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Anton was not the smartest boy in school. Anton always got the lowest score on tests.

Sometimes the other children in the class teased him. “Here comes dumb Anton,” they would say. They laughed at Anton and teased him when he couldn’t answer a question in class.

Anton wished that he could be smarter. One day, he decided to try to become smarter. He stopped watching television and playing sports. He started reading more books.

When there was a test at school, he thought that he might get a better score, but he was disappointed when he still had the lowest score in the class. He wanted to be as smart as Jake. Jake always got the highest score in the class.



Jake was smart, but he was not very nice to the other children. He teased Anton almost every day.

One day Jake came up to Anton. “Hey, Anton!” he said. “I can help you become smarter. You just need some of these tablets. They’re called smart tablets. I’ll sell them to you. They’re only one dollar each and if you take one every day, you will soon be a lot smarter.”

Anton thought about this. He wanted to be smarter, so he bought some tablets from Jake. They were expensive and he had to give Jake his lunch money every day.

A few days later they took a test at school, and Anton got the lowest score again. He went to Jake and complained. Jake told him that it took some time for the tablets to work. Anton bought some more tablets, but he still got the lowest score on the next test.

He found Jake and complained. “These tablets are no good!” he said. “I think you’re tricking me!”

“Ah,” said Jake. “They’re starting to work already!”

Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|------------|-------------------------|
| 1. already | a. medicine like a pill |
| 2. dumb | b. not smart |
| 3. tablet | c. sooner than expected |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- Why does Jake think Anton is smarter?
a. Anton can answer hard questions. b. Anton tricked Jake.
c. Anton knows he is being fooled. d. Anton got the best test score.
- How did Anton feel when he saw his score on the test?
a. disappointed b. excited
c. exhausted d. pleased
- How would you describe Jake's personality?
a. generous b. kind
c. lazy d. mean
- What does a person do if he "teases" others?
a. beats them up b. gives them a hand
c. makes fun of them d. sends them away

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

complained smart tablets told trick

Anton and Jake were in the same class at school. Jake was very _____, but Anton was not. Jake decided to _____ Anton. He sold Jake some "smart _____" for one dollar each. Anton still got low scores on his tests and _____ to Jake. Anton said Jake was tricking him. Jake _____ him that the tablets were working.

From Scott's diary

Jeff called yesterday and suggested that we go fishing today. Jeff came to my house after breakfast this morning. He had his fishing gear with him. I got my rod and reel and fishing basket and we took the bus down to the wharf. Jeff had some bait and soon our lines were in the water.

I like fishing with Jeff. He's the same age as I am and we are interested in the same things, like movies and music. While we are

fishing, we usually talk about movies we have seen or heard about, and about the latest pop music. Sometimes we disagree about a movie or a video clip, but mostly we agree. Today we talked about different people at school, whether we liked them or not. I was surprised to discover that Jeff liked Cindy, because I have a crush on her, too. Cindy is very pretty and smart.

Jeff asked me which girl was my favorite. I didn't want to answer, so I pretended that I had a fish on my line, and started reeling it in. Suddenly, there was a jerk on the line and there really was a fish on my hook! It was quite a big fish. When I finally got it up onto the wharf, Jeff was so excited that he forgot to ask me about girls again.

We kept on fishing but we didn't catch any more fish. Jeff had his CD player with him and we each used one ear phone to listen to it. Jeff brought a new CD, so we listened to it. We both liked it.

After one more hour of fishing, Jeff said he was bored. I said I was too, so we packed up and went home. We gave the fish to my mom, and she invited Jeff to stay for lunch and help us eat it. It tasted good.



Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blank.

