

“The New School”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

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

Tracey is starting a new school today.

She is very sad. She is very scared.

“I don’t want to go to school today,” Tracey tells her dad.

“I understand, sweetheart,” Dad says. “Starting a new school can be very scary.”

Tracey has moved to a new town. She has moved to a new house. She is starting a new school today. She has done all of this in a week!

“I feel sick,” Tracey says. “My stomach hurts. I can’t eat breakfast.”

“I think that is because you are **nervous**,” Dad says. He pats Tracey’s hair. He gives her a little hug. “Try drinking just a little juice. Then I will walk you to school.”

Tracey and her dad walk to school.

Tracey thinks about many things.

Will I make friends?

Will I like my teacher?

What if I don’t know the answer to a question?

Will kids laugh at me?

What if no one likes me?

“We’re here,” says Dad.

Tracey looks up at the big building. Her other school was small.

Tracey wishes she could run away.

She knows she cannot.

She takes a deep breath.

She walks up the steps to school.

She walks into her third grade classroom.

“That must be Tracey,” she hears a boy say.

“Hello, Tracey!”

“Welcome, Tracey!”

“Let me show you around.”



Everyone seems kind. Tracey feels a little better.

But she is still not happy. She is still a little scared. She cannot eat her lunch.

Dad picks Tracey up after school.

"How was your day?" he asks.

"Okay," she says.

"It will get better," Dad says. "Big changes are hard."

"I know," says Tracey. She reaches for her dad's hand to hold as they walk home.

Questions:

1) Why is Tracey sad and scared?

- A. She is moving to a new house today.
- B. She is moving to a new town today.
- C. She is starting a new school today.
- D. She is walking to school alone today.

2) What has Tracey done during the week?

- I. made a new friend
 - II. moved to a new town
 - III. moved to a new house
- A. I only
 - B. I and II
 - C. II and III
 - D. I, II, and III

3) What grade is Tracey in?

- A. second grade
- B. third grade
- C. fourth grade
- D. fifth grade

4) Why can't Tracey eat breakfast?

- I. She is nervous.
 - II. Her stomach hurts.
 - III. She is late for school.
- A. I only
 - B. I and II
 - C. II and III
 - D. I, II, and III

5) Why does Tracey's dad think she feels sick?

- A. because she is sleepy
- B. because she is nervous
- C. because she has a cold
- D. because she ate too much

6) As used at the beginning of the story, what does **nervous** mean?

- A. to be happy
- B. to be hungry
- C. to be mad
- D. to be scared

Questions (continued):

7) What does Dad tell Tracey to do before school?

- A. stop crying
- B. get her bag
- C. drink some juice
- D. put on her shoes

8) How do Tracey and Dad get to school?

- A. They drive.
- B. They walk.
- C. They run.
- D. They take the bus.

9) What does Tracey think about most as she walks?

- A. her math test
- B. answering questions
- C. having friends
- D. her teachers

10) When does Tracey seem to be brave?

- A. when she cannot eat
- B. when she feels better
- C. when she holds her dad's hand
- D. when she walks up the steps to the school

11) What is Tracey's new school like?

- A. big
- B. dirty
- C. loud
- D. small

12) How do the children in Tracey's class seem?

- A. kind
- B. smart
- C. funny
- D. different

Have you ever felt nervous about doing something new? Explain.

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“Frogs”

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

Frogs live on land and in water. Frogs have long back legs and short bodies. Their eyes stick out. They do not have tails. Most of the time they move in the water, but they can also move on land. Frogs have **smooth**, not bumpy, skin. They can breathe through their skin. Their skin must stay wet so they can breathe through it. Young frogs must breathe through their skin. Older frogs grow **lungs**. They breathe through their lungs when they are on land, just like people do. Frogs lay their eggs in **ponds** and other bodies of water, like lakes.

Frogs must move fast to catch something to eat. They must also get away from bigger animals. Some frogs have webs of skin between their toes. Webbed toes are good because it helps them to swim very fast. Tree frogs have toe pads. The toe pads help them **hang on** when they **climb**. When they climb, they move up trees or rocks. Some tree frogs live high in very tall trees. Those tree frogs have webs between their toes. They can jump from tree to tree. They can't fly, but they can stay in the air for a long jump.

Questions:

1) A young frog's skin must stay wet so...

- A. the frog can swim.
- B. the frog can climb
- C. the frog can lay eggs.
- D. the frog can breathe.

2) Where do frogs lay their eggs?

- A. In water
- B. On land
- C. In trees
- D. Under rocks



3) How are young and old frogs different?

- A. Only older frogs have lungs.
- B. Only young frogs can swim.
- C. Only young frogs can live in water.
- D. Only older frogs must have wet skin.

4) Some frogs have toe pads to help them...

- A. climb.
- B. swim.
- C. jump.
- D. fly.

5) What helps frogs swim and jump?

