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Reading Comprehension

Seventh Grade Lesson Plans

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Sample 1

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Write an answer for each question.

A Letter to a Soldier

Dear Richard,

I am so glad that you made it to Iraq safely. I cannot believe that you had to fly 11 hours on an airplane to get to Kuwait, only to catch another flight into Iraq. I wish you were only a block away so that your travel would be simple, and I would get to see you every day. I am sad that we will not be able to see each other for a whole year.

It sure is quiet around the house in the evening. Your usual time of coming home from work at 6:00 p.m. comes and goes, and I no longer get to welcome your loud voice, open arms, and huge smile. I crave your funny jokes at the dinner table, too.

The kids miss you as well. They colored pictures of you and hung them next to their beds so they can say good night before they go to sleep. Emily says you are the bravest soldier of all and that she is proud of you. She also says that she hates having to share you with the Army for 365 days. Nicholas says that he wants to join the Army so that he can go and fight in the war with you. I told him that he would have to wait at least 13 more years before being old enough to join.

Jake still comes in from outside and expects to see you. He walks around the living room and goes directly to your favorite T.V. spot and then looks at me as if I am supposed to tell him where you are. When you get home, I expect that he will want you to walk him immediately, rub his belly, and play with him with his favorite ball just like always.

I almost forgot to tell you that my interview with the University of Texas went great, and they have offered me three education courses to teach. They will pay me for part-time teaching since I will not have a full class load. I will fill you in on all of the details about my courses, when they begin, and what days I will teach in my next letter.

I cannot wait to hear from you. I hope I get a phone call or an e-mail from you soon. Maybe even a letter. I will write to you every day. Hugs and kisses.

Love,

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Susan

1. Who is Jake? Use at least two details from the story to support your answer.

2. Name at least three ways this story would have been different Richard was only going to be gone for a day.

3. From whose point of view is the story written? Find two details in the story that help you to know that it is this person.

4. Why can't Richard come home today? Use at least two details from the story to support your answer.

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5. Why is Susan writing a letter to Richard? Use at least four details from the story to support your answer.

Practice 1

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Write an answer for each question.

I Used To Have a Laptop

I saved a year to buy my laptop.

I babysat, mowed yards, and mopped.

I earned enough money and it cost a fee,

Even on sale it was 683.

Oh, I used that laptop night and day.

I typed, did homework, and at least 400 games I did play.

I loved my laptop and took it everywhere,

To school, restaurants, and even to see Aunt Claire.

But one day I put my Dell on a chair.

I completely forgot that I left it there.

I went to sit down and make a call.

I heard the worst sound of all.

My backend sat on top of the machine that I thought was a pillow mound,

And the machine made a crunch and a popping sound.

I stood up and turned around to touch,

My portable device that I loved so much.

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It was destroyed, ruined, crushed, and devastated.

All that hard work and money totally wasted.

Once again I'll have to pay for a laptop that is portable,

But this time I want one that is unbreakable.

1. How does the author of the poem feel about the laptop in the beginning of the poem? Use at least two details from the poem to support your answer.

2. At the end of the poem, what does the author want to do? Use at least one detail from the poem to support your answer.

3. How do you know that the author broke the laptop? Use at least three details from the poem to support your answer.

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4. Name two things that might have happened in the poem if the author had not broken the laptop.

5. Why does the author want a laptop that is unbreakable? Use at least two details from the story to support your answer.

Evaluation 1

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Write an answer for each question.

Make Some Cheese!

Want a fast recipe for cheese? If you have the ingredients at home or can make a quick trip to the store, you and your parents will be able to make delicious, homemade cheese.

Pour one quart of milk into a pot. Turn the stove onto medium-high and heat the milk in the pot until it begins to boil. Stir and boil for three minutes.

Turn off the stove. Move the pot off of the stove and onto a cool part of the stove or on top of a pot holder. Slice one medium lemon. Squeeze the juice of the lemon into the milk. The curds and whey will begin to separate.

After the separation has completed, pour the milk out of the pot into a strainer. Make sure the strainer is over the sink or a bowl. Let the whey strain out of the curd so that all you have left is the thick curd and not the liquid whey.

Dispose of the whey or add it to a glass with juice or a smoothie. Use the curd part as your cheese. It will resemble and taste similar to cottage cheese.

Serve on crackers, tortillas, or with pineapple for a yummy tasting, healthy snack!

