

"Woman wins \$ 1 million Picasso in charity raffle"

THE READING

WRITE THE CORRECT WORDS INTO THE GAPS

An Italian lady won a Pablo Picasso ¹ _____ She won it in a charity raffle. Her son bought her the ticket for Christmas. The lady found out she was the lucky ² _____ on Wednesday. Her son explained that when he told his mother she had won a Picasso, she said: "Please don't ³ _____" He added: "It was ⁴ _____ maybe the best decision I've made in my life." His ⁵ _____ could not ⁶ _____ she had won. She said it was _____ She added: "I have never won anything before".

The painting is of a newspaper and wine glass on a ⁷ _____. It is called Still Life. Picasso painted it in ⁸ _____ The winner was decided in Paris at an auction house. It valued the painting at \$1.1 million. The billionaire art collector who gave the painting to the raffle said it was worth up to \$3 ⁹ _____. All the money collected in the raffle will help ¹⁰ _____ in Madagascar and Cameroon. An NGO will build and repair wells and toilets in countryside _____

- winner
- mother
- incredible
- painting
- million
- people
- table
- joke
- believe
- 1921



“Bears”

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages

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

American Black Bears live in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. An American Black Bear can be up to seven feet tall if it stands on its hind legs. A mother Black Bear can have 2-4 baby bears. They have the bears in winter. The baby bears are called **cubs**. **During** the winter, the cubs stay with their mother in the bear den. During the summer, the cubs like to go **outside**. They like to run and play. The cubs drink milk provided by their mother. The cubs eat nuts, berries, and insects. The cubs also love to eat honey. During the winter, the cubs sleep in the den with their mothers. They rest all winter. The cubs will **leave** their mother the next summer. They will move away to start their own family.

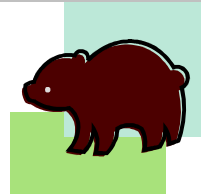
Brown Bears live in the North. They live in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Alaska, Canada, and northern Eurasia. Brown Bears are very big. A Brown Bear can be up to ten feet tall if it stands on its hind legs. Like Black Bear cubs, Brown Bear cubs are born in winter. They drink milk until spring or summer. The mothers have 2-4 cubs. Brown Bear cubs stay with their mothers for 2-4 years. The adult females, called sows, teach them to hunt. They like to hunt at night. They like to hunt in large, open **spaces**. Brown Bears eat mostly fruits and vegetables, but they also hunt and eat other animals.

Questions:

- 1) When are bear cubs born?
 - A. Winter
 - B. Spring
 - C. Summer
 - D. Fall
- 2) What do bears do all winter?
 - A. They learn to hunt.
 - B. They run and play.
 - C. They fish.
 - D. They rest.
- 3) How tall can a Brown Bear get?
 - A. Under 7 feet
 - B. Up to 8 feet
 - C. Under 9 feet
 - D. Up to 10 feet
- 4) Brown Bears leave their mothers...
 - A. when they are 1-2 years old.
 - B. when they are 2-4 years old.
 - C. when they are 3-5 years old.
 - D. when they are 4-5 years old.
- 5) Where do black bears like to hunt?
 - A. In open spaces
 - B. In the woods
 - C. In open spaces and in the woods
 - D. In open spaces and near the water

Vocabulary:

- 1) Bear **cubs** are...
 - A. mother bears.
 - B. baby bears.
 - C. where bears rest.
 - D. groups of bears.
- 2) What is the best synonym for **during**?
 - A. after
 - B. before
 - C. while
 - D. what
- 3) **Outside** is...
 - A. a place where bears hunt.
 - B. a place that is in the woods.
 - C. a place that is not enclosed by walls.
 - D. a place that does not receive sunlight.
- 4) When you **leave**, you...
 - D. go home
 - E. go to sleep
 - F. go away
 - D. go back
- 5) What are open **spaces**?
 - A. Big places with many trees
 - B. Big grassy areas
 - C. Small places with tall trees
 - D. Small grassy areas



“Time with Grandpa”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

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



Ben jumped from bed as soon as the first bit of sun peeped through his window. He grabbed his backpack from his closet and opened it on the floor.

Ben put in some of his favorite things to take with him on his trip to visit Grandpa. He put in a book on building forts, a book on making go-carts, and a new book he had gotten from the library about a kid detective who creates his own spy gear. He also put in a model car kit and his stuffed bear. He was ready to go!

Going to visit his grandfather for a week by himself was always Ben’s favorite part of summer vacation. Grandpa would take him fishing and to baseball games. Grandpa also taught Ben how to fix things around the house.

