

READING, VERSION A

QUESTION 1

Choose the word that names the picture.



- fast
- food
- foot
- fold

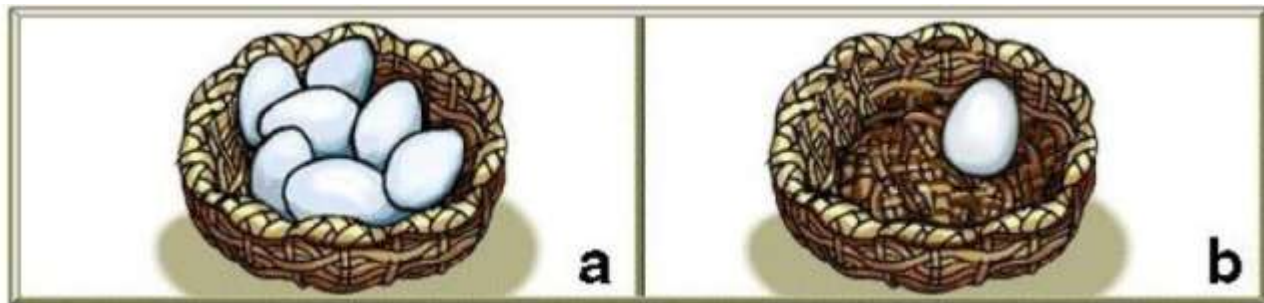
QUESTION 2

Choose the answer that means the same as the **bold** word.

Frank walked **behind** David.

- before
- next to
- after
- around

QUESTION 3



Choose the picture that shows the meaning of the **highlighted** word.

The **eggs** are in the basket.

- a
- b

QUESTION 4

Choose the answer that means the same as the **highlighted** word.

The story **wasn't** funny.

- can not
- was not
- do not
- were not

QUESTION 5

Ants work very hard. Each ant has some work to do. Some ants make the hills where all the ants live. Many ants find things to eat. Other ants look after the newly hatched ants.

Which sentence tells the **main idea** best?

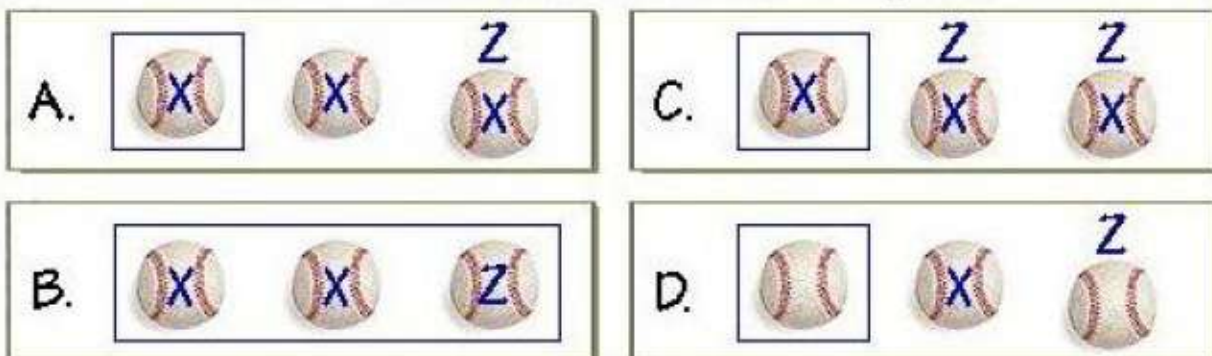
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- Other ants look after the newly hatched ants.
- Many ants find things to eat.
- Some ants make the hills where all the ants live.

QUESTION 6

Follow these directions.

Draw three baseballs. Make a box around the first ball.
Put an X on the second ball. Put a Z above the last ball.

Choose the answer that looks most like yours.



- A
- B
- C
- D

QUESTION 7

FACT OR FANTASY

Choose the answer that tells what could not really happen.

Max was at the restaurant. He took out his wallet to pay the bill. The money ran away. Max lost a twenty-dollar bill.

What could not really happen?

- He took out his wallet to pay the bill.
- The money ran away.
- Max lost a twenty-dollar bill.
- Max was at the restaurant.

QUESTION 8

FINDING FACTS AND DETAILS

The lawn was covered with leaves. In the morning, Jim raked them into big piles. After lunch, Jim put all the leaves in bags. Then he put the bags by the street. "The men will pick up the bags tomorrow," Jim thought.

What did Jim do in the morning?

- He watered the lawn.
- He raked the rocks.
- He read a good book.
- He raked the leaves.

QUESTION 9

USING CLUES

Millie heard the wind blow. Then she saw the tree fall. The car was smashed.

What fell on the car?

- the tree
- Millie
- the house
- the wind

QUESTION 10

MAIN IDEA

Kate has a very old hound dog named Sammy. Sammy was given to Kate as a present on her 30th birthday. Sammy's fur is thin and gray. His eyesight and hearing are not good. His left ear is chewed up. Even so, Kate loves Sammy more than any of her other dogs.