1. Name three things that the author must do before straining the curds and whey.

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2. What is the setting of the story? Use two details from the story to support your answer.

3. What is the final step in making cheese?

4. What can you do with the whey? Use at least two details from the story to support your answer.

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5. Name two reasons the strainer needs to be over a sink or bowl. Use details from the story to support your answer.

Sample 2

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Choose the best answer for each question.

Potato Chips

Potato chips are a popular snack that is sold around the world. Billions of dollars have been made by selling potato chips. Potato chips are American's favorite snack food. They are devoured at a rate of 1.2 billion pounds a year. Potato chips are a pre-made snack that people buy. They are convenient and usually low priced.

Potato chips are made from potatoes. First, potato chip makers, such as Frito-Lay, wash and peel the skin off fresh potatoes. The potatoes are sliced, then rinsed again. Next, the potatoes are fried in oil. The cooked potatoes are salted. When the potatoes cool off, the result is a crisp, salty chip. Lays brand also makes chips that are kettle cooked. Cooking the sliced potatoes in a kettle results in a crunchier chip.

Ruffles potato chips are made with ridges. The product is named as an analogy to the ruffle, a strip of fabric often gathered, creating folds. The sliced potatoes are sent through a crinkle cut machine before being fried in oil to create the ruffled chip.

The manufacturers then place the potato chips carefully into bags. The bags are specially designed for potato chips. The bags help protect the fragile chips from being broken during shipping. If the bag gets crushed or shaken too much, the chips inside might break. Most potato chips are sold in 1.5-ounce single serve size bags or 17-ounce family size bags.

Lastly, bags of potato chips are placed into boxes. The boxes are loaded onto trucks to be transported to stores or vending machine companies. The potato chips are now ready for sale and can usually be purchased for under \$4.00 per family size bag.

Popular flavors of potato chips in the United States are plain or original, barbeque, ranch, and sour cream and onion. In Japan, you can find soy sauce flavor. In Mexico, popular flavors are lime or habanero pepper. Canada sells chicken flavored potato chips. What flavor will be thought of next?

1. In what way are Ruffles potato chips different from other potato chips?
 - a) Ruffles are crinkle cut during the manufacturing process.
 - b) Ruffles have no salt added.
 - c)) Ruffles are flat and barbeque flavored.

2. What is the purpose of this passage?
 - a) To entertain the reader with stories about potato chips and the first potato chip inventor.
 - b) To describe the work and life of a potato chip manufacturer.
 - c)) To inform the reader about potato chips: cost, the manufacturing process, packaging, and different flavors.

3. What conclusion could you draw from this story about potato chips?
 - a) Frito-Lay will stop producing potato chips.
 - b) More people buy potato chips than pretzels.
 - c) Potato chips are a popular snack all over the world.

4. Which statement is false in the story?
 - a) Potato chips are produced, shipped, and sold.
 - b) Potato chips are only sold in the United States.
 - c) Potato chips are made in many different flavors.

5. . According to the story, lime flavored potato chips can be found in:
 - a) Mexico
 - b) United States
 - c) Canada.

Practice 2

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Choose the best answer for each question.

Soda

First marketed for sale in the 17th century, soda began as water, lemon juice, and honey. It now has many others flavors. Lemon-lime, cola, root beer, orange, grape, and many other varieties are available. Some sodas are caffeinated or sweetened while others are not. Normally it is served cold for the most refreshing satisfaction.

Soda has several different names. Soda has been referred to as soda pop, pop, soft-drink, or carbonated beverage. The carbonation added to the soda flavoring is what makes it fizzy. It also makes it dangerous. If you shake a can or bottle of soda before you open it the carbon dioxide gas in the soda can form bubbles and pressure inside the can increases. Opening the can releases the pressure quickly. Therefore, soda sprays everywhere.

Soda is sold in a 12-ounce aluminum can or 16 ounce, 20 ounce, and 2 liter plastic bottles. It is produced, canned or bottled, and shipped from a soda factory. The manufactured product is sent to grocery stores, schools, work places, and restaurants to be sold.

Soda can contain sugar, artificial sweetener, high-fructose corn syrup, and caffeine. The ingredients in soda are not the healthiest and usually do not have any nutritional value. Drinking a lot of soda is not recommended as the caffeine can cause you not to sleep at night. Other ingredients may cause you to gain a lot of weight and decay your teeth.

