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1. Which word is an antonym for *raise*?

- A. up
- B. rays
- C. lower
- D. praise

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2. Which shows the events ordered by date from first to last?

- 1. Junko Tabei climbed Mt. Everest.
- 2. Brahms was born.
- 3. Earhart crossed the Atlantic.
- 4. The Hindenburg exploded.

- A. 1, 2, 3, 4
- B. 2, 4, 3, 1
- C. 2, 3, 1, 4
- D. 4, 1, 3, 2

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3.

Which of these words completes the sentence?

The \_\_\_\_\_ of fish lazily swam over the sea \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. swarm, ceiling
- B. school, floor
- C. sense, coral
- D. swiftness, reef

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4.

Harriet Tubman led hundreds of slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad. The journey to freedom was lined with dangers at every turn. Harriet saw a picture of freedom that many could not imagine. Thanks to her heroic efforts others found the courage to help make her dreams come true.

Which of these statements is the meaning for the underlined word in the passage?

- A. of or relating to representation by drawings; illustrative
  - B. to form mental images of or relating to; conceive
  - C. to present a lifelike image of; portray
  - D. one exactly resembling another; double
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5.

The Stuckey Candy Company began as a roadside candy stand in 1937. Famous for their pecan log rolls, they eventually grew to a chain of 400 stores nationwide. Now part of the history of Eastman County, the company operates under the Standard Candy Company name, much to the dismay and dread of local historians.

Which of these is the meaning of the underlined word in this passage?

- A. relief
  - B. unhappiness
  - C. contentment
  - D. elation
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6.

What does the prefix in the highlighted word mean?

Sarah's room was in complete **disarray**.

- A. not
  - B. with
  - C. opposite
  - D. before
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7.

Carpenters use \_\_\_\_\_ tools to make their work more efficient. For example, the right wrench loosens or tightens bolts of almost any size. Electric drills make fastening quicker. Even the use of a balance is a simple but effective way to ensure the quality of the project. Without the use of these different tools, carpentry would be a much more time-consuming exercise.

Which of these words BEST completes the passage?

- A. archaic
  - B. expensive
  - C. identical
  - D. various
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8.

The sport of soccer can be traced back to the Chinese during the Han Dynasty when soldiers used the game as a skill-building exercise. Evidence of a leather ball being kicked into a small net can be found from around the second and third centuries B.C.

Both the Greeks and the ancient Romans played a soccer-like game with 27 players on each team. In medieval times, towns and villages rivalled each other for titles and accolades.

Although no one can accurately say when soccer began, it is reasonable to believe the sport has been played on our planet for the past 3,000 years.

Which of these words can be used in place of the underlined word in the passage?

- A. allied
  - B. challenged
  - C. defended
  - D. jeopardized
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9.

Which of these is the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence?

Tatiana tried her hardest to keep up with the demanding practice schedule because she was resolved to make the team.

- A. certain
  - B. determined
  - C. express
  - D. hopeful
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10.

Which of these is the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence?

Sneaking from his home under the stairs, the furry critter found a morsel of food that fell from the family dinner table.

- A. crumb
  - B. heap
  - C. mouse
  - D. vital
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11.

Which of these words is a homophone for wholly?

- A. completely
  - B. holy
  - C. partially
  - D. whole
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12.

Which answer choice is an example of a simile?

- A. The tree house became their fortress.
  - B. The bear was as black as coal.
  - C. The boy smiled sweetly at the baby.
  - D. The sun shone softly on the seashore.
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13.

Which answer choice is an example of hyperbole?

- A. The sun was so hot the candy melted.
  - B. The boy was hungry enough to eat a horse.
  - C. The clouds made the sky look like midnight.
  - D. The water rose high enough to wash away the sand.
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14.

Which answer choice is an example of a metaphor?

- A. That book was very interesting.
  - B. A book is my friend on a rainy day.
  - C. The book is long and difficult to read.
  - D. This book was my grandfather's favorite.
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15.

What stylistic element is used when poets repeat verses or phrases at the end of each stanza in poetry?