1. Can you _____ a good place to visit this weekend?
a. agree b. catch c. forget d. suggest
2. He _____ his wife about the best restaurant in town.
a. disagreed with b. packed up c. reeled in d. woke up
3. When I was young, I liked to _____ that I could fly.
a. decide b. discover c. pack d. pretend

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. In the end, how did Scott feel about the fishing trip?
a. It was a busy day. b. It was a good day.
c. It was a sad day. d. It was a terrible day.
2. What topic does Scott avoid talking about?
a. girls b. homework
c. movies d. music
3. How long were the boys fishing?
a. one hour b. all morning
c. all day d. a weekend
4. If you “have a crush on” someone, it means you _____ that person.
a. secretly like b. make trouble with
c. push down d. want to fight

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

caught discovered fishing listened suggested

Jeff invited Scott to go fishing. While the two boys were _____, they discussed movies and music and _____ to a CD. They talked about girls too, and Scott _____ that Jeff liked the same girl as he did. Scott _____ one fish and his mother _____ Jeff stay for lunch.

Greg loved watching movies. He tried to watch as many movies as he could. His favorite film star was Ryan Devlin. Whenever he was in a movie, it was a good movie. Some of his movies were *Racing Car Fever*, *Drive Like a Demon*, and *Checkered Flags*.

5 Greg was a member of the Ryan Devlin Fan Club. Every month he received a newsletter with information about the latest movies Ryan Devlin was in. It also had lots of pictures of Ryan Devlin and advertisements for all kinds of souvenirs and books about Ryan Devlin.

10 Greg also knew where to go on the Internet to read about Ryan Devlin. He knew everything about Ryan Devlin and even had an autographed picture of him on his wall. Greg wanted to be a film star like Ryan Devlin when he grew up.

One day he read in the newspaper that the new Ryan Devlin movie, *Formula One Hero*, was opening in the local movie theater the next day. 15 Greg had read about this movie in the Ryan Devlin Fan Club Newsletter and couldn't wait to see it.

Greg wanted to see the movie as soon as he could, but he knew that he had to go to school. He talked to his mom.

"Mom, can I stay home from school tomorrow?" he asked.

20 His mom knew why Greg wanted to stay home from school.

"No, Greg," she answered. "You know that school is more important than Ryan Devlin."

25 Greg had an idea. The next day, before school, he called the teacher.

"Hello," said the teacher.

30 "Marchville School. Mr. Armstrong speaking."

"Oh, hello," said Greg.

He tried to make his voice sound like an adult voice. "I'm calling to say that Greg won't be coming to school today. He's feeling sick."

"That's too bad," said Mr. Armstrong. "May I ask who's calling, please?"

35 "Yes, of course," said Greg. "This is my father."



Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks.

adult

latest

souvenir

1. Have you heard the _____ news about big snow storm in the North?
2. She liked to wear her mother's clothes and pretend she was a(n) _____.
3. The only _____ he bought in Hawaii was a T-shirt.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Why is this story funny?
 - a. Greg did not go to school.
 - b. Greg got caught telling a lie.
 - c. His mother called the school.
 - d. The movie was not good.
2. What kind of movies does Devlin make?
 - a. action
 - b. romance
 - c. horror
 - d. science-fiction
3. Which is true?
 - a. Greg doesn't like Devlin.
 - b. Greg is afraid of Devlin.
 - c. Greg is friends with Devlin.
 - d. Greg knows a lot about Devlin.
4. If a picture is "autographed," it means the picture is _____.
 - a. colored
 - b. framed
 - c. made bigger
 - d. signed

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

calling

fan

father

sick

theater

Greg loved going to the movies and was a big _____ of Ryan Devlin. A new Ryan Devlin movie was in the movie _____, so he wanted to go and see it. Greg called his teacher, and pretended to be his _____. He said he was _____ and wouldn't be at school. The teacher asked him who was _____. Greg said, "This is my father."

Dear Nancy,

Hi. My name's Janelle and I have a big problem. I have a younger sister, and we both go to the same school. She wants to stay with me all the time. The trouble is that my school friends
5 don't want to talk to her because she is too young. When she follows me around, they ignore me.

