

Comprehension Grade: ____/15

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Reading Test

RL.1.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. **RL.1.2:** Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text., **RL.1.3:** Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.

Butch Goes to School

Butch has brand new sneakers for school. He couldn't wait to put them on.

First, he washed up. Next, he combed his hair. Then he got dressed.

"I will put my new sneakers on first," he thought. Butch put them on. Next, Butch pulled his shirt over his head. "Oh, no," he thought. "I combed my hair before I put on my shirt."

"The bus is almost here!" called his mother. Butch combed his hair again.

Finally, it was time to put on his jeans. "Oh, no!" wailed Butch. "I put my sneakers on before I put on my pants. Now I have to start all over. I'm going to miss the bus!"

1. Select the THREE events that happened before Butch tried to put on his jeans.

- ☐ Butch combed his hair.
- ☐ Butch realized he was going to miss the bus.
- ☐ Butch's mom told him the bus would be there soon.
- ☐ Butch had to start all over.
- ☐ Butch put on his sneakers.

2. Select the TWO events that happened after Butch's mom told him that the bus was almost there.

- ☐ Butch combed his hair again.
- ☐ Butch realized he was going to miss the bus.
- ☐ Butch put on his sneakers.
- ☐ Butch washed up.
- ☐ Butch pulled his shirt over his head.

3. Select the THREE sentences from the story that help you understand the sequence, or order, of events.

- ☐ First, he washed up.
- ☐ Butch had brand new sneakers for school.
- ☐ Next, Butch pulled the shirt over his head.
- ☐ Butch combed his hair again.
- ☐ Finally, it was time to put on his jeans.

4. Select the TWO sentences that correctly summarize the story.

- ☐ Butch was very excited to get new shoes.
- ☐ Butch didn't plan his morning, so he missed the school bus.
- ☐ Butch should always listen to his mother.
- ☐ Butch missed the bus because he did things in the wrong order.
- ☐ Butch always combs his hair before he puts on his shirt.

5. Which of the following character traits could you use to describe Butch?

- ☐ funny and silly
- ☐ sneaky and dishonest
- ☐ shy and smart
- ☐ careless and thoughtless

6. How did Butch's actions lead to his missing the bus?

- ☐ Butch forgot that the bus was coming.
- ☐ Butch didn't listen to his mom when she told him to get ready.
- ☐ Butch didn't wake up on time because he stayed up too late.
- ☐ Butch took too long to get ready because he did things in the wrong order.

- 7. Reread the following sentence from the passage. How does Butch feel in this part of the story?**

“Oh, no!” wailed Butch. “I put my sneakers on before I put on my pants. Now I have to start all over. I’m going to miss the bus!”

- ☐ Upset
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Excited
- ☐ Proud

- 8. Place the following events from the story in order. Write a “1” next to the event that happened first, and write a “4” next to the event that happened last.**

_____ Butch’s mom told him the bus would be there soon.

_____ Butch put on his sneakers.

_____ Butch pulled his shirt over his head.

_____ Butch washed up.

9. Part A: What lesson did Butch learn in the story?

- ☐ Always listen to your mom.
- ☐ Never put your shoes on first.
- ☐ Think about what you're going to do before you do it.
- ☐ Never buy new sneakers.

10. Part B: Select the sentence from the story that support your answer to part A.

- ☐ "First, the new sneakers," he thought.
- ☐ "Next time, I need to plan my morning more carefully!"
- ☐ "The bus is almost here!" called his mother.
- ☐ Finally, it was time to put on his jeans.

How are gumballs made?

Many people don't know how one of their favorite treats, gumballs, are made. The process for making gumballs is easy. First, the gum is shaped into balls. Then, the balls are stored overnight in a cold room until they are hard enough to coat. At the next step, the gumballs are put into large, drum-like kettles. Here, they are coated with brightly-colored sugar syrup. After this, the newly colored gumballs are dried with hot air. At the last step, the gumballs are polished with beeswax until they are very smooth, then, they are glazed. When the glaze is dry, the gumballs are ready to go.

