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1.

On Fridays my family often packs up to go camping. We put the tent in the car. We throw in sleeping bags and our camp stove. My mother fixes a big box of food. She is the best cook in the world. Then we all pile into the car and head for our favorite campsite.

Which sentence should be left out of the paragraph above?

- A. On Fridays my family often packs up to go camping.
 - B. My mother fixes a big box of food.
 - C. She is the best cook in the world.
 - D. Then we all pile into the car and head for our favorite campsite.
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2.

There were big, huge eighteen wheelers, tanker trucks, trucks carrying live chickens, moving trucks, and even small delivery vans.

Which word is NOT needed in the sentence?

- A. were
 - B. big
 - C. chickens
 - D. moving
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3. Virginia is writing an essay on the rewards of exercise. She is using a book to help her. Which of the chapters in her book is probably NOT going to help her write her essay?

- A. Chapter 1: Strengthening Your Heart Muscle
 - B. Chapter 2: Losing Weight Through Exercise
 - C. Chapter 3: Increasing Health and Fitness
 - D. Chapter 4: Purchasing Exercise Equipment
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4.

There are so many different kinds of costumes you can wear to a costume party. You could be a clown or a magician with a magic wand. John's shoes are brown. You can make a costume from things you find around your house or you can go to a store and buy one. Whatever you do, you will have lots of fun dressing up for a costume party.

Which sentence does NOT belong in this paragraph?

- A. There are so many different kinds of costumes you can wear to a costume party.
 - B. You could be a clown or a magician with a magic wand.
 - C. John's shoes are brown.
 - D. Whatever you do, you will have lots of fun dressing up for a costume party.
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5. One of the books Jamie's teacher recommended was a novel called *The Red Pony* by John Steinbeck. If Jamie wanted to find out more about it, what would be the BEST way for him to do so?

- A. look in the library catalog under *horses*
 - B. type in the key word *pony* in an Internet search
 - C. look under famous American plays in the Subject Index and then look for *The Red Pony*
 - D. type in John Steinbeck in an Internet search and then look for a subcategory of novels
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6. Use the paragraph below to answer this question.

¹Hermit crabs have soft bodies. ²They live in abandoned shells of other sea creatures. ³The bodies of hermit crabs are not hard. ⁴When a crab gets too big for its shell, it moves and finds another. ⁵Hermit crabs comb the shores for new shells.

What sentence should be removed from the paragraph above because it states the same fact as sentence number 1?

- A. sentence 2
 - B. sentence 3
 - C. sentence 4
 - D. sentence 5
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7. Use the paragraph below to answer this question.

¹School was finally over and Monte needed something to do this summer. ²His mom enrolled Monte in a summer camp program. ³Monte's brother went on a camping trip. ⁴While in camp, Monte would enjoy team sports, relay races, arts and crafts, and a field trip every week.

Which sentence should be removed from the paragraph above?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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8. Which sentence below is a detail sentence that might BEST be added to the paragraph below?

Some snakes and lizards have forked tongues. The tongues are harmless and are used to taste the air. Flicking the tongue is a way of smelling the air and ground.

- A. Snakes' eyes are always open.
 - B. Some snakes have pits in their head that sense heat.
 - C. A chameleon's tongue can be as long as its body.
 - D. Many snakes use their tongues to find food.
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9.

I like to water the garden. First, I water the tomatoes. Next, the grapes are watered, and it takes about 20 minutes for them. Finally, I water the beans. The plants will be much healthier if I water them. I like to think I am helping the plants to grow.

Which sentence is the closing sentence of this paragraph?

- A. I like to water the garden.
 - B. Next, the grapes are watered, and it takes about 20 minutes for them.
 - C. The plants will be much healthier if I water them.
 - D. I like to think I'm helping the plants to grow.
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10. Pat, a truck driver, is transporting furniture from Atlanta to Dallas. What would help her find the BEST route to take?

- A. a thesaurus
- B. an encyclopedia
- C. a dictionary
- D. an atlas

Answer Key

1. C) She is the best cook in the world.
2. B) big
3. D) Chapter 4: Purchasing Exercise Equipment
4. C) John's shoes are brown.
5. D) type in John Steinbeck in an Internet search and then look for a subcategory of novels
6. B) sentence 3
7. C) sentence 3
8. D) Many snakes use their tongues to find food.
9. D) I like to think I'm helping the plants to grow.
10. D) an atlas