

“Griffin’s Talents”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.



Griffin plays the violin.

He takes lessons after school on Tuesdays.

Griffin’s violin teacher is Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas tells Griffin to practice every day.

Griffin practices his violin on most days.

On the days Griffin does not practice his violin, he plays soccer with his friends or fixes old clocks for fun.

“You are a boy of many talents,” Griffin’s parents tell him. “That means you are good at doing many things.”

Griffin likes it when his parents say this to him.

He loves playing the violin. He loves playing soccer. He loves fixing clocks. Griffin loves to do many things, but he does not have the time to do them all every day.

Questions:

1) What does Griffin play?

- I. tennis
- II. soccer
- III. the violin

- A. I only
- B. I and II
- C. II and III
- D. I, II, and III

2) When does Griffin take violin lessons?

- A. on Tuesdays after soccer
- B. on Thursdays after soccer
- C. on Tuesdays after school
- D. on Thursdays after school

3) When does Mr. Thomas tell Griffin to practice?

- A. every day
- B. most days
- C. only on Tuesdays
- D. when he wants to

4) When does Griffin practice the violin?

- A. every day
- B. most days
- C. never
- D. only on Tuesdays

Questions (continued):

5) How does Griffin feel about the violin?

- A. He loves it.
- B. He thinks it is hard.
- C. He hates to practice.
- D. He does not like the sound.

6) What things does Griffin love to do?

- I. read books
- II. fix old clocks
- III. play soccer with his friends

- A. I only
- B. I and II
- C. II and III
- D. I, II, and III

7) What does Mr. Thomas teach Griffin?

- A. to play soccer
- B. to fix old clocks
- C. to play the violin
- D. to build birdhouses

8) If you have **many talents**, this means you

- A. want to do a lot
- B. are good at playing the violin
- C. are busy doing many things
- D. are good at doing a lot of things

9) Why does Griffin not play the violin every day?

- A. He does not like the violin.
- B. He wants to play the piano.
- C. He is busy doing other things.
- D. His mom says not to play every day.

Do you have a talent? What is it? Would you like to have a talent?

Below the question, there are several horizontal lines for writing. A large blue 'X' is drawn across these lines, indicating that the question is optional or has been crossed out.

“The Brenners”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

The Brenner family has a mom, a dad, three boys, two dogs, a hamster, and four frogs.

They are very happy.

Their house is very small.

Mom and Dad share one bedroom.

The three boys share one bedroom. Their names are Billy, Bobby, and Brad.

All the pets sleep in the living room.

Mr. and Mrs. Brenner came home today from the doctor with news. It is very *big news*.

“There are going to be two more of us,” Mrs. Brenner says with a smile.
“I am pregnant.”

Billy, Bobby, and Brad cheer. “We will have a basketball team,” Billy says.

“And do you know what Dad and I have decided we need?” asks Mrs. Brenner.

“A coach?” asks Bobby.

“No,” Mr. Brenner says with a laugh. “A bigger house.”

Over the next week, the Brenner family starts looking for a new house.

On Monday, they see a brick house with a big front porch. It has three bedrooms. Mr. Brenner likes this one.

On Thursday, they see a wooden house with a big backyard. It has four bedrooms. Mrs. Brenner thinks this house is great.

On Saturday, they see a house with four bedrooms and a pool. The boys like this house a lot. They dream of having their friends over for a swim.

“But it’s smaller than the house we live in now!” Mrs. Brenner says.

All of the houses cost a lot of money.

“I think we need to save more money before we buy a bigger house,” says Mr. Brenner. Mrs. Brenner agrees.

Soon, two new babies arrive in their very small house. Their names are Brandi and Brooke.

The two baby girls sleep in a crib by their parents’ bed.

Mr. Brenner buys a basketball hoop and puts it in the driveway.



Questions:

1) What is the Brenner house like?

- I. crowded
 - II. small
 - III. dirty
- A.** I only
B. I and II
C. II and III
D. I, II, and III

2) Who shares a bedroom?

- I. Billy and Mom
 - II. Mom and Dad
 - III. Billy, Bobby, and Brad
- A.** I only
B. I and II
C. II and III
D. I, II, and III

3) What pets do the Brenners have?