- A. rhyme
  - B. refrain
  - C. imagery
  - D. rhyme scheme
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16.

Which answer choice describes the time and place in which a story takes place?

- A. plot
  - B. theme
  - C. setting
  - D. character
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17.

A Gaggle of Geese  
by *Jim Arnosky*

Geese in the distance,  
honking, squawking,  
landing in groups on the lake.  
A Gaggle of Geese on a sandbar.

In the poem the author describes geese arriving. Which type of sound device is this?

- A. rhythm
  - B. simile
  - C. onomatopoeia
  - D. rhyme scheme
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18.

He has a brain the size of a  
pea.

Identify the type of figurative language contained in this sentence.

- A. simile
  - B. hyperbole
  - C. alliteration
  - D. personification
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19.

You can learn about the people or animals in a story by what they say, think, or do. Which answer identifies this story element?

- A. characterization
  - B. setting
  - C. plot
  - D. conflict
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20.

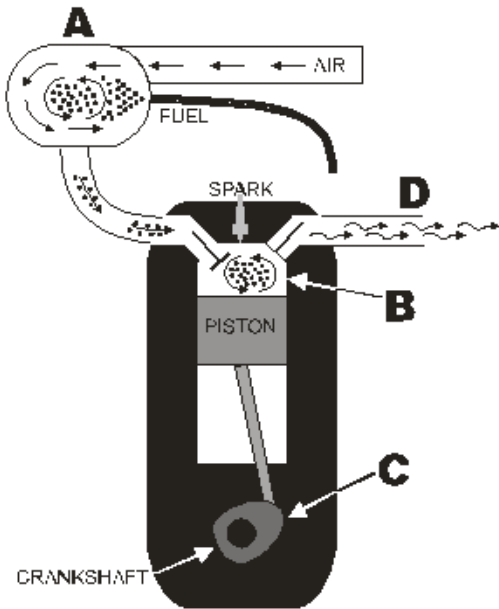
The term *melting pot* describes a society in which all outsiders assimilate into one social group.

My community has become a melting pot because there are members of various nationalities and races living together.

In this sentence, melting pot is used as

- A. a simile.
- B. hyperbole.
- C. a metaphor.
- D. personification.

21.



The internal combustion engine is really a very simple mechanical device requiring only air, fuel, and a spark to operate. A simplified explanation of the process is that air and fuel are mixed, then allowed to enter into a chamber through a valve that opens and closes. A piston compresses the mixture. This compressed air and fuel is then ignited by the spark, causing a controlled explosion, which forces the piston back down. This energy is captured by the piston, which is connected to a crankshaft. The crankshaft protrudes from the engine and can be used to power vehicles, industrial machines, turbines and electric generators. The burnt air and fuel mixture is then exhausted out of the engine through another valve that opens and closes.

Using what you've learned from the passage about the internal combustion engine, identify which letter represents the stage in the diagram that shows the compression of the air/fuel mixture.

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D

22.	GDP per capita (PPP)	
1	 United Arab Emirates	\$45,200
2	 Qatar	28,300
3	 Brunei	23,600
4	 Bahrain	23,100
5	 Kuwait	20,300
6	 Oman	13,500
7	 Saudi Arabia	13,100
8	 Malaysia	12,000
9	 Libya	11,800
10	 Turkey	9,100
11	 Iran	8,400
12	 Kazakhstan	8,300
13	 Tunisia	8,200
14	 Turkmenistan	7,900
15	 Algeria	7,200
16	 Gabon	7,000
17	 Suriname	6,600
18	 Lebanon	6,000
19	 Azerbaijan	5,400
20	 Albania	5,300

Look at the table on Gross Domestic Product(GDP) per capita.

Which of these statements is correct according to the table?

