

Comprehension

Answer Numbers 1 through 8. Base your answers on the article "Dogs."

- 1** At the beginning of the article, why does the author make you guess her pet?
- (A) to make the article fun to read
 - (B) to make the reader take a hard test
 - (C) because she does not know the answer
- 2** Why does the author tell the reader that dogs are cousins of wolves and coyotes?
- (F) to scare the reader
 - (G) to show how different they are
 - (H) to show that they are similar animals
- 3** How are a puppy and a cat ALIKE?
- (A) They cannot see.
 - (B) They are about the same size.
 - (C) They are both cousins of wolves.
- 4** Why does the author compare her dog to a bicycle?
- (F) to show how much her dog cost
 - (G) to show how fast her dog can run
 - (H) to show how much her dog weighs

- 5** How are the author and her dog ALIKE?
- (A) They both ride bicycles.
 - (B) They both sleep on the author's bed.
 - (C) They are both small and have feathers.
- 6** Why does the author show a picture of a dog laying between two people?
- (F) to show that the dog is scared
 - (G) to show that dogs have smaller feet
 - (H) to show that dogs and people get along well
- 7** Why does the author tell you her dog can play fetch?
- (A) to show that dogs are a lot of work
 - (B) to show that dogs like to be alone
 - (C) to show that dogs can do fun things
- 8** Why did the author write this article?
- (F) to tell facts about her dog
 - (G) to tell why dogs are better than cats
 - (H) to tell a make-believe story about a dog

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Use the articles “Dogs” and “Helping Paws” to answer Numbers 9 and 10.

- 9 How are the two articles DIFFERENT?
- (A) “Helping Paws” tells games dogs like.
 - (B) “Dogs” tells many things dogs can do.
 - (C) “Helping Paws” is mostly about jobs dogs do.
- 10 How are the two articles ALIKE?
- (F) Both tell facts about dogs.
 - (G) Both tell ways that dogs are fun.
 - (H) Both show that taking care of a dog is hard work.

Mark Student Reading Level:

___ Independent ___ Instructional ___ Listening



Vocabulary

Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 What does the word *litter* mean in the sentence below?

There were 5 gray puppies in the litter.

- (A) a pen for dogs
- (B) a place where baby animals sleep
- (C) a group of baby animals that are born

- 2 What does the word *clipped* mean in the sentence below?

Sara clipped the dog's hair.

- (F) hit
- (G) attached
- (H) cut

- 3 What does the word *chews* mean in the sentence below?

The cat chews the rug.

- (A) bites
- (B) licks
- (C) pulls

- 4 What does the word *canned* mean in the sentence below?

Mark bought some canned beans.

- (F) candied
- (G) in a metal can
- (H) chopped up in small pieces

5 What does the word *mammal* mean in the sentence below?

A fox is a mammal, but a fish is not.

- (A) an animal that has fins
- (B) an animal that can be a pet
- (C) an animal that makes milk for its babies

6 What does the word *sink* mean in the sentence below?

Sink your hands into the soft dirt.

- (F) push down into
- (G) go under the water
- (H) a place to wash dishes

7 What does the word *press* mean in the sentence below?

Press the seeds into the dirt.

- (A) use an iron
- (B) push down on
- (C) ask and ask for something

8 What does the word *light* mean in the sentence below?

Growing plants need a lot of light.

- (F) not heavy
- (G) not important
- (H) what shines from the sun

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Vocabulary

9 What does the word *plant* mean in the sentence below?

Add water each day so the plant will grow.

- Ⓐ a living, growing thing
- Ⓑ to put seeds in the ground
- Ⓒ a place where workers make things

10 What does the word *space* mean in the sentence below?

When the roots need more space, put the plant in a bigger pot.

- Ⓕ where the moon is
- Ⓖ room to spread out
- Ⓗ blank place between printed words



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Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on the story "Diary of a Spider."

- 1** Why does Grampa say that spiders are DIFFERENT from insects?
- (A) because spiders do not have six legs
 - (B) because spiders do not eat butterflies
 - (C) because spiders are taking over the world
- 2** Why does Spider make flash cards?
- (F) to teach his sister how to spin a web
 - (G) to learn the steps for catching the wind
 - (H) to show Grampa what he learned in school
- 3** Why does Spider learn to stop, drop, and run?
- (A) so that he will be safe in a fire
 - (B) so that he won't get vacuumed up
 - (C) so that he will not be eaten by Daddy Longlegs
- 4** Why does Spider molt on May 7?
- (F) He has grown too big for his skin.
 - (G) It is time for him to change color.
 - (H) He wants a skin to take to show-and-tell.

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- 5** On June 5, why does Fly go into her tree house?
- (A) Her feelings are hurt.
 - (B) She is afraid of Daddy Longlegs.
 - (C) She does not want to play with Spider.
- 6** Why is Spider afraid of Daddy Longlegs?
- (F) Daddy Longlegs is very big.
 - (G) Daddy Longlegs has a vacuum.
 - (H) Daddy Longlegs made fun of Fly.
- 7** Why do Spider and Fly have to play at her house after July 2?
- (A) Fly hurt her wing and can no longer fly.
 - (B) Her mother doesn't think she is safe at Spider's house.
 - (C) Grampa is afraid that Fly will get caught in the web again.
- 8** What is one way the author makes Grampa seem like a person?
- (F) Grampa has a home.
 - (G) Grampa sends a postcard.
 - (H) Grampa blows in the wind.

