound word that is an adjective.

20. Write a compound word that is a verb.