1. What is a synonym for produced in the story?
 - a) Canned.
 - b) Destroyed.
 - c) Manufactured.

2. Which does not support the main idea of this passage?
 - a) Soda is a drink that can be shipped, produced, and sold.
 - b) When people buy soda they may have several flavors to choose from.
 - c) Soda is unhealthy.

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3. What conclusion could you draw from this story about shaking a can of soda?
 - a) If you shake a can of soda and then open it you will probably be drinking root beer.
 - b) If you shake a can of soda and then open it, you will probably have a big mess to clean up.
 - c)) If you shake a can of cold soda, you can open it right away to drink it.

4. Which statement is false, based on what you read in the story?
 - a) Soda is produced, shipped, and sold
 - b) Soda is not carbonated.
 - c) Everyone drinks soda.

5. Soda can be packaged in:
 - a) Aluminum or cardboard.
 - b) Paper sacks or plastic.
 - c) Aluminum or plastic.

Evaluation 2

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Choose the best answer for each question.

Tigers

Tigers are wild animals. They typically have reddish-orange fur with black stripes and a white belly. These big cats can weigh up to six hundred and sixty pounds. Their lifespan is 10-15 years in the wild and over 20 years in captivity.

Tigers can be found naturally in parts of Iran, China, Siberia, Afghanistan, India, and south-east Asia. They are powerful predators that hunt down their prey even if the other animal is bigger than itself. These carnivores typically hunt antelope, leopards, fish, monkeys, snakes, water buffalo, yak, and wild boar. They hunt during the day or night.

Adult tigers usually live alone in the wild and try to avoid each other. They like their own space and have a territory all to themselves. Scientists think that tigers live alone because it is easier for tigers to sneak up on prey by themselves rather than in a group.

The population of tigers has decreased. Population decrease is directly related to the destruction of the habitat in which they live and people hunting tigers. Some people poison tigers and sell their fur and body parts. Tigers can be protected by being in wild game reserves or zoos. If the population continues to decrease tigers may become extinct.

1. Which is a true statement in the story?
 - a) Tigers require a collar and a leash.
 - b) Tigers are carnivores.
 - c) Tigers are found naturally in Alaska.

2. What is a synonym for the word predator?
 - a) Expensive
 - b) Hunter.
 - c) Basin.

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3. Which description of a tiger is the best based on the story?
 - a) A wild large cat that hunts for food.
 - b) A wild animal that lives to be older than most people and only eats small prey.
 - c) A wild animal that eats insects and plants and would make good pet.

4. According to this story you should:
 - a) Build a house in a tiger's territory.
 - b) Encourage people not to hunt tigers.
 - c) Feed your pet tiger salad and cheese pizza.

5. Tiger population has decreased because of:
 - a) Destruction of habitat, hunting, and poisoning.
 - b) Destruction of habitat, hunting, and zoos.
 - c) Decline of hunting, poisons, and adult tigers.

Sample 3

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Choose the best answer for each question.

Semi-Trucks

Semi-trucks, also known as tractor-trailers or 18-wheelers, are one of the primary ways that goods are transported from place to place in the United States. They can haul food, clothing, furniture, and many other items. Semi-trucks can weigh more than 30,000 pounds depending on the load they are carrying. Their weight keeps them from traveling on some roads or bridges that cannot handle excessive weight. Their height is over 13 feet, which means they may not be able to fit under certain overpasses.

Semi-trucks have two sections. The front part is the truck that contains the engine and can have ten wheels. It can move with or without a trailer, which is called bobtailing. The back part is the trailer that can have eight wheels. It does not have an engine and cannot be moved without the truck. A semi-truck can cost anywhere from \$80,000 to \$120,000.

Drivers of semi-trucks have to be professionally trained to be able to drive in the United States. They also have to be at least 21 years old and acquire a special driver's license to drive a semi-truck. The driver's license is called a CDL. Drivers can make up to \$300-\$1200 a week depending how far they drive. Drivers legally can only drive 11 hours a day.

1. According to this passage, the information provided is for semi-trucks in:
 - a) The United States.
 - b) The United Kingdom.
 - c) All over the world.

2. Without semi-trucks, _____.
 - a) Trucks would weigh less and decrease in size.
 - b) Many goods would not be transported around the United States.
 - c) Truck drivers would make more money.