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9 What is one way the author makes Spider seem like a person?

- (A) Spider spins a web.
- (B) Spider has eight legs.
- (C) Spider keeps a diary.

10 Which is NOT a way Spider seems like a person?

- (F) Spider makes flash cards.
- (G) Spider goes to show-and-tell.
- (H) Spider grows out of his old skin.

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Cause and Effect, Figurative Language
(Personification), Anchor Text

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Phonics

Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 Which word has the SAME vowel sound as the word *home*?
- (A) hope
 - (B) long
 - (C) lost

- 2 Which word has the SAME vowel sound as the word *see*?
- (F) complete
 - (G) Kate
 - (H) note

- 3 Which word has the SAME vowel sound as the word *use*?
- (A) fuse
 - (B) rust
 - (C) upon

- 4 Which word has the SAME vowel sound as the word *Pete*?
- (F) globe
 - (G) sends
 - (H) Steve

- 5 Which word has the SAME vowel sound as the word *smoke*?
- (A) drove
 - (B) other
 - (C) smock

- 6 Which word has the SAME vowel sound as the word *rule*?
- (F) cup
 - (G) rush
 - (H) tune

7 Which word has the SAME vowel sound as the word *be*?

- (A) Eve
- (B) hose
- (C) press

8 Which word has the SAME vowel sound as the word *hole*?

- (F) help
- (G) pond
- (H) woke

9 Which word has the SAME vowel sound as the word *tube*?

- (A) duke
- (B) such
- (C) tuck

10 Which word has the SAME vowel sound as the word *close*?

- (F) bone
- (G) clock
- (H) plot



Grammar

Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1** Which word is a noun that names a **PERSON** in the sentence below?

The worker wore boots and a hard hat.

- (A) worker
- (B) boots
- (C) hat

- 2** Which word is a noun that names a **THING** in the sentence below?

Angie gave her sister a single red rose.

- (F) Angie
- (G) sister
- (H) rose

- 3** Which word is a noun that names a **PLACE** in the sentence below?

Our park has a climbing wall for kids.

- (A) park
- (B) wall
- (C) kids

- 4** Which word is a noun that names an **ANIMAL** in the sentence below?

A brightly colored fish swam in the tank.

- (F) colored
- (G) fish
- (H) tank

5 Which word is a noun that names a **THING** in the sentence below?

My uncle drives his car very slowly.

- (A) uncle
- (B) drives
- (C) car

6 Which word is a noun that names a **PLACE** in the sentence below?

A sea bird stood alone on the beach.

- (F) sea bird
- (G) alone
- (H) beach

7 Which word is a noun that names a **PERSON** in the sentence below?

Elizabeth reached out her arms to the monkey.

- (A) Elizabeth
- (B) reached
- (C) monkey

8 Which word is a noun that names an **ANIMAL** in the sentence below?

The huge beetle makes its home under leaves in the forest.

- (F) huge
- (G) beetle
- (H) leaves

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- 9 Which word is a noun that names a **THING** in the sentence below?

The squirrel found the nut that Jane put outside.

- Ⓐ nut
- Ⓑ Jane
- Ⓒ outside

- 10 Which word is a noun that names a **PLACE** in the sentence below?

Riley walked into the kitchen and sank into a chair.

- Ⓕ Riley
- Ⓖ kitchen
- Ⓗ chair





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Vocabulary

Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 What does the word *insects* mean in the sentence below?

The spider catches insects in its web.

- (A) balls
- (B) birds
- (C) bugs

- 2 What does the word *rotten* mean in the sentence below?

Mom threw away the potato because it was rotten.

- (F) small and dry
- (G) old and smelly
- (H) fresh and tasty

- 3 What does the word *scare* mean in the sentence below?

Loud noises scare my baby brother.

- (A) make laugh
- (B) make afraid
- (C) make hungry

- 4 What does the word *breeze* mean in the sentence below?

When I am hot, a cool breeze feels good.

- (F) soft wind
- (G) bright light
- (H) splash of water

- 5 What does the word *dangerous* mean in the sentence below?

It can be dangerous to ride a bike at night.

- (A) not fun
- (B) not safe
- (C) not important

- 6 Read the sentence below.

Mom used a sharp needle to sew the button on my shirt.

Which word in the sentence helps the reader know what the word *needle* means?

- (F) sharp
- (G) shirt
- (H) used

- 7 Read the sentence below.

Andy crawled under the warm covers and put his head on his pillow.

Which words in the sentence help the reader know what the word *pillow* means?

- (A) crawled under
- (B) the warm covers
- (C) put his head on his

- 8 Read the sentence below.

Sam told a joke that made everyone in the room chuckle.

Which word in the sentence helps the reader know what the word *chuckle* means?

- (F) everyone
- (G) joke
- (H) room

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- 9 What does the word *canoe* mean in the sentence below?

The girls listened to the calls of birds as they paddled their canoe down the river.

- Ⓐ a kind of boat
- Ⓑ a kind of bird
- Ⓒ a kind of river

- 10 What does the word *gnaw* mean in the sentence below?

My dog loves to gnaw on a bone for hours and then bury it.

- Ⓕ chew
- Ⓖ dig
- Ⓗ sleep