- A. Toe pads
- B. Their lungs
- C. Their smooth skin
- D. Webs of skin between their toes

Vocabulary:

1) **Smooth** skin is...

- A. not bumpy.
- B. not wet.
- C. bumpy.
- D. wet.

2) People and frogs both use **lungs** to...

- A. climb.
- B. move fast.
- C. breathe.
- D. get something to eat.

3) **Ponds** are...

- A. small frogs.
- B. frog eggs.
- C. large animals
- D. bodies of water.



4) To **hang on** means to...

- A. fall down.
- B. hold on.
- C. go on.
- D. None of the above.

5) To **climb** means to...

- A. move fast.
- B. take in.
- C. move up.
- D. move in.





● Word Pair Analogies 1

low-beginning level

Directions: Choose the word on the right that best expresses a relationship similar to that of the original pair.

Example:

A **rose** is a kind of **flower**.
A **hammer** is a kind of **tool**.



#) ROSE : FLOWER	
HAMMER :	A. car <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. tool C. computer D. instrument

1) UP : DOWN	
LEFT :	A. right B. over C. close D. before

6) NURSE : HOSPITAL	
WAITER :	A. hotel B. bank C. mall D. restaurant

2) EYES : SEE	
FINGERS :	A. hear B. touch C. smell D. taste

7) PENCIL : WRITE	
KNIFE :	A. bake B. cut C. move D. clean

3) SUMMER : HOT	
WINTER :	A. angry B. tired C. delicious D. cold

8) GOOD : WONDERFUL	
TASTY :	A. delicious B. bad C. sunny D. nice

4) BANANA : YELLOW	
CARROT :	A. orange B. purple C. blue D. red

9) HUNGRY : EAT	
TIRED :	A. rest B. play C. run D. jump

5) PORK : MEAT	
FRENCH :	A. house B. chicken C. language D. food

10) BED : BEDROOM	
TOILET :	A. truck B. kitchen C. television D. bathroom

177. Horses _____ drive automobiles.
A) often B) usually C) never D) sometimes
178. Students _____ shout in the library.
A) always B) often C) frequently D) seldom
179. Tourists _____ visit museums.
A) often B) seldom C) never D) rarely
180. The sun is _____ hot.
A) always B) often C) usually D) never
181. A: Do you ever fail tests?
B: No. I _____ fail tests.
A) sometimes B) usually C) never D) ever
182. Susan fails all of her history exams. She _____ passes them.
A) ever B) never C) often D) seldom
183. Bob saw only one film last year. He _____ goes to the cinema.
A) often B) seldom C) sometimes D) never
184. David eats a lot of pears and apples. He _____ eats fruit.
A) sometimes B) rarely C) ever D) frequently
185. We can't do our homework. Can you help _____ ?
A) we B) me C) them D) us
186. I'm a strong player, he can't beat _____.
A) I B) mine C) me D) him
187. Swimming is _____ excellent sport.
A) _ B) a C) an D) the
188. Mike wants to watch TV _____ tonight.
A) _ B) a C) an D) the
189. I'd like _____ bowl of soup, please.
A) an B) a C) _ D) the
190. Can you see those two men? They are _____ policemen.
A) _ B) the C) a D) an
191. My father hates _____ hospitals.
A) _ B) the C) a D) an
192. _____ traffic in Turkey is bad.
A) The B) _ C) A D) An
193. I'd like _____ ice-cream, please.
A) a few B) few C) a little D) a lot
194. A: How _____ apples did you eat?
B: I ate _____ apples.
A) many / a few B) much / some
C) many / a little D) a lot of / a few
195. Carol writes well. Andy writes _____ than Carol. Mary writes _____.
A) good / the best B) better / better
C) good / better D) better / the best
196. Maria sings _____ Julia.
A) better than B) as good as C) as bad as D) worse
197. Julia gets up early. Mike gets up _____ than Julia. Anderson gets up _____.
A) as early as / earlier B) earlier / the earliest
C) early / earlier D) the earliest / earlier
198. She arrives at work much _____ than anyone else.
A) earliest B) the earliest C) earlier D) as early as
199. Robert works less _____ than Tom.
A) carefully B) careful
C) careless D) as carelessly as
200. Which student in the class works _____ ?
A) more careful B) less careful
C) the most carefully D) the least careful
201. Tom wasn't hungry, so he ate only _____ soup.
A) a few B) a little C) a lot D) little
202. Which is _____ place you've ever been to?
A) more beautiful B) as beautiful as
C) the most beautiful D) the most beautifully
203. David's sister is thin but not _____ Mike's.
A) so thin B) thinner C) the thinnest D) so thin as
204. _____ Amazon is _____ longest river in the World.
A) The / the B) _ / the C) _ / _ D) The / _
205. _____ Lake Oregon is _____ large lake.
A) The / a B) _ / a C) A / a D) _ / _
206. He always drinks _____ tea with _____ milk.