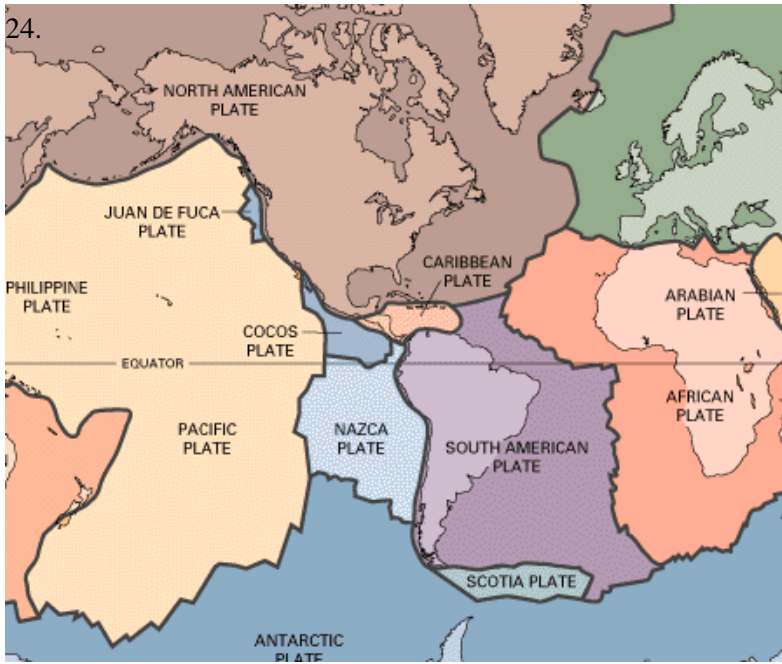
- A. Qatar has twice as much GDP as Gabon.
- B. Albania has the highest GDP of the countries listed.
- C. Iran, Kazakhstan, and Tunisia have about the same GDP.
- D. Saudi Arabia has the fourth largest GDP of the countries listed.



Look at the map of Texas.

Which of these statements is supported by the map?

- A. Northern Texas is called Edwards Plateau.
- B. Part of the Rocky Mountain Range is located in Texas.
- C. The state of Texas has more rivers than it has cities.
- D. The town of Lubbock, Texas is located on the Gulf of Mexico.



Look at the map of Earth's plates.

Based on the map, which of these plates is located on the Equator?

- A. Nazca Plate
  - B. Scotia Plate
  - C. Antarctic Plate
  - D. North American Plate
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25.

"She Walks in Beauty"  
by *George Gordon Byron*

She walks in beauty, like the night  
Of cloudless climes and starry skies;  
And all that's best of dark and bright  
Meet in her aspect and her eyes:  
Thus mellow'd to that tender light  
Which heaven to gaudy day denies.

One shade the more, one ray the less,  
Had half impair'd the nameless grace  
Which waves in every raven tress,  
Or softly lightens o'er her face;  
Where thoughts serenely sweet express  
How pure, how dear their dwelling-place.

And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,  
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,  
The smiles that win, the tints that glow,  
But tell of days in goodness spent,  
A mind at peace with all below,  
A heart whose love is innocent!

Which of these would be the BEST illustration for the poem?

- A. a raven
  - B. a heart
  - C. starry skies
  - D. a woman's face
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26.

**Making Choices**

by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

To make the smart choice when your pals are pressuring you, look at both sides of the scenario and weigh your options. Your friends may make a convincing case to skip class - but what if you miss a pop quiz or your parents find out (or — worse — your parents find out 'cause you missed a pop quiz)? Is it worth ruining your grade and getting in trouble twice — now for skipping class, later for lousy grades?