3. What is an antonym for the word *excessive*?
 - a) Extreme
 - b) Agitated.

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- c) Insufficient.
- 4. A semi-truck driver who drives 65 hours in a 5 day week would be _____.?
 - a) Driving illegally.
 - b) Driving legally.
 - c) Driving cautiously

- 5. Semi-truck drivers have to be at least:
 - a) 16 years old.
 - b) 21 years old.
 - c) 18 years old.

Practice 3

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Choose the best answer for each question.

Cheese

Cheese is a food made from the milk of cows, goats, sheep or buffalo. The milk is collected from the animal. The solid, or curd, part of the milk is separated from the liquid, or whey, part. The curd is the part of the milk that is used for the rest of the cheese making process.

One kind of cheese can be completely different from another. Popular varieties of soft cheeses are Mozzarella, Swiss, and Monterey Jack. Hard cheese like Cheddar is more difficult to melt. Limburger cheese is said to be a cheese that is stinky.

The United States, Germany, and France are the top cheese producers. They are the countries that make the most cheese. Who eats the most cheese? People in Germany, Finland, and Greece consume more cheese than all other countries.

Cheese can be sliced and eaten by itself. Melted cheese served alone is popular for use in dip for tortilla chips or as fondue for fruit and bread. Common uses for cheese in food recipes are as toppings for pizza, mixed with macaroni, or grilled between two slices of bread

1. What conclusion could you draw from the information in this passage?
 - a) If you used whey for the cheese process, you would probably not end up with cheese.
 - b) The United States has a lot of cows that produce milk.
 - c) Melted milk is the same as melted cheese.

2. What are synonyms for the word consume?
 - a) Dispose of or throw away.
 - b) Pack away or store.
 - c) Devour or eat.

3. If you were eating Limburger cheese you might also be:
 - a) Holding your nose.
 - b) Eating cheddar cheese.
 - c) Melting cheese to dip your tortilla chips into.

4. What is the author's purpose for writing this passage?
 - a) To inform the reader about the importance of cheese and how healthy it is for your body.
 - b) To inform the reader about the process of making cheese, the different varieties, and the countries that produce and consume cheese.
 - c) To warn the reader about the side effects of eating cheese and that cheese can be hard or soft.

5. Cheese:
 - a) Does not get eaten by people. It is only eaten by animals.
 - b) Does not grow on trees. It comes from birds.
 - c) Does not occur naturally. It has to be made.

Evaluation 3

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Choose the best answer for each question.

Bats

There are two kinds of bats. One kind of bat you see in a cave and think of at Halloween. The other you hit a baseball with when playing a game. Both are interesting but completely different.

Bats that fly are covered with brown or black fur and look similar to a rat with wings. They are not birds as their babies are born and do not hatch out of an egg. They tend to come out at night to hunt for food. These nocturnal animals love to eat fruit or insects. They have been known to live inside caves, barns, and trees in wooded areas. 43 species of bats can be found in the US. Bats in the US are small, with an average body length of less than 3". Bats can live for up to 10 years.

Bats that you use to hit balls with can be made from aluminum, which is a kind of metal, or wood. Bats are made in factories and come in a variety of colors. Bats can be about 25 inches long for children. They can be made longer, 42 inches, for adults. Professional baseball players use wood bats made from ash and maple. Bats cost anywhere from \$10 to \$200. Bats used by famous baseball players have sold for over a million dollars.

The two kinds of bats are not even close to being the same. Can you imagine looking for a baseball bat in a cave? What about a flying bat being used during a major league baseball game?

1. According to the story, what is one difference between flying bats and baseball bats?
 - a) One is made of metal and the other is made of wood.
 - b) One flies and the other does not.
 - c) One eats fruit and the other eats insects.

2. In paragraph 2, what is the meaning of the word *nocturnal*?
 - a) More likely to come out at night instead of the day.
 - b) Be surrounded a cave or barn.
 - c) Covered by black or brown fur.

3. Bats eat:
 - a) Fruit and insects.
 - b) Wood and bugs.
 - c) Chewing gum and fruit.

4. Which is a fact from the story?
 - a) Baseball bats can fly.
 - b) Baseball bats can be as small as a finger.
 - c) Baseball bats can be made from metal or wood.

5. Where are two places you might look to find a flying bat?
 - a) A barn and factory.
 - b) A barn and a cave.
 - c) A baseball field and a flower garden.

Sample 4

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Choose the best answer for each question.

Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was born in Kansas in 1897. As a child, she was always interested in exploring and airplanes. She and her younger sister climbed trees and went sledding. They found many kinds of lively recreation in their neighborhood. [STOP AND THINK, READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]

As a young adult, Amelia worked to earn money to take flying lessons. She learned to fly and practiced a lot. She was the sixteenth woman to receive a pilot's license. After flying over five hundred solo flight hours, Amelia Earhart was the first woman pilot to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. It took her twenty hours and forty minutes to accomplish this feat. [STOP AND THINK, READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]

Amelia did not stop there. She went on to accomplish a lot of flying firsts. In 1931, she set a world high flying record of 18, 415 feet. Amelia also flew from Newfoundland to Ireland in 1932. The flight lasted fourteen hours and fifty-six minutes. In 1935 Amelia was the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to California. [STOP AND THINK, READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]

In March of 1937, Amelia Earhart attempted to fly around the world. Her airplane had difficulties and mechanical problems so she was forced to discontinue the journey. In June of 1937, Amelia made a second attempt to fly around the world. She made it as far as New Guinea. After flying past New Guinea, Amelia was never heard from again. [STOP AND THINK, READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]

No one is sure what happened to Amelia Earhart. Her airplane has never been found nor any signs of her remains. After a lot of searching and mystery, her death was finally declared in January of 1939. [STOP AND THINK, READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]

Amelia Earhart is remembered most for her love of exploring and for taking risks to try new things when flying airplanes. Her life has been commemorated by books, museums, and movies. She even has airports and scholarships named after her. [STOP AND THINK, READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]

1. A fact in this passage is: [READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]
 - a) Amelia Earhart lived to be seventy-two years old.
 - b) Amelia Earhart was the most risky woman pilot in history.
 - c) Amelia Earhart was the 16th licensed woman pilot.

2. What are synonyms for the word commemorate? [READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]
 - a) Collapse, impact, wreck.
 - b) Celebrate, pay tribute to, honor, remember.
 - c) Frill, wealth, abundance.

3. According to this passage, which of the following is a false statement? [READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]
 - a) Amelia Earhart gave up flying airplanes because it was a costly hobby.
 - b) Amelia Earhart was never heard from again.
 - c) Amelia Earhart had to work and earn money to pay for flying lessons.

4. What is a synonym for the word attempt? [READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]
 - a) Support, protection, defense.
 - b) Trial, experiment, venture.
 - c) Quit, resign, retire.

5. According to the story, which is a true statement? [READ AND FIND KEY WORDS]
 - a) Amelia Earhart lives in New Guinea.
 - b) Amelia Earhart always wore a red scarf when she flew her plane.
 - c) Amelia Earhart is remembered for taking risks when it came to flying airplanes.

Practice 4

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Choose the best answer for each question.

The Talent Show

It was 5:30 pm and the talent show would start in fifteen minutes. Seth and Lacey were going to play the Star Spangled Banner on their guitars. They were the second group on the talent show list, but Lacey was nowhere to be found. Seth had gotten to the school gym at 5:00 pm to set up the guitar amplifiers and check out the sound system. Lacey said she would meet him at the gym at 5:10 pm, but that was twenty minutes ago.

Seth decided to call Lacey on her cell phone to see why she was not at the gym and getting ready for their performance. He dialed her number but got her voicemail. He left a message and proceeded to ask around about Lacey's whereabouts. "Hey, Angelo," said Seth, "Have you seen Lacey?" Angelo said, "No, not today." Seth then asked Lacey's best friend Maggie, "Seen Lacey anywhere?" "No, I haven't," said Maggie, "She was supposed to be here already."

"There you are," said Seth as he turned around and saw Lacey walking towards him. "I have been looking for you everywhere. I was getting worried that I would have to play by myself." "Sorry," said Lacey. "I'm late because my parents' car wouldn't start. I would have called, but I left my phone at home." Seth said, "That's okay. I'm just glad that you made it with five minutes to spare. Let's plug in for a quick practice and sound check." "I'm ready," said Lacey.

The talent show had started on time. Seth and Lacey were back stage and were on after the first act. They were waiting for the signal to go out on stage. The first act was ending. Seth and Lacey got the cue to take their turn. They went out on stage, picked up their guitars, and looked out over the sea of people. Seth began to get nervous. He wasn't expecting such a big crowd. Lacey said, "Don't worry. We can do this. Just have fun." Seth said, "Let's wail!"

