

## Missing Picnic Words Answer Key

### Completed Paragraph:

Sophie placed her **book** on the picnic blanket and opened the basket. Inside were sandwiches, fruit, and a bottle of **lemonade**. Her little brother laughed as a **bird** landed near their plates, hoping to snatch a crumb. The warm **sun** shone brightly, making the afternoon feel cheerful and calm.

### Comprehension Answers:

1. **A book.**
2. **Lemonade.**
3. **A bird.**
4. **The warm sun.**

### Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Purpose:** Cloze reading encourages students to rely on **context clues, phrasing, and fluency** while filling in missing words. This blends decoding with comprehension and helps prevent word-by-word monotone reading.
- **Implementation Tips:**
  - Model how to keep the flow of reading, even when pausing briefly at blanks.
  - After filling in, reread the paragraph smoothly to reinforce fluency.
  - Emphasize **intonation**: students should read as if the paragraph were already complete.
- **Differentiation:**
  - Provide a word bank (book, lemonade, bird, sun) for struggling readers.
  - Challenge advanced readers by leaving more blanks or asking them to come up with different but logical words to fit the context.
- **Extension Idea:** Have students create their own short Cloze paragraph and trade with a partner to practice filling in and reading aloud.