Last year, when he was eight years old, Ben had learned how to replace a broken doorknob and how to fix a leaky faucet. Grandpa was **patient** and did not mind taking many hours to show Ben how to use his tools.

Ben’s mom stuck her head in his bedroom door. “Grandpa’s here,” she said with a smile.

Ben grabbed his backpack and ran into the kitchen where Grandpa was waiting. “Ready, big guy?” asked Grandpa. “Or do you want to eat breakfast before we leave?”

“Ready,” said Ben. As he kissed his mother goodbye, he felt his stomach rumble. “We can eat later!”

Questions:

1) Ben jumps out of bed because

- A. he is late
- B. he is scared
- C. he is excited
- D. he is worried

2) How old is Ben?

- A. seven years old
- B. eight years old
- C. nine years old
- D. ten years old

Questions(continued):

3) What time of year is it?

- A. spring
- B. summer
- C. autumn
- D. winter

4) What is Ben's favorite part of summer vacation?

- A. fixing stuff
- B. going fishing
- C. visiting his grandfather
- D. going to a baseball game

5) Used in paragraph 4, what is the meaning of **patient**?

- A. very slow
- B. sick in the hospital
- C. good about sharing
- D. taking time without complaint

6) Judging by the things Ben puts in his backpack, what does he like to do most?

- A. make things
- B. ride go-carts
- C. spy on people
- D. read big books

7) Where and when does this story take place?

- A. at Grandpa's house in the early afternoon
- B. at Ben's house in the early afternoon
- C. at Grandpa's house in the morning
- D. at Ben's house in the morning

8) According to the story, what is one of the things Ben's grandpa taught him to do?

- A. use a drill
- B. build a fort
- C. fix a leaky faucet
- D. build a model car

9) What is the most likely reason Ben does not eat breakfast?

- A. He is not hungry.
- B. He does not like his mother's cooking.
- C. He wants to leave for his grandpa's house.
- D. He has already eaten.

10) Which of the following things does Ben seem to like?

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

Write affirmative sentences in the correct word order.

1. only / in / the village / it / restaurant / is / the

_____ .

2. surprised / very / yesterday / see / I / to / him / was

_____ .

3. so / it / didn't / a / day / I / was / very / much / sunny / work.