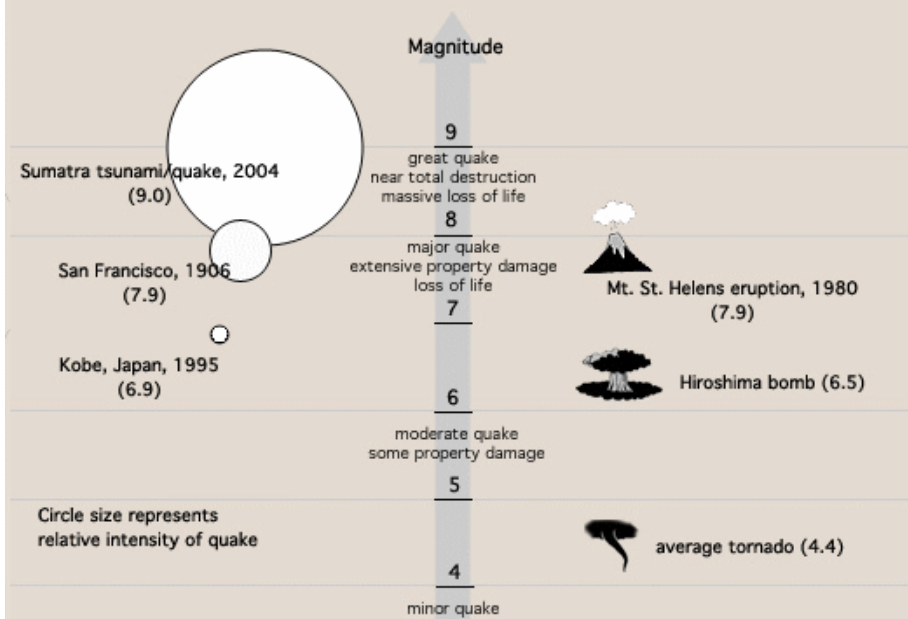
The other thing to know is that what you do may affect someone else in ways you never thought possible. Skipping out on your chores to hang with your friends seems fun, but what if your mom's friend slips on the leaves you didn't rake, or your dog gets sick from eating some nastiness off the plate you left on your bedroom floor? A good rule of thumb is to ask yourself a few key questions, "What can go wrong?" and "Can something good come out of this?" Knowing when and how to say "no" will help you to back out when your buds are trying to convince you to do something that could get you busted.

Which of these graphic features should be included with the passage?

- A. a diagram of excuses to tell your parents
  - B. an illustration of a peer group with captions
  - C. a chart of the types of tests and quizzes in middle school
  - D. a bulleted list of questions to ask yourself before making choices
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27.

## Earthquake intensity



Look at the graphic on earthquake intensity.

Based on the graphic, which quake has the highest magnitude on record?

- A. Hiroshima bomb
- B. Sumatra quake
- C. San Fransisco quake
- D. Mt. St. Helen's quake

28.

Musicians use many tools to perfect their skills and talents. Some of these include metronomes, sheet music, sound recorders, various musical instruments, and, of course, music teachers. Above all, musicians practice their craft daily.

Which of these illustrations would most likely help a reader understand the tools musicians use?

- A. diagrams listing musical notes
- B. charts listing various sound recorders
- C. illustrations of types of musical instruments
- D. illustrations of different examples of sheet music

29.

Which of these statements explains why graphic features are included with text?

- A. to give the reader a break between paragraphs
- B. to help the reader better understand the text
- C. to make the text more colorful
- D. to keep illustrators in business

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### Help Wanted-Book Drive Volunteers

**HELP WANTED**  
**Book Drive Volunteers**

How can you learn new skills, gain valuable working experience, and have fun at the same time? You can volunteer to help at the public library's book drive.

Here is a list of volunteer jobs available:

**Assistant Organizers**

Help organize the book drive by preparing schedules, sending out flyers, and helping to collect and distribute books. If you like working with people and can perform different tasks, this is the job for you.

**Sorters**

Sort books and arrange them according to proper age level and topics. If you love putting things in order, you will love this job.

**Readers**

Read books to make sure they fit the interest and abilities of children in different age groups. If reading books is your hobby, you can turn your favorite activity into a helpful job.

*If you are interested in any of these jobs, please fill out the application and give it to a librarian at your local public library.*

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Application form for Book Drive Volunteers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer job you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Write at least two sentences about your skills: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

30. What is the purpose of this passage?

- A. to debate
  - B. to explore
  - C. to persuade
  - D. to entertain
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31. Based on the passage, which word BEST describes a person who is a sorter?

- A. organized
  - B. ordinary
  - C. obedient
  - D. official
- 

32. If you want to become a volunteer, what should be your FIRST step?

- A. talk to a librarian
  - B. collect books for the drive
  - C. fill out the application form
  - D. read some children's books
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33. What should you write on the last lines of the form?

