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• Reading Comprehension Assessment

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

Party Planning

"I am really looking forward to the party next weekend," Lori said. "It will be fun to have friends over to our house."

"Me too," said Horatio. "We just need to make sure we have the three most **essential** things for a party. Every party needs food, music, and something fun to do. As long as we have all of those, the party will be great."

"Don't worry," Lori said. "I've got it all taken care of."

"Great. I can't wait to eat your famous cheeseburger pizza squares. They are delicious."

"I'm not making those," Lori said.

"Why not? You always serve them at parties."

"I know. But I thought I would make something different this time. I am going to make liver surprise instead."

"Liver surprise?" Horatio asked, raising one eyebrow. "What is that?"

"It's a mixture of liver, onions, peanut butter, and broccoli."

"That does not sound very good," Horatio said. "Are you sure you want to make that?"

"Yes. It is going to be delicious. Trust me."

"Well, I guess as long as we have all of the latest dance music to listen to, no one will really care what we are eating."

"Oh, yes, I've been meaning to tell you," Lori said. "We are not going to listen to dance music."

"What?" Horatio cried. "How can we have a party without dance music? What are we going to listen to?"

"I invited our 11-year-old neighbor over. He is going to play the violin for us. He's been practicing a lot lately. He is getting much better. Don't you think everyone will enjoy a free concert instead of just listening to the same old music they can hear on the radio every day?"

"To be honest, I like the idea of dance music better, but I guess if you think it's a good idea, we can give it a shot," Horatio said. "Anyway, as long as we play a fun party game, I am sure that everyone will still have a good time. We can play charades or a trivia game."

"Party games are so boring," Lori said. "I've got a better idea. Instead of playing a game, we are going to look at my stamp collection."

"Are you serious?" Horatio asked.

"Yes," Lori said. "I just got a brand new stamp that I can't wait for everyone to see."

"I don't know ..." Horatio said. "Liver surprise? A violin concert? Your stamp collection? This doesn't sound like any party I've been to."

"Don't worry. I know that it will be a great party."

"What makes you so sure about that?"

"I am sure that it will be a great party because I am going to serve cheeseburger pizza squares, we are going to listen to dance music, and we are going to play fun party games, of course," Lori said with a smile.

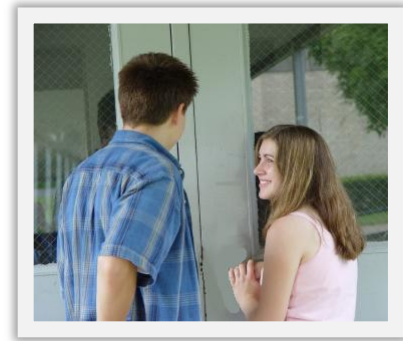
Horatio blinked his eyes. "But what about everything you just said?"

"I was just kidding. I can't believe you fell for it!"

"Ha ha," Horatio said. "I knew you were kidding the whole time." Then he walked over to the refrigerator and threw something into the trash.

"What are you doing?" Lori asked.

"Throwing out all of our liver, onions, peanut butter, and broccoli—just in case you change your mind about the liver surprise."



- 1) As used in the beginning of the passage, the word **essential** means
 - A. expensive
 - B. fun
 - C. important
 - D. different

- 2) Why does Lori say that she wants their 11-year-old neighbor to play violin music at the party?
 - A. She thinks that people do not want to hear the same music they can hear on the radio.
 - B. She knows her party guests really like violin music.
 - C. She wants to give her neighbor a chance to practice the violin so that he can get even better.
 - D. She thinks that Horatio will like the violin music better than dance music.

- 3) What does Lori think they should do at the party instead of playing a fun game?
 - A. listen to violin music
 - B. look at her stamp collection
 - C. play charades
 - D. look at pictures from her and Horatio's last vacation

- 4) In this passage, Lori
 - A. plays a joke on Horatio, but ends up telling him the truth
 - B. lies to Horatio about the party, and then feels bad about what she has done
 - C. shows Horatio that she does not really know how to make a party fun
 - D. shows Horatio that there are lots of different ways to have fun at a party

- 5) At the end of the passage, Horatio tells Lori: "I knew you were kidding the whole time." Which event from the passage gives readers the best hint that he is not really sure that she was kidding?
 - A. He says that every party needs three things: food, music, and something fun to do.
 - B. He tells Lori that he can't wait to eat her "famous" cheeseburger pizza squares because they are delicious.
 - C. The games he suggests for the party are charades and a trivia game.
 - D. He throws out all of the liver, onions, peanut butter, and broccoli that they had in their refrigerator.