I've encouraged her to make some friends of her own, but she is too shy. She says that I am her friend, and that my other friends are not good friends because they won't talk with me
10 when she is there.

I think she is right about my friends, but I still like them. I see my sister at home every day. At school I want to be with other people. My mom said I should look after my little sister. I'm
15 afraid I will never have any friends. What should I do? I am fourteen years old and my sister is ten.

Janelle

Dear Janelle,

Thank you for writing to me. I think you have tried very hard to solve your problem. I can see that your little sister is very important to you and that you do not want to hurt her feelings.
5

You are also right to listen to your mother. Of course the most important people in the world are your family. Your father and mother provide you with a home and teach you how to live your life, and you should respect them.

You should remember that your sister will always be your sister, even when you are very old. Your school friends will be your friends, but they are not your family, and can never replace them.
10

Be patient with your sister. It's not easy being ten. I'm sure she will soon learn to make friends of her own. Then you will be free to return to your own friends.

15 Good luck!

Nancy

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blank.

1. He called her name, but she _____ him and walked away.
a. honored b. ignored c. returned d. stayed
2. If we all work together, we can _____ this problem.
a. disappoint b. follow c. prefer d. solve
3. The hotel _____ free breakfast for guests each morning.
a. belongs b. encourages c. provides d. replaces

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is Janelle's problem?
a. Her friends tricked her. b. Her mother bothers her.
c. Her sister is always with her. d. Her teacher gave her a bad grade.
2. What advice does Nancy give her?
a. Enjoy time with your friends. b. Put your family first.
c. Study harder. d. Try to get a job.
3. Which is probably true about Janelle's sister?
a. She is not confident. b. She is not pretty.
c. She is not quiet. d. She is not smart.
4. What do you do when you "look after" something or someone?
a. go behind it b. remember it
c. see it closely d. take care of it

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

family

friends

lose

shy

with

Janelle wrote to Nancy about her little sister who is too _____ to make any friends. She always stays with Janelle. Janelle's _____ think she is too young and don't want to talk _____ her. Janelle thinks she will _____ all her friends. Nancy reminded her that _____ is more important than friends.



Sarah had to go shopping. She made a list and asked Tom to help her.



Tom helped Sarah make a shopping list.



Tom's favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate.



Sarah went to the supermarket.



There was no chocolate ice cream. She asked Tom what she should do.



Sarah saw a worker with a box of chocolate ice cream. She asked him for some.



Tom was surprised to see chocolate ice cream.



Tom decided to have some ice cream immediately.

Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. flavor | a. bucket; round container |
| 2. immediately | b. right away |
| 3. tub | c. taste |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- Why was Tom surprised when Sarah gets home from the store?
a. She bought strawberry ice cream. b. She forgot to buy toothpaste.
c. She found his favorite flavor. d. She took a long time shopping.
- Why did Sarah call Tom from the store?
a. She found a great bargain. b. She needed more money.
c. She thought Tom called her. d. She wanted to ask Tom a question.
- Which did Sarah not buy at the store?
a. bread b. ice cream
c. tea d. toothpaste
- The “checkout” in a store is a place to _____.
a. choose things b. list things
c. look for things d. pay for things

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

bought

flavor

list

tubs

vanilla

Sarah went shopping. One of the items on her _____ was chocolate ice cream. It was Tom’s favorite _____. But there were no _____ of chocolate on the shelf in the store. Sarah was about to buy _____ when the shopkeeper arrived with more tubs of chocolate ice cream. Tom was glad she _____ chocolate instead of vanilla.

George and Betty had not been married long and didn't have a lot of money, but they wanted to buy a car. Betty didn't have a job, so she was always finding ways to save money.

In winter she wore her coat inside the house so that she didn't have to turn the heater on. She grew vegetables in her garden so that she wouldn't have to buy any. She made sandwiches for George to take to work so that he wouldn't have to buy his lunch.