- A. any contact information
  - B. the job you are applying for
  - C. subjects you are interested in
  - D. skills you have related to book drives
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## How to Begin Your Own Book Club

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### How to Begin Your Own Book Club....

Book Clubs can be a great way to make new friends while reading interesting books by your favorite authors. If there is not a book club in your area for you to attend, you might as well start one yourself!

Here are some hints for beginning a club of your own:

1. Find a group of about 3–5 people that can commit to regular meetings. Your book club could meet once a week, once a month, or once every other month; you decide. If you are looking to make new friends, you could post a notice on the school bulletin board or at the local library. (Click here to find the libraries closest to you.) Make sure your sign-up sheet is in a visible place so that interested people can find it easily.

2. Choose a place to have your meetings and decide how long each meeting will be. Many book clubs choose to meet in their local library where large rooms can be reserved for private use. Another good place is a nearby café. Also, hosting a book club at your house can be fun, as long as your parents approve it, of course.

3. After you have decided upon a good meeting place, work together to find a book that everyone will enjoy. Make sure you select a book that can be easily read in the amount of time before your next meeting.

4. You may even plan some activities for your meetings. Instead of just discussing each book, you could choose passages to read out loud, or work together as a group to write an alternate ending. (Click here for more book club activity ideas.)

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34. What would be MOST important to consider as you choose a book for your book club?

- A. How long ago was this book written?
  - B. Is everyone in the club familiar with this author?
  - C. Have other book club members heard of the book before?
  - D. Will everyone in the club be able to get a copy of this book?
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35. Which information is MOST LIKELY to be found somewhere on this website?

- A. titles of science and math textbooks
  - B. a story about how books are printed
  - C. the year that your local library opened
  - D. a way to get involved in tutoring reading
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36. Based on the passage, how is reading with a book club different from reading alone?

- A. You spend more time reading when you are alone.
  - B. You will read books that are more interesting when in a club.
  - C. You will experience books from different points of view when in a club.
  - D. You will find characters in the stories more realistic when you read alone.
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37. Which of these sentences states a fact?

- A. A book club is a great way to make new friends.
  - B. Many book clubs choose to meet at local libraries.
  - C. The best place to have a book club is a nearby café.
  - D. You should start a book club during the school year.
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38. According to this passage, what is the purpose of posting a notice at the local library?

- A. to find people to join your book club
  - B. to find a book club to join in your area
  - C. to tell people when your book club meets
  - D. to tell people about a book they should read
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39. How might a book club help people make new friends?

- A. by reading the most popular books
  - B. by meeting in social places every time
  - C. by doing something during the afternoons
  - D. by doing activities regularly with club members
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40. What is the main purpose of this webpage?

- A. to improve people's reading skills
  - B. to explain how to start a book club
  - C. to encourage people to visit the library
  - D. to teach people to become good leaders
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41. According to the passage, which of these would you do FIRST if you wanted to start a book club?

- A. decide how often your book club will meet
  - B. choose a book that everyone will enjoy
  - C. plan activities for your meetings
  - D. reserve a space at the library
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### The Trash Can Bandit

I love a mystery. I am always reading stories about solving crimes. I really want to be a detective someday. I just never thought it would happen so soon!

In my house, I am in charge of trash. I collect it from the house and take it out before bed. Last week, after finishing my job, I settled in to read my new detective story. A few pages into the book, I heard a loud crash outside my window. I figured it was my brother being his usual graceful self. My dad came in to see if I had fallen or dropped something. When I told him that the noise came from the garage, he turned on the outside light. To our surprise, both trash cans were knocked over and garbage was spread all around.

There was a big mess, but no sign of what had made it. My dad guessed that an animal was looking for its dinner. I again thought of my brother. I helped my dad clean up the trash and then went back to bed. The rest of the night was quiet, but I had trouble sleeping. I wanted to know what had knocked over those cans! The next morning, I decided to solve the mystery of the trash can bandit. My brother asked if I needed a trench coat and magnifying glass so I could look like a detective.