- 6) Which of Lori's jokes sounds the worst? Do you think liver surprise is worse than listening to a child play violin? Do you think either of these things are worse than looking at a stamp collection? Explain your choices.

Weather Vocabulary



Directions: Match the columns. Write the letters on the lines.

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|-----------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. _____ | thermometer | a. 32° F or less |
| 2. _____ | hot | b. 98° F |
| 3. _____ | ° (symbol) | c. a cloud on the ground |
| 4. _____ | F | d. abbreviation for Fahrenheit |
| 5. _____ | freezing | e. announces weather on TV |
| 6. _____ | warm | f. cold, cool, _____, hot |
| 7. _____ | sunny and clear | g. degree |
| 8. _____ | weather forecast | h. flash of light in the sky |
| 9. _____ | weather reporter | i. frozen water droplets |
| 10. _____ | temperature | j. sunshine and no clouds |
| 11. _____ | seasons | k. many clouds in the sky |
| 12. _____ | predict | l. measures temperature |
| 13. _____ | raining | m. moisture in the air |
| 14. _____ | snowflakes | n. raindrops falling from the sky |
| 15. _____ | cloudy | o. sound during a thunderstorm |
| 16. _____ | thunder | p. thermometers measure this |
| 17. _____ | lightning | q. to tell the future |
| 18. _____ | air conditioner | r. turn this on to cool a room |
| 19. _____ | humidity | s. weather prediction |
| 20. _____ | fog | t. winter, spring, summer, fall |

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VOCABULARY | Basic vocabulary builder 4

This exercise will help you practice simple English words. Fill in each blank space with the correct word from the list on the right. Remember – choose the best response:

walk
mistake
kind
raining
chair
chance
loud
food
friend
visit

1. It has been _____ all day.
2. Give me a _____ to explain.
3. Are you still hungry? Would you like some more _____?
4. That is not the correct answer. You made a _____.
5. You can sit in that _____.
6. P1: Are you taking the bus? P2: No, I'm going to _____.
7. Daniel is a _____ person. He does a lot of good things for people.
8. When will you _____ us again?
9. Turn down the radio. It's too _____!
10. She's my best _____. We do everything together.

VOCABULARY | Basic vocabulary builder 3

This exercise will help you practice simple English words. Fill in each blank space with the correct word from the list on the right. Remember – choose the best response:

birthday fork children wall truth unhappy trying cooked juice sleepy

1. How many _____ do you have?
2. Hang the painting on that _____.
3. You shouldn't lie. You should always tell the _____.
4. I have a knife, but I need a _____.
5. This _____ is really tasty. I made it from fresh oranges.
6. His mother _____ a wonderful meal.
7. I'm _____ with my grade. I could have done better.
8. It's his _____ today! Let's celebrate!
9. I'm going to bed because I'm _____.
10. I've been _____ to answer this question for one hour.

• Sentence Completion 1 Level 3

Directions: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. The _____ man paid for my ticket.
A. simple
B. angry
C. kind
D. funny
2. I cannot sleep because my neighborhood is very _____.
A. happy
B. average
C. fun
D. noisy
3. After John washed his car, it looked very _____.
A. dirty
B. sweet
C. old
D. clean
4. Turtles and snails do not move quickly. They are both _____ animals.
A. quick
B. slow
C. fast
D. small
5. The _____ shirt is too _____.
A. big ... crazy
B. large ... big
C. heavy ... small
D. wet ... rainy
6. I am _____ because I did well on my math test.
A. upset
B. rough
C. happy
D. sad
7. Paul and Marcus are _____. They have the same mother.
A. women
B. friends
C. students
D. brothers
8. The air is very _____, and there is _____ ice on the road.
A. warm ... a large amount of
B. cool ... many
C. cold ... a lot of
D. hot ... much
9. I always arrive to class twenty minutes _____ so that I have time to prepare.
A. late
B. early
C. old
D. after
10. The library is a good place to _____ because it is very _____.
A. study ... quiet
B. eat ... hungry
C. learn ... intelligent
D. read ... open