"And the first place winners of this year's talent show are Seth and Lacey," said the talent show judge. Seth and Lacey jumped for joy as they went to the front of the stage to claim their talent show trophy. The judge smiled and said, "That was the best rendition of the Star Spangled Banner I have ever heard. You two deserve this trophy!"

1. What is a synonym for the word cue?
 - a) Worried.
 - b) Signal.
 - c) Lost.

2. What do you think Seth would have done if Lacey had not shown up?
 - a) Seth would have had Angelo fill in for Lacey.
 - b) Seth would have called Lacey and told her to hurry up.
 - c) Seth would have played the song on the guitar for the talent show by himself.

3. According to the story, how many acts were performing in the talent show?
 - a) The story mentions five acts.
 - b) The story says that the talent show is cancelled because someone did not show up.
 - c) The story only mentions the first and second acts.

4. What time did Lacey arrive to the talent show?
 - a) 5:00 pm.
 - b) 5:40 pm.
 - c) 5:10 pm.

5. Seth was waiting for Lacey so they could:
 - a) Be the first act to perform.
 - b) Perform a guitar duet.
 - c) Ride home together.

Evaluation 4

DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question that follows the passage. Choose the best answer for each question.

St. John's Nurses

I am in the hospital trying to recover from eye surgery. Nothing serious. The doctors say I should be ready to go home tomorrow. My good eye is getting completely bored of watching the same television shows over and over so I decide to take a walk down the corridors of St. John's.

As I begin walking, I notice that nurses are everywhere on the fourth floor. They are rushing here and there, but always with a smile or "glad to see you up and about, Mr. Hallinger". I become curious of these hospital caretakers and wonder if it is just the nurses on my floor that are so caring and kind. Could it be that the whole hospital is lucky enough to have great nurses?

I hopped an elevator to the first floor, I figured I should start at the bottom and move my way up. The nurses on the first floor worked in the emergency room and they must be more serious because the patients that they see everyday are usually in a life threatening situation. As I watched them though, they too were friendly and compassionate like my nurses.

Onto the elevator again, this time to the second floor. The pediatric floor was full of babies and young children. All of the nurses I had seen today worked with adults. Would the children annoy and aggravate the nurses so they would be cross? Not so. The nurses here were just as warm and giving.

The third floor! Surely I will find one mean nurse in this hospital. The elevator raises me up and I get off on the geriatric level. Older and senior adults might make these nurses grouchy. It is obvious as I peek around corners and walk past the nurses' station that these real life, hard working people won't stop caring.

I am getting tired by now and decide to stop and take a break on my floor. As I get off the elevator there are nurses Mary and Jake waiting for me. "We have been looking for you", they say. "We were worried about you." Mary ushers me back to my room and tells me that I need to rest so that I can go home tomorrow. I tell Mary that I will take a nap after I write a thank you note to all of the wonderful, selfless, and attentive nurses at St. John's Hospital.

1. On which floor did Mr. Hallinger find the pediatric nurses?
 - a) The first floor.
 - b) The second floor.
 - c) The third floor.

2. Why was Mr. Hallinger writing a thank you note at the end of the story?
 - a) To tell the hospital that he wanted to leave early because his eye was better.
 - b) To tell the elevator servicemen to fix the elevator.
 - c) To tell the nurses at the hospital how wonderful, selfless, and attentive they are.

3. According to the story, the nurses at St. John's are:
 - a) Selfless, caring, and attentive.
 - b) Selfish, cross, and arrogant.
 - c) Simple, cranky, and absent.

4. What would Mr. Hallinger have done if he was not tired when he reached the fourth floor?
 - a) Explored more floors of the hospital and their nurses.
 - b) Explored the doctors of St. John's hospital.
 - c) Explored the parking lot of the hospital.

5. What are two reasons that Mr. Hallinger went exploring?
 - a) He was bored and wanted to find a new doctor.
 - b) He was bored and wanted to find out if all the nurses were as caring as his nurses.
 - c) He wanted to find caring nurses and was looking for the stairs.

Sample 5

DIRECTIONS

Read each problem. Choose the best answer for each problem.