That night I took out the trash and made sure to put the scraps from dinner right on top. I borrowed my dad's instant camera and set up by the window in the kitchen. It gave me the best view of the trash cans. My brother agreed to flip on the light switch once we heard the cans fall. My little sister ran around the house telling everyone to be quiet because we were hunting bears.

Just when I thought we were out of luck, we heard a scratching sound followed by a crash. My brother flipped the light switch, and I began taking pictures. I was too excited to pay attention to what was out there. It was scared and ran away quickly. I could only hope that one of my pictures would tell us what kind of creature was making such a mess.

We all stood over the pictures as they slowly developed. The first picture showed only a tail, but the second picture showed my criminal in full view. I had solved the mystery of the trash can bandit, and the bandit was a raccoon! Like a bandit in movies, it even wore a mask. My first case was solved. I also learned to move the trash cans into the garage at night!

42. Why did the writer call this story "The Trash Can Bandit"?

- A. because something was playing a joke on the family
- B. because something was taking trash cans from homes
- C. because something was looking for food in the garbage
- D. because something was stealing from the family's home

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### Vidalia Onion

Imagine you pick up an onion, peel off the skin, and take a big bite. What do you think would happen next? If it were a famous Vidalia onion, you would probably smile and take another bite. Believe it or not, the Vidalia onion has as much sugar as an apple.

Sweet onions were also a surprise to their first grower, Mose Coleman. He was a farmer in Toombs County, Georgia. In 1931, Coleman noticed something was strange about his onion crop. He expected the onions would taste hot and make his eyes burn. He was surprised to find his onions tasted sweet and mild.

At first, no one wanted to buy these new onions, but Coleman didn't give up. He kept working and finally convinced people to give the new onions a try. He sold his onions for \$3.50 per fifty-pound bag. That was a lot of money for onions in those days. His success made other farmers want to try to grow this new sweet onion, too.

In the 1940s, a farmer's market was built in the town of Vidalia, where the state's most traveled highways came together. Many people came to shop there, and they usually left with some of the famous sweet onions. The onions became known as "those Vidalia onions." From that time on, these onions were called Vidalias.

The Vidalia onion was not just popular in Georgia. It became known throughout the country. The Vidalia was even seen on morning television shows. In 1990, Georgia named the Vidalia onion the Official State Vegetable of Georgia. Vidalia onions are picked fresh from April until late June. Luckily, today you can buy them until late fall because farmers have found better ways to store them and keep them fresh.

So the next time you reach for a sweet Vidalia onion, consider taking a bite. You will be pleasantly surprised!

43. According to the passage, why did other farmers begin growing Vidalia onions?

- A. They were having trouble selling their regular onions to customers.
  - B. They wanted to grow onions they could store and keep fresh longer.
  - C. They saw that Mose Coleman was successful at selling his onions.
  - D. They saw the new onions advertised on morning television shows.
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44. Which word BEST describes how Mose Coleman behaved in paragraph three?

- A. amazed
  - B. uncaring
  - C. determined
  - D. discouraged
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45. What is the main purpose of this passage?

- A. to inform
  - B. to compare
  - C. to entertain
  - D. to persuade
- 

**Dear Kirsten**

September 5, 2002

Dear Kirsten,

How are you? Did you have a good summer? My summer was great! My family decided to see as much of our state as we could. We visited different cities, state parks, and historic sites.

The highlight of the summer for me was a visit to Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace in the historic district of Savannah, Georgia. Did you know that Juliette was the founder of the Girl Scouts of the USA? Her house, which was built in 1821, was Savannah's first National Historic Landmark.

The Girl Scouts commonly call the house "the birthplace." It still looks the way it did in the 1880s. Some of the original furniture used by Juliette's family is still there. Juliette's artwork is displayed, too.

During our visit, we met Girl Scout troops from across the country. They were there to take part in educational programs and hands-on activities. They showed us what the early years of Girl Scouting were like. Some Girl Scouts acted as tour guides. They helped us experience a taste of family life in Savannah when Juliette was growing up.

If you're ever in the Savannah area, try visiting "the birthplace." I'm sure you will find it fascinating.

