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**Logic Puzzles**

Logic puzzles are excellent for practicing reading comprehension. The teacher can use it as a main lesson, as a filler if material has been finished early, or to give to students who've finished their work quickly before the rest of the class. It's important to ascertain that the students have the requisite vocabulary; if not, a fun activity will turn into a frustrating experience. Here are two puzzles; one simpler, the second on a higher level.

(Answers on page 3.)

**Fish Tanks**

1. PUZZLE 1

Place the fish—orange, blue, red, and green—in the tanks according to the clues.

orange fish blue fish red fish green fish



Clues:

1. The orange fish is between the blue fish and the red fish.

2. The blue fish is next to the green fish.

3. The red fish is not in Tank 1.

 TANK 1 TANK 2 TANK 3 TANK 4

B. PUZZLE 2

Each cage below holds a different animal. There are three rows (across) and three columns (up and down). Read the clues and figure out which cage holds which animal.

The lions are in the middle cage; here are the animals in the other cages:

monkeys bears birds pandas

 tigers elephants giraffes penguins

(Note: row means across; column means up/down.)

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Clues:

1. The monkeys are in a corner cage, to the left of the birds.

2. The bears are between the pandas and the giraffes, in the same row.

3. The penguins are below the giraffes, but they are not in the bottom row.

4. Neither the tigers nor the birds are in the top row.

5. The pandas are in the same column as the monkeys and the tigers.

6. The elephants are in the bottom row, but the bears are not.

7. The tigers and the penguins are in the same row.

8. The penguins, the birds, and the pandas are not in the same row or in the same column.

9. The tigers are in the cage above the monkeys.

**Answers:**

Puzzle A:

Tank 1: green fish

 Tank 2: blue fish

 Tank 3: orange fish

 Tank 4: red fish

Puzzle B:

Top row (left to right): pandas, bears, giraffes

Middle row (left to right): tigers, lions, penguins

Bottom row (left to right): monkeys, birds, elephants

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