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• Reading Comprehension Assessment

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

Snow Day

The snow falls. It falls and falls and falls. The snow falls all day long. Jeremy watches it from his bedroom window. "I can't wait to go outside," he thinks. "I want to play in the snow."

Jeremy is waiting to go play in the snow. Before Jeremy can go play in the snow, he must wait for his brother, Rob, to get home.

Rob goes to school. But Jeremy doesn't. That's because Jeremy is too young for school. For now, he has to stay home with his dad. But that's not so bad, thinks Jeremy. He likes to stay at home with his dad most of the time. The only bad part about staying at home with his dad is that his dad has to work in his office a lot. This means he can't watch Jeremy all the time. And Jeremy cannot play outside by himself. When he is older, Jeremy can go to school with his brother. But for now, he has to stay at home.



Jeremy watches the driveway for his mom's car. Time passes very slowly. But then, he sees a car appear. It is his mom! He runs to the door.

"Don't forget your jacket!" says his dad.

"Okay!" says Jeremy. He quickly puts on his jacket and goes out to meet the car. He sees his brother there. The snow is coming down all around him. It looks like a thousand white feathers.

"It's snowing!" says Rob, holding out his arms.

"I know!" says Jeremy. "Let's build a snowman!"

- 1) Where is Jeremy for most of this passage?
 - A. outside in the snow
 - B. **in his bedroom**
 - C. in the kitchen
 - D. in his dad's office

- 2) Which sentence from the passage best explains why Jeremy cannot play in the snow?
 - A. "Jeremy is waiting to go play in the snow."
 - B. "For now, he has to stay home with his dad."
 - C. **"And Jeremy cannot play outside by himself."**
 - D. "Time passes very slowly."

- 3) What does Jeremy almost forget to do before he goes outside?
 - A. shut the door
 - B. talk to his dad

- C. put on his jacket
- D. The passage does not give this information.

4) Which of the following words best describes Jeremy?

- A. tired
- B. smart
- C. upset
- D. excited

5) What does Jeremy use to make the snowman's nose?

- A. a stick
- B. a carrot
- C. a candle
- D. The passage does not give this information.

6) In paragraph 3, the narrator says that Jeremy does not like to play alone. How do you feel about playing alone? Would you have waited for your sibling before you started playing in the snow? Why or why not?

7) Describe your experience with snow. Do you live in a place where it snows a lot? Do you like it? Have you ever had to go to school in the snow like Rob? Have you ever built a snowman before? If not, do you wish you could? Explain.

The Fox and the Rabbit

One day in the forest a fox chased after a rabbit.

The rabbit hid behind a tree and the fox kept running.



“Where are you rabbit?” called the fox, “I want to be your friend.”

The rabbit knew that this was one of the fox’s tricks so he called, “I’m over here next to the bee hive.”

The hungry fox raced to the bee hive but there was no rabbit....only a big swarm of bees.










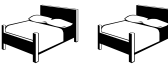
The fox sped off as fast as he could, with the bees buzzing right behind him.



Questions.

1. Who hid behind a tree? **The rabbit**
2. Who was hungry? **the fox**
3. Was the rabbit next to the beehive? **No it wasn't**
4. What was at the beehive? **A big swarm of bees**
5. What did the fox do when it got to the bee hive?
The fox ran away fast
6. What did the bees do? **They chased the fox/ they buzzed behind the fox**

COMPLETES THE ANSWERS

- 3)  Is it a radio? **No it isn't**
What is it? **it is a television**
- 4)  Are these tomatoes? **No they aren't**
What are they? **they are flowers**
- 5)  Are these pencils? **No they aren't**
What are they? **they are books**
- 6)  Is it a school bus? **No it isn't**
What is it? **It is an ambulance**
- 7)  Is it a horse? **No it isn't**
What is it? **It is a cat**
- 10)  Is it a CD player? **No, it isn't**
What is it? **It is a camera.**
- 11)  Are these farms? **No they aren't**
What are they? **They are skyscrapers**
- 12)  Is this a motorcycle? **No, it isn't**
What is it? **It is an airplane....**
- 13)  Is it a bottle? **No it isn't**
What is it? **It is a cocktail glass**
- 14)  Are these tables? **No they aren't**
What are they? **They are beds**

K) Give long answers:

Example: *Are you a scientist? Yes, I am a scientist.....*

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| 1. Are you a student? | Yes, I am |
| 2. Is Tom in the park? | No, he isn't |
| 3. Is it a poetry book? | Yes, it is |
| 4. Are Mary and John friends? | Yes, they are |
| 5. Am I an executive ? | No, I am not |
| 6. Is Thomas fifteen years old? | Yes, he is |
| 7. Are your earrings expensive? | No, they aren't |
| 8. Is ice cream hot ? | No, it isn't |
| 9. Are lemons yellow and sour? | Yes, they are |
| 10. Are Andy and Jack girls? | No, they aren't |

L) Build up questions and give answers:

Example: engineer / William *Is William an engineer? Yes, he is an engineer. (+)*

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| 1. good rider / Steve |? |(+) |
| 2. lazy students / Mark and Lucy |? |(-) |
| 3. soup / hot |? |(+) |
| 4. the baby / asleep |? |(-) |
| 5. basketball team / L.A. Lakers |? |(+) |

M) Answer these questions:

1. Are trees green or gray?

I) Match the questions with the answers:

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| 1. When did you learn to drive a car? | f | a. By bus. |
| 2. What did you watch on television last night? | b | b. The news. |
| 3. What did you do last weekend? | d | c. 6 th September. |
| 4. Who were you with at 4pm today? | g | d. On Saturday I played tennis and on Sunday I slept. |
| 5. When was the beginning of term? | c | e. January. |
| 6. How did you come to class? | a | f. Three years ago. |
| 7. What did you eat for breakfast this morning? | h | g. John. |
| 8. What was the month before last? | e | h. Toast and coffee. |

J) Read about Lucian and Estelle and write the questions:

Lucian and Estelle are from London, but they live in Madrid. They work for Opel, the car factory. Lucian and Estelle like swimming and cooking. They don't have a car. They don't like driving!