*What is the **main idea** of this story?*

- Kate has a new puppy.
- Kate has a dog named Sammy.
- Kate is 30 years old.
- Kate does not like old dogs.

QUESTION 11

MISSPELLINGS

*Look at the word above. What is the **root word**?*

- spellings
- misspell
- mis
- spell

QUESTION 12

CHOOSE THE ANSWER

*Choose the answer that means the same as the **bolded word**.*

Rachel slowly turned the **doorknob** and looked into the dark closet

- knob on a drawer
- knob for opening a door
- door with lots of knobs
- door to a closet

QUESTION 13

Eric is saving his money because he wants to buy a new bike. The bike he wants is blue with gray racing stripes. Every day on his way home from school, Eric looks at the bike in the store window. In one month, he hopes to have enough money to buy it.

Why is Eric saving his money?

- He is saving his money to buy a new fishing pole.
- He is saving his money to go on a skiing trip.
- He is saving his money in the bank.
- He is saving his money to buy a new bike.

QUESTION 14

The coach said to the players, "**You** did a fine job. We had a good, fair game."

*The pronoun **you** stands for which noun?*

- coach
- players
- game

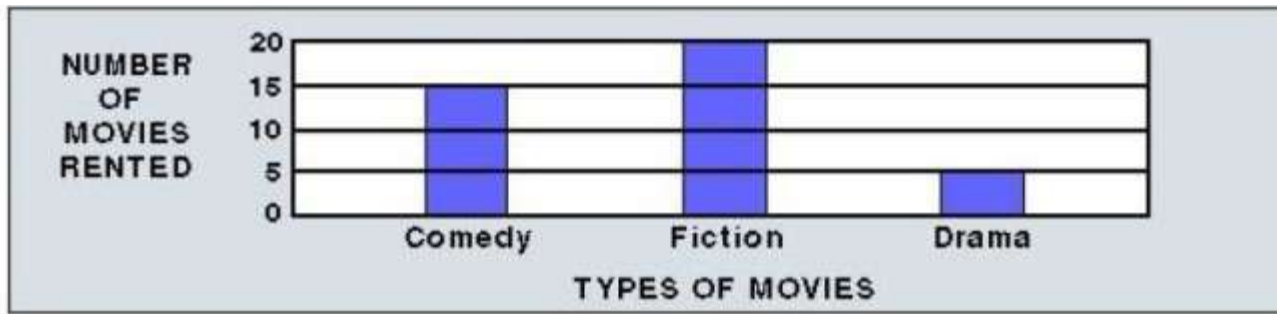
QUESTION 15

Sean sat in the back of the crowded school bus. It was snowing hard outside. Traffic was moving very slowly. Sean's coach had canceled practice after school. He believed the snowstorm would be bad. Sean felt disappointed at first. Then he saw how much snow was on the ground. He thought the coach made a smart decision.

*Which of the following is stated as a **fact** in this story?*

- Sean's coach had canceled practice after school.
- He believed the snowstorm would be bad.
- Sean felt disappointed at first.
- He thought the coach made a smart decision.

QUESTION 16



How many comedy movies were rented?

- 5 10 15 20

QUESTION 17

In Florida, there is a fish known as the walking catfish. It has gills so that it can breathe under the water. It also has lungs! The walking catfish can breathe the air just like you and I do. Sometimes the lakes or ponds where these fish live will dry up. When this happens, the walking catfish can move over the land to another body of water. The fish uses its fins to lift the front of its body off of the ground. Then it pushes with its tail and moves across the land.

Complete the sentence.

The walking catfish has

- very large lungs
 four small feet
 gills and lungs
 very good eyes

QUESTION 18

Jane threw the ball. Amy swung the bat as hard as she could. The bat hit the ball with a little noise. Pop! Amy began to run. The ball rolled slowly toward second base. Jack ran to get the ball. He tripped over his shoelaces. He fell down. Marie picked up the ball. She tried to throw it. It dropped out of her glove. She dropped it three times. Amy ran to second, third, and home. She was thrilled. "I hit a home run!" she shouted.

What were the children doing?

- swimming
 playing tag
 playing baseball
 skating

QUESTION 19

One day Burt stayed home to paint the kitchen. He put his dog Spike outside and covered the floor with old newspapers. Burt took great care that everything was just right. Then he started painting. When Molly came home from school, Burt was sitting on a ladder painting the ceiling. Molly opened the door and went inside. Spike came in too. "Down, Spike!" shouted Burt. Then there was a loud crash. The ladder was broken and everything was covered with paint. Burt spent the rest of the day washing the kitchen floor. Molly spent the rest of the day giving Spike a bath.

What did Spike do in the kitchen?

- Spike jumped up on the ladder.
- Spike stayed out of the way.
- Spike helped Molly clean up.
- Spike helped Burt paint.