When she went shopping, she would always buy food that was on sale. Later, when she got home, she enjoyed figuring out how much money she had saved. "This can of soup is usually three dollars but today it was only two dollars and sixty-five cents," she would say to herself. "That was a good price. I saved thirty-five cents!"

Every day George took the bus to go to work and to go home. It was not a long trip but it was slow because of all the traffic. George was sometimes impatient as he sat on the bus.

One day, the traffic was even worse than usual. "I could run faster than this bus!" thought George.

The next day after work he decided to try. He went to the bus stop, but didn't take the bus. He ran along beside it on the sidewalk. He had to run quite fast to keep up with the bus.

He arrived home, puffing and panting. He felt hot and tired. Betty was surprised to see him panting. She

was worried. "What's the matter?" she asked.

"I ran along beside the bus," said George. "It was just as quick and I saved two dollars and fifty cents by not paying the fare." He was proud of what he had done and thought it would make Betty happy, but it didn't.

"Why didn't you run beside a taxi?" she said. "You would have saved six dollars!"



Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blank.

1. “This line is too slow.” “Don’t be so _____!”
a. difficult b. impatient c. surprised d. usual
2. The boy fell on the _____ and hurt his knee.
a. fare b. heat c. sidewalk d. traffic
3. She was _____ because she just finished the race.
a. growing b. panting c. paying d. saving

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Which is true about George and Betty?
a. They love money. b. They don’t have a lot of money.
c. They are rich. d. They need money to buy a house.
2. How does Betty save money?
a. She does not work. b. She eats small amounts.
c. She makes her own clothes. d. She buys things on sale.
3. How does George save money?
a. He doesn’t eat lunch. b. He gives Betty his money.
c. He has two jobs. d. He runs home from work.
4. What does “figuring out” mean in line 9?
a. calculating b. guessing from clues
c. showing openly d. solving

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

fare faster saved slow wife

George always took the bus to go home after work, but it was very _____. He decided that he could run _____ than the bus. One day he ran home beside the bus. He thought his _____ would be pleased because he had saved the bus _____, but she said he should have run beside a taxi. He would have _____ more money that way.

Hello children and parents. Thank you all for coming to this meeting. I'd like to start by confirming that we will receive some money from the government for our school trip to Indonesia. We will receive approximately \$1,300 per child, which will
5 reduce the overall cost to you.

Now that we are sure to get the money, it is time to do some serious planning. We are sure that the trip will be very exciting for the children,
10 especially if they have not traveled overseas before. There are many benefits to having some exposure to different places and cultures. Your children will be able to learn a lot

15 about other people and cultures on this trip.

Leanne is with us tonight. Leanne, where are you? Put up your hand Leanne, so that the people can see who you are. Thank you. Leanne went on the trip last year and will be happy to tell you of her experiences and answer any questions you might have. We will hear from her a bit later in the meeting.

20 We only have five months to organize the trip. From past experience I can tell you that this time will go very quickly! So we need to start organizing the trip.



This is the agenda for tonight's meeting:

- + Passports: when and how to apply for one
- + Schedule: what places we will visit
- + Health matters: what precautions you need to take, plus any special needs that your child may have
- + Studying: description of the school and type of lessons your child will attend
- + Money: paying for the trip, plus how much money your child should take
- + Hotel: where we will be staying
- + Clothing and personal items: what your children should take with them

Are there any other items that you would like to place on the agenda?

Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks.

confirm

exposure

reduce

1. I need to call the hotel to _____ the dates for our room there.
2. You should _____ the time you spend watching television and study more.
3. Too much _____ to strong sunlight is bad for your skin.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the topic of this speech?
 - a. a school trip to another country
 - b. getting a job in another country
 - c. people studying in another country
 - d. schools in another country
2. Which is true?
 - a. This is the school's first trip.
 - b. Leanne is from Indonesia.
 - c. They will leave in one month.
 - d. The government will help pay for the trip.
3. The speaker will NOT discuss _____.
 - a. group leaders
 - b. hotels
 - c. spending money
 - d. places to see
4. Another word for "agenda" is _____.
 - a. budget
 - b. list
 - c. plan
 - d. stadium

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

answer

meeting

prepare

trip

wonderful

The school organized a _____ of parents to talk about a school trip to Indonesia. A teacher told the parents that there were many things to _____ for the trip. A girl who went on the _____ last year was at the meeting to _____ questions about her experience. The teacher said the trip would be _____ for the children.

Jeff and Alison had been married for a year. When people came to visit them, they always said how neat and clean the house was, and if they stayed for dinner, it was always very tasty. Alison was a good cook and housekeeper.

5 One day, Alison told her friend Sue, “Jeff’s a very nice man, but he is very picky. He always wants his dinner cooked just the right way. He makes a face if it is not right. And he hates it if there is any dirt any-



10 where in the house. He gets annoyed if the dishes are not cleaned as soon as dinner is over. His tea is never right, either. It’s always too strong or too weak. He is terribly picky.”

15 That Friday night at dinner, Jeff put some salt on his vegetables.

“What’s wrong now?”

Alison said. “Not enough salt? There’s always something wrong, isn’t there? You’re so picky!”

20 “It’s very tasty,” said Jeff. “I’m really enjoying it.”

She gave him a cup of tea. Jeff looked at it.

“Is the tea all right?” she asked.

“Yes, dear,” said Jeff. “It’s just right.”

“That’s lucky,” said Alison. “You’re so picky about your tea!”

25 Jeff didn’t think he was picky at all.

The next day Jeff came home while Alison was talking to Sue. Alison didn’t hear Jeff come in and kept on talking.

30 “He didn’t like the dinner I cooked last night,” he heard her say. “He said he liked it but I know he didn’t. I could see it on his face. He is so picky.”

Jeff was surprised. He had enjoyed his dinner last night and had told Alison the truth. As he came into the room, he heard her say, “He has been picky for as long as I have known him.”

35 “I haven’t always been that picky,” he told Alison. “One year ago I chose you to be my wife.”

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning.

1. The desserts served in the restaurant were all delicious.
a. neat b. skilled c. tasty d. weak
2. The child was a very choosy eater. He hated all vegetables.
a. clean b. dirty c. picky d. successful
3. She could not concentrate because the noise bothered her.
a. annoyed b. chose c. stayed d. surprised

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. How would you describe Jeff and Alison's marriage?
a. They always fought. b. They didn't understand each other.
c. They loved each other deeply. d. They never talked.
2. Alison thought that her husband _____.
a. didn't like many things b. was too quiet
c. tried to be friendly to strangers d. worked very hard
3. What did Jeff complain about at dinner?
a. the food b. his tea
c. the dessert d. nothing
4. What does it mean if you "make a face" about something?
a. You are not sure about it. b. You don't like it.
c. You think it is funny. d. You want more of it.

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

about complaining enough married picky

Alison thought that her husband George was a very _____ man. She always worried that her cooking was not good _____ for him. She complained _____ him to her friends. One day George heard her _____. He said he was not always picky because he _____ her one year ago.

Dear Kim,

It's very hot and windy in Sydney today. In fact, it has been hot and windy for about a week now. This is very bad weather because of the danger of bush fires.

5 This year we have a lot of fires around Sydney and in New South Wales. Every night on the news there are stories of more houses being burned down in the suburbs around Sydney. This year we can see the smoke and smell the burnt trees and grass from our house. I don't like the smell!

10 There are over one hundred fires, and there are thousands of firefighters trying to put them out. Firefighters from all over Australia have come to help. Some even came from New Zealand. They are all very brave. We can see how high the flames are on the television news. The firemen look very hot and tired.

15 My friend Michael lives in one of the suburbs that are threatened by the fires, and seventeen houses have burned down there. I can't call him because all the telephone lines have burned down, too.