A) the / _ B) _ / _ C) a / _ D) a / a
207. A: Where is _____ coffee I bought?
B: It's in _____ kitchen.
A) _ / the B) _ / _ C) the / the D) the / a
208. They went to France by _____ plane but we're planning to go on _____ bus.
A) the / the B) _ / a C) _ / _ D) a / a
209. My father has gone into _____ hospital for _____ operation.
A) _ / _ B) _ / an C) the / _ D) the / an
210. _____ ABC cinema is opposite _____ hospital.
A) _ / the B) The / _ C) An / the D) The / the
211. We visited _____ Birmingham Museum _____ last year.
A) _ / _ B) the / the C) the / _ D) _ / the
212. _____ Atlantic Ocean is larger than _____ Mediterranean Sea.
A) The / the B) The / _ C) _ / _ D) _ / the
213. He is _____ vegetarian. He doesn't eat _____ meat.
A) _ / _ B) a / _ C) a / the D) the / _
214. There is _____ horror film on _____ TV tonight.
A) a / the B) an / _ C) _ / _ D) a / _
215. _____ earth moves round _____ sun.
A) An / the B) The / _ C) _ / the D) The / the
216. What is _____ capital of _____ Switzerland?
A) the / the B) the / _ C) a / _ D) _ / a
217. _____ milk is good for you. Why don't you drink _____ milk in your glass?
A) The / the B) _ / the C) _ / a D) A / the
218. Tracey has been in _____ prison for a year. Last Sunday his father went to _____ prison to see him.
A) _ / _ B) the / the C) a / the D) _ / the
219. _____ weather was terrible yesterday, so we spent all day at _____ home.
A) The / _ B) _ / the C) The / the D) A / _
220. Good health is _____ than money.
A) more important B) very important
C) as important as D) the most important
221. Who is _____ footballer in Turkey?
A) very good B) a better C) the best D) best
222. The world's population is getting _____ every year.
A) big B) bigger C) very big D) the biggest
223. Janet is almost _____ her father. She's 176 cm and he is 178 cm.
A) tall as B) as tall as C) taller than D) a little shorter
224. Today isn't _____ yesterday.
A) cold as B) as sunny as C) a little warmer D) a lot hotter
225. Where is the _____ place in the world?
A) hottest B) as peaceful as
C) more interesting D) colder
226. I can't speak English as _____ my elder brother.
A) good as B) fluently as C) better than D) well
227. The plane arrived _____ than we'd expected.
A) very late B) later C) as late as D) lately
228. I've got very _____ money.
A) few B) a few C) little D) some
229. She's got _____ records of classical music.
A) very much B) very little C) a few D) plenty
230. A: Were there _____ passengers on the plane?
B: Not _____.
A) a few / many B) a lot of / many
C) many / a few D) a lot of / much
231. Only _____ Simon's friends went to the match, not _____.
A) a few / much B) a few of / many
C) some / much D) a lot of / many
232. _____ I want is a cup of tea.
A) All B) Every C) Whole D) Everything
233. Listen to me. I can explain _____.
A) all B) every C) everything D) whole

Common Prepositions

- Q1 I live in the big house the corner.
(a) on (b) in (c) of (d) to
- Q2 My son goes English classes 5 days a week.
(a) with (b) by (c) to (d) from
- Q3 My friend Anna lives England.
(a) from (b) at (c) on (d) in
- Q4 The milk goes the refrigerator.
(a) on (b) in (c) of (d) at
- Q5 Will you come me to the store?
(a) with (b) along (c) to (d) by
- Q6 My car will not start because it is gas.
(a) full of (b) out with (c) out of (d) with no
- Q7 Please put the plates the table.
(a) over (b) for (c) to (d) on
- Q8 I like to eat ice cream chocolate sauce on top.
(a) at (b) with (c) in (d) to
- Q9 Were you church yesterday?
(a) at (b) to (c) on (d) for
- Q10 I am work right now.
(a) with (b) at (c) of (d) on

Elementary Grammar Questions

- Q1 Flowers good.
(a) stink (b) feel (c) smell (d) watch
- Q2 My colour is green.
(a) preferred (b) like (c) most liked (d) favourite
- Q3 My mom is Africa.
(a) of (b) from (c) to (d) out
- Q4 There are 7 kids my family.
(a) to (b) in (c) of (d) at
- Q5 of my parents live in the United States of America.
(a) Lots (b) The two (c) All (d) Both
- Q6 4 of my grandparents are still alive.
(a) Both (b) None (c) All (d) Many
- Q7 you leave my shoes outside last night?
(a) Did (b) Do (c) Will (d) Would
- Q8 I really like spaghetti.
(a) of eat (b) to eat (c) eat (d) ate
- Q9 drive me home later?
(a) Do you think you can (b) You can
(c) Did (d) Is possible
- Q10 It is a rule: if you ride in my car you wear your seatbelt.
(a) may (b) might (c) can (d) have to