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| 1. live / they / do / London? | <i>Do they live in London?</i> |
| 2. Madrid / do / live / they? | <i>Do they live in Madrid?</i> |
| 3. Ferrari / they / work / do? | <i>Do they work for Ferrari?</i> |
| 4. work / Renault / do / they? | <i>Do they work for Renault?</i> |
| 5. swimming / like / cooking / they / do? | <i>Do they like cooking and swimming?</i> |
| 6. swimming / they / like / traveling / do? | <i>Do they like traveling or swimming?</i> |
| 7. like / do / driving / they ? | <i>Do they like driving?</i> |

K) What does Ellie ask Carsten? Put the words in order to make questions:

- Ellie:** Sunday time What do get you up on?
What time do you get up on Sunday?
- Carsten:** Ten o'clock.
Ellie: you breakfast What do have for?
What do you have for breakfast?
- Carsten:** Coffee, cheese and bread.
Ellie: morning you in do the What do?
What do you do in the morning?
- Carsten:** I play football in the park.
Ellie: do lunch When have you?
When do you have lunch?
- Carsten:** At two o'clock.
Ellie: with Who lunch you do have?
Who do you have lunch with?
- Carsten:** My parents.
Ellie: you afternoon What do do in the?
What do you do in the afternoon?
- Carsten:** I watch football on TV.

..... * play baseball

J) Fill in the blanks to complete the movie review. Use the correct tense of the verbs given:

E.T. by JOE BERNES

Last night, I saw a good movie. The title of the movie was **E.T.** It was an excellent film. To my surprise. I **laughed** (laugh), I (cry), and I (worry) about the little creature from space, and I completely (enjoy) the show.

The story is about an extraterrestrial person named E.T. He (land) on earth in a flying saucer. But his space ship (depart) without him. A little American boy (discover) E.T. They (play) together and they (like) each other a lot. But E.T. (miss) his home. He (want) to go back. He (plan) his return trip, but then ...

Well, go and see this excellent summer film and find out about E.T.

K) Write the questions. Use WHEN, WHERE, WHO or WHAT:

- A: We went to California on our vacation.
B: Really? **Where did you stay**..... (you / stay)?
A: In a hotel in Santa Monica.
- A: The children visited the usual tourist attractions.
B: Oh, yeah? **What did they see?**..... (they / see)?
A: Oh, they went to Disneyland, the San Diego zoo, and a movie studio.
- A: My wife played a lot of tennis.
B: **Who did she play**..... (she / play) with?
A: She played with our oldest son.
- A: I really enjoyed the trip. We even stayed a few extra days.
B: ... **When did you plan**..... (you / plan) to come home?
A: Well, we planned to come home on Monday, but we didn't get back until Friday.

L) Fill in the blanks to complete the postcard. Use the PAST TENSE form of the verbs given:

Dear Mom,

I'm having a wonderful time. Last night I **went** ... (go) to the Hollywood Bowl with some friends. We **took**..... (take) a special bus and **got**..... (get) there easily. A friend **bought** (buy) some wine and we also **brought**... (bring) a picnic basket. So we **found** (find) our seats and **ate**..... (eat) our picnic. Then the concert **began** (begin). It **was**.... (be) excellent. What a night!

Love, Kris

M) Fill in the blanks to complete the letter:

Dear Betty,
Thank you for dinner last night. We .. **ate** (eat)
like Kings and (have) a wonderful time.
Charles (put) so much effort into the meal.
It (be) a wonderful way to end our vacation.
Your directions were excellent. Unfortunately, Jim
..... (take) the wrong street and we
(get) lost. We finally (find) the right street
around 3:00 a.m. But we didn't go home. Instead we
..... (go) to the beach and (see)
the sunrise. It was spectacular. We (get)
back to the hotel around 7:00.
Again, many thanks.
Linda and Jim

N) Complete the sentences. Use the PAST TENSE form of the verbs given:

- A: Tom and I **went** (go) to see *The Big Thrill* yesterday.
B: We ... **saw** (see) it last weekend. Jackie **thought** (think)
it was horrible.
A: So did we.
- A: Look, Uncle Tom ... **got** (get) me a violin.
B: Last year he **bought** (buy) me a drum.
A: Last Christmas he ... **brought** (bring) me a doll from Japan.
B: Yeah, and you **broke** (break) it the day after.
- A: I ... **had** (have) my umbrella at home again and it's really raining hard.
B: I have the same problem. I **lent** (lend) one to my boss last week. I
guess she **kept** (keep) it.
- A: Mom **had** (have) to pick up Kevin at the train station. She **took**
(take) the dog with her.
B: No, she didn't. I just **saw** (see) him. He was swimming in the lake.

O) Complete the sentences. Use the words in parentheses. Use SIMPLE PRESENT, PRESENT CONTINUOUS, or SIMPLE PAST.

- I (get) up at eight o'clock yesterday morning.
- Mark (talk) to John on the phone last night.
- Mark (talk) to John on the phone right now.
- Mark (talk) to John on the phone every day.
- Jim and I (eat) lunch at the cafeteria two hours ago.
- We (eat) lunch at the cafeteria every day.
- I (go) to bed early last night.
- My roommate (study) Spanish last year.