- I. two dogs
 - II. a hamster
 - III. four cats
- A.** I only
B. I and II
C. II and III
D. I, II, and III

4) How many dogs do the Brenners have?

- A.** one
B. two
C. four
D. five

5) What can be said about all the kids' names?

- A.** They are all girls' names.
B. They all start with the letter B.
C. They are all long names.
D. They all end in the letter Y.

6) As used in the beginning of the story, what is the "big news"?

- A.** Mrs. Brenner is pregnant with twins.
B. The Brenners are moving to a new house.
C. The Brenners are starting a basketball team.
D. The Brenners are getting some new pets.

7) Why does Bobby say the Brenners need a coach?

- A.** because Mr. Brenner is too busy to coach
B. because they need help buying a house
C. because they will soon have enough kids for a basketball team
D. because Mrs. Brenner will not be able to coach while she is pregnant

8) Which house does Mr. Brenner like?

- A.** the one with a pool
B. the one with a big backyard
C. the one with a big front porch
D. the one with four bedrooms
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Questions (continued):

9) Which house does Mrs. Brenner like?

- I. the one with a big front porch
- II. the one with a big backyard
- III. the one with four bedrooms

- A.** I only
- B.** I and II
- C.** II and III
- D.** I, II, and III

10) Why do the boys like the house with the pool?

- A.** It has the biggest yard.
- B.** It is the biggest house.
- C.** They are on the swim team.
- D.** They want to have their friends over to swim.

11) How are all the houses they see alike?

- A.** They are all very pretty.
- B.** They are all very big.
- C.** They each have four bedrooms.
- D.** They all cost a lot of money.

12) What must Mr. and Mrs. Brenner do before buying a new house?

- A.** get new jobs
- B.** have the babies
- C.** save more money
- D.** move to a new city

13) What does Mr. Brenner put in the driveway?

- A.** a car
- B.** a dog crate
- C.** their new van
- D.** a basketball hoop

14) What do the Brenners' newborn babies have in common?

- I. They have the same gender.
 - II. They sleep in the same place.
 - III. Both their first and last names start with the same letter.
- A.** I only
 - B.** I and II
 - C.** II and III
 - D.** I, II, and III

How big is your family? Do you like this size? Why or why not?

A set of five horizontal lines for writing. A blue scribble is drawn across the lines, starting from the top left and ending at the bottom right, crossing all five lines.