_____ .

4. badly / the / by the police / treated / prisoner / was

_____ .

5. whenever / terrible / match / I / I / a / lose / feel

_____ .

6. more / than / a / is / a / tiger / dangerous / lion

_____ .

7. in the city / shops / close / some / late / very

_____ .

8. was / the / cheaper / I / thought / than / bike

_____ .

9. ages / teaching / Mr Roberts / has / for / been / the / class

_____ .

10. at work / the fire / people / were / most / started / when

_____ .

11. next / reopening / Monday / is / the museum

_____ .

12. in Spain / for / Jane / has / at least / living / been / a year

_____ .

13. because / are / in the garden / dirty / she / her / hands / worked

_____ .

14. of the year / month / is / coldest / January / usually / the

_____ .

15. try / should / I / you / to / think / more / relax

_____ .

1. Our government pays great attention ___ the education ___ the youth.
A) -/of B) of/of C) to/to
D) to/of E) by/of
2. ___ summer holidays many boys and girls like to go ___ the country ___ their teachers.
A) at/by/to B) into/at/with C) -/to/to
D) during/to/with E) during/to/by
3. The girl saw a beautiful garden ___ the end of the corridor with red flowers ___ it.
A) at/in B) at/on C) to/in
D) in/in E) of/on
4. At night when there are no clouds ___ the sky you can see many stars.
A) on B) in C) at
D) to E) a/an
5. He is very good ___ maths.
A) in B) at C) -
D) about E) with
6. He's got a very good head ___ his shoulders.
A) over B) beyond C) on
D) since E) for
7. I asked him ___ help.
A) in B) about C) for
D) by E) with
8. Father was very angry ___ his son: "You'll be punished according ___ the seriousness ___ your guilt."
A) to/-/of B) for/to/to C) to/to/to
D) with/to/of E) with/-/of
9. An electric lamp hangs from the centre ___ the ceiling ___ the table.
A) to/in B) of/above C) to/on
D) in/from E) on/near
10. Everybody wanted to come here ___ time.
A) by B) for C) in
D) without E) at
11. It is very warm. I am going to take ___ my scarf.
A) out B) in C) off
D) for E) of
12. There is something very attractive ___ him.
A) in B) about C) with
D) by E) at
13. What is there ___ the ground floor ___ your school?
A) in/in B) on/at C) on/of
D) in/at E) near/in
14. They will be fighting ___ political reforms.
A) in B) on C) at
D) by E) for
15. It's better to wait for five minutes before crossing the street than stay ___ a month at the hospital.
A) at B) on C) for
D) of E) till
16. The famous explorer left ___ the North ___ the fifth of March.
A) to/on B) to/in C) for/at
D) from/on E) for/on
17. They put ___ illuminations ___ front of all buildings.
A) down/over B) up/on C) down/near
D) up/at E) -/in
18. In England the cars go ___ the left side.
A) in B) near C) of
D) to E) on
19. ___ general everything was all right. They thought they were walking ___ the direction ___ the village when they lost the way.
A) for/-/to B) in/to/of C) in/in/of
D) by/to/to E) in/in/to
20. I know that he is a noisy boy, but ___ the same time I can't be angry ___ him.
A) -/to B) at/with C) -/with
D) in/about E) by/for
21. What are curtains usually made ___?
A) in B) with C) of
D) - E) at
22. Great Britain consists ___ three parts.
A) of B) with C) from
D) in E) by
23. The train stopped ___ all the stations and long before we got ___ London every seat was taken and people were standing ___ the corridors.
A) to/at/in B) in/to/ C) at/in/on
D) at/to/in E) -/in/at
24. I congratulated all my classmates ___ passing the exam.
A) for B) with C) on
D) in E) within
25. - ___ what time will you arrive?
- I don't know. It depends ___ the traffic.
A) at/- B) in/from C) -/on
D) by/with E) for/out of
26. My father died three years ago ___ a sudden heart attack.
A) from B) on C) at
D) by E) in
27. This house reminds me ___ the one I lived ___ when I was a child.
A) of/in B) about/at C) near/-
D) -/in E) on/with
28. We shall be waiting ___ a bus ___ 2 till 3.
A) -/to B) -/until C) for/from
D) for/to E) of/for
29. There is a place ___ 6 stamps ___ each page ___ Nick's stamp book.
A) for/on/of B) to/in/in C) for/at/of
D) at/on/for E) for/in/of
30. Alice drank ___ the bottle and turned ___ a very small girl.
A) of/in B) for/at C) out/of
D) from/on E) from/into
31. When we draw we make pictures ___ a pen, a pencil or chalk.
A) by B) with C) of
D) at E) in
32. He suddenly jumped ___ a bus.
A) by B) at C) to
D) on E) of
33. Who is the girl ___ the blue dress, sitting ___ the head of the table?
A) with/in B) on/upon C) in/at
D) without/in E) in/of
34. Children are very fond ___ swimming.
A) of B) about C) till
D) at E) in

Chit Chat: In the supermarket

- Q1 Employee: Are you problems, madam?
(a) feeling (b) trying (c) having (d) knowing
- Q2 Old lady: Yes. I wonder if you could help me, young man.
(a) probably (b) likely (c) possibly (d) easily
- Q3 Employee: Of course. In what?
(a) direction (b) path (c) road (d) way
- Q4 Old lady: The fact is I just can't that cereal packet on the top shelf.
(a) touch (b) reach (c) acquire (d) access
- Q5 Employee: No problem. you are.
(a) There (b) Then (c) How (d) What
- Q6 Old lady: There is just one other you can help me with if you have a moment.
(a) article (b) try (c) thing (d) heading
- Q7 Employee: Just tell me and I'll if I can help.
(a) look (b) see (c) glance (d) watch
- Q8 Old lady: All I want to know is day today is.
(a) what (b) when (c) where (d) who
- Q9 Employee: It's Thursday of course. What do you want to know?
(a) to (b) at (c) up (d) for
- Q10 Old lady: Well you see this supermarket is so big I can't find the way I've been here since Tuesday!
(a) on (b) off (c) out (d) through

Adjective Prepositions Constructions

Q1 Venice is famous its canals.

- (a) about (b) in (c) with (d) for

Q2 My son is afraid the dark.

- (a) from (b) on (c) of (d) by

Q3 Maria is married my cousin.

- (a) with (b) for (c) to (d) into

Q4 The second hotel was different the first.

- (a) to (b) for (c) with (d) from

Q5 Lucas is very good drawing.

- (a) at (b) on (c) to (d) with

Q6 I'm tired waiting for the bus. Let's take a taxi.

- (a) to (b) on (c) of (d) from

Q7 George was worried his father's health.

- (a) since (b) about (c) on (d) at

Q8 I didn't know you were interested science.

- (a) in (b) for (c) on (d) to

Q9 Why are you angry him?

- (a) of (b) from (c) on (d) with

Q10 We were very pleased the service.

- (a) with (b) on (c) at (d) from