Your friend,

Kim

46. Based on the passage, which statement is true?

- A. Kirsten lives far from Georgia.
  - B. Kim and her family live in Georgia.
  - C. Kirsten and Kim vacationed together.
  - D. Kim and her family live in Savannah.
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### Olga Korbut

Olga Korbut was a Russian gymnast. She was a teenager when she competed in the 1972 Olympic Games. She charmed the audience with her smile and daring performance. Olga was the first person to do a backward somersault on the uneven parallel bars in competition. This move is very difficult. She had practiced it for many years.

In her final performance, Olga lost her grip and fell to the floor. She immediately jumped up and finished with a smile. She walked to the sidelines with her head held high. When her coach put his arms around her, she burst into sobs.

Olga did not win an award for the bars. She did win one silver and two gold medals for other events. Her bravery won the hearts and respect of people all over the world.

Before Olga's performance in these games, women's gymnastics did not get much attention. Because of Olga, many people are now interested in this sport.

47. The MAIN idea of this passage is that Olga Korbut

- A. won one silver and two gold medals.
  - B. was a teenager when she competed in the Olympics.
  - C. won the hearts of many people.
  - D. was the first person to do a backward somersault.
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48. How many gold medals did Olga Korbut win at the 1972 Olympic games?

- A. one
  - B. two
  - C. three
  - D. four
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49. Which sentence below BEST describes Olga?

- A. She always cries easily.
  - B. She is not sure of herself.
  - C. She is not easily defeated by failure.
  - D. She looks for the easy way to do things.
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50. Which sentence below gives an opinion?

- A. Olga burst into sobs.
  - B. Olga was a Russian gymnast who was in the Olympics.
  - C. Olga won gold and silver medals.
  - D. Olga was brave to finish performing after her fall.
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51. In the second paragraph, the word *immediately* means

- A. slowly.
  - B. finally.
  - C. to do next.
  - D. to do later.
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## What's Old and New in Eyewear

by Margery G. Nichelason

The next time you see a falling star, count as quickly as you can until it disappears. During the fourth century it was believed that a person would have one year of good eyesight for every number counted. This sounds strange, but before the invention of eyeglasses, people relied on superstitions and remedies to “cure” their vision.

Early Greek experiments with magnification started the search for vision aids. Long ago, scientists noticed that when glass balls filled with water were placed over objects, the objects looked larger. Later, rocks, such as quartz, were used as magnifiers. The Roman emperor Nero wore an emerald ring that served as his vision aid.

The Chinese also worked with magnification. By the twelfth century, they had magnifying glasses made of rock crystal and dark glasses of smoky quartz.

Wearing glasses eventually became a sign of distinction and learning. In many places, eyeglasses were the rage. In 1700, King Philip V of Spain, his wife, and their five hundred ladies-in-waiting wore tortoise-shell spectacles. Soon it was unthinkable for any Spanish man or woman of fashion not to wear eyeglasses.

Keeping spectacles in place was a major problem, solved in a number of ways. A monocle was a single lens that stayed in place when the wearer squinted one eye slightly. Lorgnettes were eyeglasses supported by one handle. When the wearer wanted to see better, she picked them up and peered through the lenses.

The first glasses held in place by side-pieces were not very comfortable. The first modern glasses were developed around 1880. Their curved steel temples fit comfortably over the wearer’s ears.

Ben Franklin combined two semicircular lenses into one larger lens. These bifocals allowed the wearer to see near or far by looking through different parts of the lens.

Contact lenses were invented and improved enough to wear by 1938. Only twenty-five years ago, the lightweight, tough plastic lenses we depend on today were developed.

More than half of all Americans wear glasses or contacts today. New advances are being made every day. Perhaps by combining our understanding of what’s old with our imagination for what’s new or yet to come, we will someday have a world where, thanks to vision aids, everyone can see!

52. What happens when you look through a glass ball filled with water?

- A. You see a range of light.
  - B. Objects look smaller.
  - C. Objects look larger.
  - D. You see unusual shapes and patterns.
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53. Why is Ben Franklin mentioned in this passage?