20 We feel sorry for the people whose houses have been burned down. They have lost everything they had. The worst thing to lose is photographs and other things that you can't replace. You can always buy new furniture and go to live somewhere else, but you can't get replacements for the photos that are destroyed.

25 If our house were threatened by fire, the first thing I would put in the car before we left would be the computer, because it has copies of all the things I have written. Mom says the most important things to take are the photo albums. Dad says the most important things to save are the documents that have to do with the bank and owning the house.

30 We all hope it will rain soon so that the fires are put out.
Bye for now. Write soon.

Jason

Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 1. documents | a. part of a fire |
| 2. flame | b. papers |
| 3. smell | c. sense with the nose |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- What did Jason write about?
a. a fire he made while camping
b. a fire in his house
c. fires in another country
d. fires in his country
- What is Jason's tone in the letter?
a. He doesn't care about the fires.
b. He feels sympathy for the victims.
c. He is very excited.
d. He thinks the fires are funny.
- The most valuable thing for Jason is _____.
a. his official records
b. his photographs
c. his writings
d. the furniture
- Jason's friend lives in a "suburb." What is that?
a. a kind of house
b. a natural area
c. a place with lots of trees
d. a town outside a city

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

caught firefighters fires important smell

Jason wrote to his friend Kim to tell her about the _____ near his home. He wrote about the weather, the number of fires, and the _____ of them. He also wrote about the _____ trying to put out the fires. The fires made Jason think about the _____ things he would want to take out of his house if it _____ fire.



Alex, there is a phone call for you. It's Shirley.

Alex is getting ready to go to the movies with his friend Shirley.



I'm sorry to hear that. What about tomorrow night?

I'm sorry, Alex. I can't go with you tonight. I'm feeling a little ill.

Shirley says that she can't come to the movies that night.



Yes, maybe. I'll call you if I'm feeling better.

All right. I hope you'll feel better soon.

Shirley promises to call after she recovers.



You can still go on your own.

What a pity! Shirley can't come tonight. I was looking forward to seeing that movie.

Alex's mother has an idea.



No. It's not much fun that way. I'd rather go with somebody. And anyway, Shirley might go with me tomorrow. I'll just watch TV tonight.

Alex doesn't like his mother's idea.



No, I'm just watching TV.

Hi Alex. Are you doing anything tonight?

Alex gets a call from Dave.



I'm not doing anything, either. Do you want to go bowling?

Okay. There's nothing interesting on TV anyway.

Dave and Alex decide to go bowling.



Look! Isn't that Shirley?

Alex gets an unpleasant surprise at the bowling alley.

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blank.

1. He became seriously _____ while traveling in Europe.
a. frightening b. ill c. interesting d. uncomfortable
2. It took her several weeks to _____ from the skiing accident.
a. decide b. feel c. promise d. recover
3. A(n) _____ smell was coming from inside the refrigerator.
a. brave b. fun c. sorry d. unpleasant

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Why was Alex surprised at the bowling alley?
a. Dave met him there. b. His friends gave a party for him.
c. It was closed. d. Shirley should not have been there.
2. After talking on the phone, Alex thought Shirley was _____.
a. really sick b. tired of seeing him
c. tricking him d. very busy
3. What did Alex's mother suggest?
a. calling Dave b. giving Shirley some medicine
c. going alone to the movie d. watching TV
4. What does it mean when a person says, "What a pity!"?
a. I am sad. b. I don't like it.
c. That's too bad. d. You are not nice.

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

alley bowling disappointed ill ready

Alex was getting _____ to go to the movies with his friend Shirley, but she called to say she was _____ and couldn't go. Alex was _____. His mother suggested he go on his own, but he didn't want to. His friend Dave asked him to go _____ with him. At the bowling _____, Dave saw Shirley bowling with her friends.