1. The walk-a-thon consisted of a walk from New York to Los Angeles or 2,780.54 miles. If there were 164 participants how many total miles were walked?
 - a) 97,282.12 miles
 - b) 456,008.56 miles
 - c) 344,982.78 miles
2. You save \$23.75 on Tuesday. Each day after that you save three times as much as you saved the day before. If this continues, how much would you have saved by Friday?
 - a) \$113.45
 - b) \$641.25
 - c) \$950.00
3. Mr. Thomas had a box of kittens. One side of the square box was 15 inches long. What was the perimeter of the box?
 - a) 11 inches
 - b) 60 inches
 - c) 30 inches
4. Hannah, Jana, and Savannah each bring a sandwich (a peanut butter and jelly, a ham wrap, or a veggie wrap) and a drink for lunch (water, milk, or orange juice). Both Hannah and Jana bring wraps. Savannah does not drink juice. Hannah does not eat peanut butter or meat and is allergic to orange juice. The person who brings peanut butter doesn't bring water. What does each person bring for lunch?
 - a) Hannah veggie wrap and orange juice, Jana peanut butter and jelly and milk, and Savannah ham wrap and water.
 - b) Hannah peanut butter and jelly and milk, Jana veggie wrap and water, and Savannah ham wrap and orange juice.
 - c) Hannah veggie wrap and water, Jana ham wrap and orange juice, and Savannah peanut butter and jelly and milk.

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5. Juan fenced in a square piece of land. There are 8 posts on each side. How many posts did he use altogether?
- a) 28
 - b) 32
 - c) 24

Practice 5

DIRECTIONS

Read each problem. Choose the best answer for each problem.

1. A group of 9 children and 14 adults are going to the amusement park. Child tickets cost \$4 and adult tickets cost \$8. How much will the amusement park cost in all?
 - a) \$148
 - b) \$158
 - c) \$200
2. Jim gives Hank as many ounces of orange juice as he already had. If Hank now has 22.5 ounces, how much did he have to begin with?
 - a) 12.5 ounces
 - b) 11.25 ounces
 - c) 10.25 ounces
3. Benjamin had 89 free concert tickets. He gave 6 tickets each to 7 friends. How many tickets does Benjamin have left?
 - a) 47 tickets
 - b) 42 tickets
 - c) 76 tickets
4. Jeanette is bouncing a ball. Her first bounce goes up 9.6 meters. The next bounce goes up 2.5 meters more than the first bounce. The third goes up 3.1 meters less than the second bounce. How high was the third bounce?
 - a) 6.1 meters
 - b) 7.2 meters
 - c) 9.0 meters
5. Tuesday through Saturday Sam swims laps. He decreases his laps by $\frac{1}{2}$ a lap every day because he gets tired by the weekend. If Sam swims 17.5 laps on Tuesday, how many laps will he swim on Saturday?
 - a) 15.5 laps
 - b) 16 laps
 - c) 17.5 laps

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Evaluation 5

DIRECTIONS

Read each problem. Choose the best answer for each problem.

1. The May family loves pizza. They can order three different kinds from the Pizza Palace: cheese, pepperoni, and sausage with one of these toppings: extra cheese, olives, anchovies, bacon, or tomatoes. How many combinations are there for the May family to choose from?
 - a) 7 combinations
 - b) 10 combinations
 - c) 15 combinations
2. George went to the hardware store and bought 3 identical wooden boards to build a shed. He lined up the boards end-to-end. The line was .99 meters long. How long was each board?
 - a) .33 meters
 - b) .66 meters
 - c) .99 meters
3. At 8:00 AM the temperature was -2 degrees Celsius. At 3:00 PM the temperature was 7 degrees Celsius. What was the difference in temperature from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM?
 - a) 9 degrees Celsius
 - b) 5 degrees Celsius
 - c) 10 degrees Celsius
4. Brenda gives her brother as many pounds of fire wood as he already had. If he now has $16\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, how much did he have to begin with?
 - a) $8\frac{1}{4}$ pounds
 - b) $10\frac{1}{4}$ pounds
 - c) $8\frac{1}{2}$ pounds
5. Jana has 9 coins-pennies, nickels, and dimes in her pocket. There are more pennies than nickels and dimes and there are the same number of dimes and nickels. If Jana has a total of \$.35 then how many of each coin does Jana have?
 - a) 4 pennies, 1 nickel, and 1 dime
 - b) 5 pennies, 2 nickels, and 2 dimes
 - c) 7 pennies, 1 nickel, and 1 dime

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