- A. He made the use of magnifying glasses popular.
  - B. He always wore eyeglasses in public.
  - C. He invented the first bifocals.
  - D. He introduced eyeglasses in the public schools.
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54. Which of the following is an opinion?

- A. Nero wore a ring that served as his vision aid.
  - B. Someday, everyone will be able to see.
  - C. A monocle is a single lens.
  - D. The first modern glasses were developed around 1880.
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55. According to the passage, what is one advantage of the *bifocal*?

- A. This type of eyeglasses cannot be broken or scratched.
  - B. Your vision can be improved two ways with the same eyeglasses.
  - C. You can see much better than with any contact lens.
  - D. These eyeglasses are specially designed for reading fine print.
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56. People from which country had magnifying glasses made of rock crystal?

- A. Greece
  - B. Italy
  - C. China
  - D. Spain
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### Making Notes

Gather some notes  
Pick them off ivory keys  
Choose one that clinks  
Another that claps  
Careful not to brush  
The one that deeply groans.  
Push the left thumb  
On the black key  
Listen, a half note  
On a platter  
Where ice dropped  
And splattered.  
Lift the fingers next  
Then let go as in a free fall  
Like pointed wings on the keys  
Make them dance in a line  
Rising as they trace the flight  
Of doves and eagles  
Now, listen to your song.

57. Which of these BEST describes this passage?

- A. poem
  - B. drama
  - C. folk tale
  - D. short story
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58. Which note must be avoided?

- A. one that rises
  - B. one that claps
  - C. one that clings
  - D. one that groans
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59. Which two things are compared in the passage?

- A. doves and eagles
  - B. fingers and pointed wings
  - C. left thumb and black key
  - D. half notes and a platter
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60. What is the author's purpose in writing this passage?

- A. to argue
- B. to inspire
- C. to analyze
- D. to debate

**Answer Key**

1. C) lower
2. B) 2, 4, 3, 1
3. B) school, floor
4. B) to form mental images of or relating to; conceive
5. B) unhappiness
6. A) not
7. D) various
8. B) challenged
9. B) determined
10. A) crumb
11. B) holy
12. B) The bear was as black as coal.
13. B) The boy was hungry enough to eat a horse.
14. B) A book is my friend on a rainy day.
15. B) refrain
16. C) setting
17. C) onomatopoeia
18. B) hyperbole
19. A) characterization
20. C) a metaphor.
21. B) B
22. C) Iran, Kazakhstan, and Tunisia have about the same GDP.
23. B) Part of the Rocky Mountain Range is located in Texas.
24. A) Nazca Plate
25. D) a woman's face
26. D) a bulleted list of questions to ask yourself before making choices

- 27. B) Sumatra quake
- 28. C) illustrations of types of musical instruments
- 29. B) to help the reader better understand the text
- 30. C) to persuade
- 31. A) organized
  
- 32. C) fill out the application form
- 33. D) skills you have related to book drives
- 34. D) Will everyone in the club be able to get a copy of this book?
- 35. D) a way to get involved in tutoring reading
- 36. C) You will experience books from different points of view when in a club.
- 37. B) Many book clubs choose to meet at local libraries.
- 38. A) to find people to join your book club
- 39. D) by doing activities regularly with club members
- 40. B) to explain how to start a book club
- 41. A) decide how often your book club will meet
- 42. C) because something was looking for food in the garbage
- 43. C) They saw that Mose Coleman was successful at selling his onions.
- 44. C) determined
- 45. A) to inform
- 46. B) Kim and her family live in Georgia.
- 47. C) won the hearts of many people.
- 48. B) two
- 49. C) She is not easily defeated by failure.
- 50. D) Olga was brave to finish performing after her fall.
- 51. C) to do next.
- 52. C) Objects look larger.
- 53. C) He invented the first bifocals.
- 54. B) Someday, everyone will be able to see.

55. B) Your vision can be improved two ways with the same eyeglasses.

56. C) China

57. A) poem

58. D) one that groans

59. B) fingers and pointed wings

60. B) to inspire