QUESTION 20

Rita had an accident. She stepped on the cat's tail and spilled spaghetti all over the dog. The cat ran under a chair. The dog ran all around the house. Rita's young son, Bobby, helped clean up the mess. Rita was angry, but when she saw Bobby laughing, she started laughing too.

Complete the sentence.

Bobby thought the accident was

- sad
- too bad
- sickening
- funny

QUESTION 21

*Choose the answer that means the same as the **highlighted** word.*

The old bear could not **adapt** to life in the zoo.

- adjust
- perform
- connect
- release

QUESTION 22

People with weak immune systems **contract** infections more readily.

*What does the word **contract** mean in the sentence above?*

- decrease in bulk or volume
- a binding agreement between two or more persons or parties
- become affected with
- establish or undertake by binding agreement

QUESTION 23

Melissa looked in the mirror. She straightened the collar of her blouse and smoothed a stray wisp of hair into place. Then she brushed a small speck of lint from her skirt. She wanted to look her best for the job interview.

*Read the paragraph. Which sentence best states the **main idea**?*

- Melissa looked in the mirror.
- Melissa wanted to look her best for the job interview.
- Melissa straightened the collar of her blouse and smoothed a stray wisp of hair into place.
- Then Melissa brushed a small speck of lint from her skirt.

QUESTION 24

From the 1800s to the early 1900s: many children in the United States worked in factories. At that time, there were no laws against children working. Factory owners hired children because they were a source of cheap labor. In the factories, children worked long, hard hours for very little pay. Many children as young as 7 years old worked 10 hours a day, 6 days a week. Older boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14 labored up to 15 hours a day to help support their families.

According to the paragraph, which of the following caused factory owners to hire children?

- Children would work 15 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Children would not disobey the factory bosses.
- Factory owners wanted to help poor families.
- Children were a source of cheap labor.

QUESTION 25

Cindy blinked at the lights of the oncoming cars. As she drove on, her head nodded. She decided to turn on the radio and open the window. Still, Cindy could feel her eyes trying to close.

Which sentence below best expresses the main idea of the above paragraph?

- Cindy enjoys listening to the radio while she drives.
- Cindy dislikes driving with the car windows closed.
- While driving, Cindy had trouble staying awake.
- Cindy took a nap in the car.

QUESTION 26

A few months ago, my friend Henry noticed that his right arm was hurting. The doctor immediately put Henry in the hospital for an operation. The doctor told Henry and his wife that the operation could leave Henry disabled. Every day Henry's wife visited him in the hospital and brought him his favorite things to cheer him up. She would cry when no one was looking, but then she would go back to helping Henry. When he came home, she fed him and washed his face until he was strong enough to do it alone. Now Henry can do everything he did before. He's just fine.

Which is the best conclusion that can be made based on the information in the paragraph?

- Henry's problem was not very serious.
- Henry hurt his arm because he exercised too much.
- Henry's arm never healed completely.
- Henry's wife was extremely concerned about him.

QUESTION 27

Since the early 1900s, fingerprinting has helped police convict criminals. Trained officers use a powder-like substance to dust an object thought to have been touched by the criminal. The dust clings to moisture left by the criminal's finger, and the print appears. The officers who are trained to uncover fingerprints are extremely clever. Today, using computers, these officers are able to match a fingerprint to one on file in a matter of hours.

Which sentence is an opinion?

- The officers who are trained to uncover fingerprints are extremely clever.
- Trained officers use a powder-like substance to dust an object thought to have been touched by the criminal.
- The dust clings to moisture left by the criminal's finger and the print appears.
- Since the early 1900s, fingerprinting has helped police convict criminals.

QUESTION 28

*Each of these lists contains the same six words.
Which list is in alphabetical order?*

A.	B.	C.	D.
engine	fashion	engine	fiber
entrust	fatigue	entrust	filter
fiber	fiber	fashion	fashion
filter	filter	fatigue	fatigue
fashion	engine	fiber	entrust
fatigue	entrust	filter	engine

- A B C D

QUESTION 29

From "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes

Over the cobbles he clattered and clashed in the dark inn yard.
He tapped with his whip on the shutters, but all was locked and barred.
He whistled a tune to the window, and who should be waiting there
But the landlord's black-eyed daughter,
Bess, the landlord's daughter,
Plaiting a dark red love-knot into her long black hair.

Which of the following lines from the poem contains an example of onomatopoeia?

- Over the cobbles he clattered and clashed in the dark inn yard.
- He whistled a tune to the window, and who should be waiting there
- Bess, the landlord's daughter,
- Plaiting a dark red love-knot into her long black hair.

QUESTION 30

From Young Goodman Brown by Nathaniel Hawthorne

He had taken a dreary road, darkened by all the gloomiest trees in the forest, which barely stood aside to let the narrow path creep through, and closed immediately behind. It was as lonely as could be.... He glanced fearfully behind him....

Which word best describes the mood of this passage?

- peaceful
- frightening
- cheerful
- sad