11. Part A: Which of the following is the main idea of the passage?

- ☐ The passage is mainly about storing gumballs in a cold room overnight.
- ☐ The passage is mainly about how gumballs are made.
- ☐ The passage is mainly about people eating their favorite treats.
- ☐ The passage is mainly about large, drum-like kettles.

12. Part B: Which sentence from the article best supports your answer to part A?

- ☐ Here, they are coated with brightly-colored sugar syrup.
- ☐ The gum is shaped into balls.
- ☐ The process for making gumballs is easy.
- ☐ The gumballs are polished with beeswax.

Toasting pumpkin seeds

Pumpkin seeds make a delicious snack. They are really good toasted and sprinkled with salt. The recipe for toasted pumpkin seeds is very easy. After taking off the top of the pumpkin with a knife, pull the seeds out and spread them out on a large tray or newspaper. You should let the seeds dry in the sun for a few days. After the seeds are dry, you will need to toast them in the oven for ten to fifteen minutes. As soon as they are removed from the oven, brush the seeds with melted butter and sprinkle them lightly with salt.

13. Part A: Which of the following is the main idea of the article?

- ☐ The passage is mainly about how you take the top off of a pumpkin safely.
- ☐ The passage is mainly about how to toast pumpkin seeds.
- ☐ The passage is mainly about delicious Thanksgiving desserts.
- ☐ The passage is mainly about how to make pumpkin pie.

14. Part B: Which sentence from the article best supports your answer to part A?

- ☐ The recipe for toasting pumpkin seeds is very easy.
- ☐ After taking off the top of a pumpkin with a knife, pull the seeds out.
- ☐ Brush the seeds with melted butter and sprinkle them lightly with salt.
- ☐ Pull the seeds out and spread them out on a large tray or newspaper.

Crocodiles and alligators

Many people think that crocodiles and alligators are the same, but if you look closely at these animals, you will see quickly that this is not true. The crocodile has two unusual fangs that can be seen even when the crocodile's mouth is closed. The alligator does not have these fangs. There is also a difference in personality. Usually, alligators avoid people. They are shy, and rarely attack without a good reason. Crocodiles, however, are very ferocious. Many people are afraid of crocodiles, because they may attack without reason.

15. Part A: Which of the following is the main idea of the article?

- ☐ The article is mainly about how shy alligators are.
- ☐ The article mainly talks about how alligators and crocodiles clean their teeth.
- ☐ The article is mainly about the personalities of alligators and crocodiles.
- ☐ The article is mainly about how alligator and crocodiles are different.

16. Part B: Which sentence from the article best supports your answer to part A?

- ☐ They are shy, and rarely attack without a good reason.
- ☐ There is also a difference in personality.
- ☐ Many people think that crocodiles and alligators are the same, but if you look closely at these animals, you will see quickly that this is not true.
- ☐ The crocodile has two unusual fangs that can be seen even when the crocodile's mouth is closed.

Potato sack racing

Potato sack racing is a game that is a lot of fun to play. The game doesn't require a lot of materials and the rules are very simple. All you need is an old potato sack and when you are ready to begin, all of the players stand in a row and climb into their bags at the starting line. The racers must hold their sacks waist-high and wait for the signal to go. After the signal is given, the racers begin hopping along the track toward the finish line. The racer who reaches the finish line first is the winner.

17. Part A: Which of the following is the main idea of the article?

- ☐ The article mainly describes fun games people can play outdoors.
- ☐ The article is mainly about winners of the potato sack racing game.
- ☐ The article is mainly about what you need to play a potato sack racing game and how you play it.
- ☐ The article is mainly about how potato sacks are made.

18. Part B: Which sentence from the article best supports your answer to part A?

- ☐ All of the players stand in a row and climb into their bags at the starting line.
- ☐ The game doesn't require a lot of materials and the rules are very simple.
- ☐ The racer who reaches the finish line first is the winner.
- ☐ The racer must hold their sacks waist-high and wait for the signal to go.