118. If the police _____ arrive soon, they'll be too late.
A) isn't B) doesn't C) don't D) wasn't
119. He has two friends. That's not very _____.
A) few B) many C) much D) a lot
120. There _____ some fish very near the coast.
A) weren't B) was C) wasn't D) were
121. The police _____ looking for a man who escaped from prison.
A) is B) was C) are D) has been
122. Plastic surgery doesn't cost _____.
A) a lot of B) much C) many D) very few
123. He knows _____ about classical music.
A) a lot B) a lot of C) many D) a few
124. He is very honest. He is _____ than David.
A) honest B) more honestly C) more honest D) honestly
125. Some people think that life was _____ a hundred years ago.
A) badly B) worst C) well D) better
126. A bee is _____ than a bird.
A) smaller B) smallest C) the smallest D) small
127. A bicycle moves _____ than a car.
A) slowly B) fast C) very slow D) more slowly
128. Concorde is _____ other planes.
A) the safest B) safest C) as safe as D) safer
129. The news _____ bad.
A) was B) are C) were D) aren't
130. _____ everybody here?
A) Are B) Is C) Were D) Does
131. He has a lot of friends. He is _____ than Tony.
A) much less friendly B) less friendly
C) the most friendly D) more friendly
132. Other planes are not so _____ Concorde.
A) more expensive B) expensive
C) expensive as D) as expensive
133. The Boeing 747 makes _____ noise than Concorde.
A) much B) less C) most D) least
134. It was a very _____ journey.
A) interesting B) more interested
C) interested D) interestingly
135. Venus is the _____ planet to the earth.
A) far B) nearest C) farther D) near
136. What are the _____ sports in Turkey?
A) interested B) as interesting C) better than D) most popular
137. This team is bad. It plays _____.
A) badly B) bad C) not good D) well
138. He runs _____ than David.
A) better B) slowly C) well D) very fast
139. Jim is 19 years old. Tony is 15. Jim is _____ than Tony.
A) younger B) oldest C) older D) youngest
140. He came late because he can't run _____ the others.
A) as fast as B) faster C) the fastest of D) quickly as
141. Bill swims _____ than Robert.
A) faster B) very badly C) good D) worst
142. How _____ butter do you need?
A) much B) many C) few D) a lot
143. Colombia is the _____ country in the world.
A) as wet as B) wetter than C) wetter D) wettest
144. He thinks that their team is the _____ one in Italy.
A) better than B) better C) best D) good
145. Who sings the _____ in your class?
A) happy B) more happily C) happily D) most happily
146. My father is sick. I'm worried about _____.
A) his B) him C) her D) me
147. I saw Ann at the party but I didn't talk to _____.
A) hers B) him C) she D) her
148. A: Why doesn't Pete have any teeth?
B: Because he _____ brushed them.
A) usually B) often C) frequently D) never
149. Almost all of my father's teeth are good because he _____ brushes them.
A) usually B) ever C) never D) sometimes
150. Paul doesn't feel very good now. In six weeks he's going to feel _____.
A) bad B) better C) best D) badly
151. Kate is _____ than any other actress on TV.
A) as pretty B) not pretty C) prettier D) the prettiest
152. It's very _____. It's going to rain.
A) cloudy B) cloudless C) clouds D) more cloudy
153. They're good players, but we can beat _____.
A) their B) they C) theirs D) them
154. Lisa likes to read _____ horoscope.
A) hers B) her C) mine D) yours
155. The kitchen looks beautiful. Have you cleaned _____, Mary?
A) its B) it's C) it D) them
156. Sam and Bob went swimming with _____ sister, Lisa.
A) their B) theirs C) hers D) them
157. I think he was driving _____.
A) dangerous B) less careful C) hardly D) carelessly
158. I don't know why she behaves so _____ sometimes.
A) careless B) badly C) worse D) strange
159. This bag isn't _____ it looks.
A) as lightly as B) lighter C) as light as D) the lightest
160. I haven't _____ been as fat as I'm now.
A) ever B) never C) usually D) sometimes
161. She is a _____ driver. She drives her car _____.
A) carelessly / careless B) slowly / slow
C) well / good D) careful / carefully
162. He is _____ at painting. He paints _____.
A) bad / worse B) bad / badly
C) worse / bad D) badly / the worst
163. She behaves _____ every day.
A) good B) strange C) bad D) worse
164. Not every American _____ English.
A) doesn't speak B) don't speak
C) speak D) speaks
165. Terry hasn't come to school _____.
A) almost B) yet C) just D) never
166. Janet has _____ left home.
A) just B) yet C) almost D) ever
167. I can't find my homework _____.
A) nowhere B) everywhere C) anywhere D) somewhere
168. I've looked for my book _____ but I can't find it.
A) anywhere B) somewhere C) nowhere D) everywhere
169. I'm sure it's here _____.
A) somewhere B) everywhere C) anywhere D) nowhere
170. The bus is very _____.
A) quickly B) slow C) well D) noisily
171. She listens to the teacher very _____.
A) good B) carefully C) better D) careless
172. The author writes _____.
A) bad B) good C) well D) careful
173. He plays the piano _____ than his father.
A) very good B) better C) the best D) very well
174. A: _____ did you go yesterday? B: I went to a restaurant.
A) Where B) Why C) When D) What
175. A: _____ didn't you phone him?
B: I haven't got his telephone number.
A) What B) Why C) When D) How
176. A: _____ did you come to school?
B: On the school bus.
A) When B) What C) Why D) How

Review 2

Lesson code: 11C5-S6C8-KU31

ELEMENTARY

NO NEED TO COMPLETE EXERCISE
1. CONTINUE TO EXERCISE 2

1 Can/can't

Think about what you can or can't do with your mobile device or smartphone. Make notes using the phrases below.

make video calls
play tennis
find restaurants

watch TV
open doors
make coffee

book a taxi
send texts
drive a car

make new friends
make dinner
receive calls

Example: "I can book a taxi with my smartphone."

Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about your mobile devices, for example:

A: Can you play games on your smartphone?

B: Yes, I can.

2 Social expressions

MATCH THE CORRECT SOCIAL EXPRESSIONS

In pairs, take turns to read sentences below. Choose the best response for each sentence.

Fine, thanks.
It's all right.
See you later.

Good luck!
No, thanks.
Yes, please.

Here you are.
Same to you.
You're welcome.

1. Thanks for all your help. _____
2. Can you give me that piece of paper? _____
3. How are you today? _____
4. Have a nice weekend! _____
5. Would you like a glass of water? _____
6. Would you like to go to a really bad concert? _____
7. It's time to go. Bye. _____
8. I have two exams today. _____
9. Sorry, I'm a little late. _____



3 Past of 'be'

WAS or WERE?

Complete the sentences with the past form of the verb 'be'.
or WASN'T/WEREN'T

1. Ronald Reagan _____ the prime minister of Italy.
2. The Jackson Five _____ a group of musicians.
3. Elvis Presley _____ a doctor.
4. 30 years ago, computers _____ very advanced.
5. 1000 years ago, English _____ a global language.
6. Muhammed Ali _____ a famous American boxer.
7. Nelson Mandela _____ white.
8. 100 years ago, cars _____ very slow.

4 At the coffee shop

Complete the dialogue below.

Anything else Here you are	can I have How much is that	have here Small or large
Barrista:	Can I help you?	
Claire:	Yes, _____ ¹ a black coffee, please?	
Barrista:	_____ ² ?	
Claire:	Small, please.	
Barrista:	To _____ ³ or take away?	
Claire:	To have here, please.	
Barrista:	_____ ⁴ ?	
Claire:	Have you got any snacks?	
Barrista:	Yes, we have cheese bagels and chocolate cake.	
Claire:	OK. A bagel, please. _____ ⁵ ?	
Barrista:	That's four pounds.	
Claire:	_____ ⁶ .	
Barrista:	Thank you.	

In pairs, read the dialogue.



5 In the home

Answer the questions below with words that you know:

I keep my clothes in the....

1. Where do you keep your clothes? _____
2. Where do you keep food fresh? _____
3. What do you use to cook food? _____
4. Where do you keep books? _____
5. Where do very rich people live? _____

Complete the sentences with the verbs below.

invite

order

tidy

wash

watch

water

1. On Saturdays, I usually _____ guests to my home.
2. I usually _____ the plants once a week.
3. I don't like a mess, so I often _____ my bedroom.
4. I always _____ the dishes after eating.
5. I am sometimes too lazy to cook, so I _____ a pizza delivery.
6. In the evening, I often _____ television before I go to bed.

6 Past simple

Complete the sentences below:

1. Yesterday, I _____ (work) very hard.
2. I _____ (not/live) in Japan 10 years ago.
3. I _____ (eat) fried eggs for breakfast this morning.
4. _____ (you/call) me last night?
5. I _____ (get up) very late this morning.
6. Peter _____ (meet) a lot of interesting people during his travels.
7. They _____ (not/buy) sports car. They _____ (buy) a family car.
8. What _____ (you/drink) at the party last night?
9. I _____ (change) my telephone number last month.
10. The computer _____ (cost) me more than 1000 dollars!



7 There is/there are

Look at the picture and complete the sentences below with the correct form of 'there is/are'.



There is
There is

There are
There isn't

There are
There isn't

There aren't
There isn't

1. There is a double bed in the room.
2. _____ two plants.
3. _____ a painting on the wall.
4. _____ a clock on the wall.
5. _____ two beds in the room.
6. _____ books on the shelf.
7. _____ a desk in the room.
8. _____ a television in the room.

8 Interview answer these questions if you can, write your answers on a separate sheet of paper and send a photo to the teacher

~~Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions below.~~

- Can you swim?
- Can you fly?
- Where were you born?
- Who was Elvis Presley?
- What is there in your home? (~~Talk for about 20 seconds~~)
- What did you do last weekend? (~~Talk for about 20 seconds~~)