Jeannie was not a bad girl, but she was sometimes naughty. If she wanted to go outside and play with her friends, she would ask her mother. But if her mother said she couldn't, Jeannie would sneak outside anyway, and then her mother would be angry.

Sometimes Jeannie teased her little sister and made her cry. Her mother would say "Stop it, Jeannie. Don't make her cry." Then Jeannie would do it just one more time, and her little sister would cry louder, and her mother would be angry.

Jeannie didn't do these things all the time. Most of the time, she was a very good girl. She liked helping her mother and usually did her homework on time. She was a good student and was seldom in trouble at school.

Jeannie and her mother both had beautiful black hair. One day Jeannie noticed that her mother had a few gray hairs.

"Mom," she said, "you've got a few gray hairs."

"Oh no!" said her mother, and she rushed off to look at herself in the mirror.

When she came back, she looked at Jeannie.

"You're right," she said. "My hair is beginning to turn gray." She looked disappointed.

"Why does it happen?" asked Jeannie. "Why does your hair turn gray?"

"Well," her mother said, "it's because I worry about you. When you don't do your homework, another hair turns gray. When you tease your sister, another hair turns gray. Every time you do something naughty, another hair turns gray."

"Really?" said Jeannie.

"Yes, really!" said her mother, and smiled. "The naughtier you are, the grayer my hair becomes."

Jeannie thought about this for a second and then she laughed.

"Mom," she said, "You must have been a very naughty girl because Grandma's hair is all gray!"



Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks.

mirror

seldom

sneak

1. She tried to _____ into the movie theater without buying a ticket.
2. He used a _____ to see how the barber cut the back of his hair.
3. I _____ get to visit my grandparents because they live very far from my home.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. How would you describe Jeannie's personality?
 - a. good and bad
 - b. like an angel
 - c. talkative and silly
 - d. trouble-maker
2. What reason does her mother give for her hair turning gray?
 - a. bad food
 - b. cold weather
 - c. Jeannie's behavior
 - d. old age
3. Why does Jeannie laugh at her mother?
 - a. Old people have gray hair.
 - b. Her grandmother came in the room.
 - c. Her mother's hair is funny.
 - d. She thinks her mother was very bad.
4. When Jeannie is "naughty," what is she doing?
 - a. a bad thing
 - b. a clever thing
 - c. a funny thing
 - d. a good thing

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

caused

gray

hair

naughty

noticed

Jeannie _____ that a few of her mother's hairs were gray. Her mother told her that it was _____ by bad things that Jeannie did. Every time Jeannie did something wrong, another hair turned _____. Jeannie thought about this. Then she said that her mother must have been a very _____ girl. Her grandmother's _____ was all gray.

From Scott's diary

Today I bought a new pair of shoes. Not long ago, I decided to get some shoes. I really wanted to buy a famous brand—Feriats! When I told Dad I wanted to buy a new pair of shoes, he wanted to know why it had to be Feriats. He was sure a cheaper pair would be just as good. He looked in the paper and saw an advertisement for Ushnats. He said I could have a pair of Ushnats. I told him that Ushnats were ugly and that everybody at school would laugh at me. I said I would save up money for new Feriats myself. He agreed.

I saved my allowance for about three months to get Feriats. I didn't go to the movies and I didn't buy any new video games. Sometimes Dad gave me some extra work to do in the garden and paid me for it. I soon had enough money, and today I finally got my new shoes.

There was a music store next to the shoe store and I looked at the new CDs. I saw a CD that I wanted to buy, but I only had enough for the shoes. For one moment I thought about buying cheaper shoes, like Ushnats, so that I could get the CD as well. But I didn't do it. Feriats are really great and I had my heart set on them.

The salesperson gave me a discount because I paid with cash, but it still wasn't enough to buy the CD. I'll just have to save up again. I was very careful not to get my new shoes dirty on the way home. I can't wait to wear them to school tomorrow. I know some of my friends are going to envy my shoes, and I hope that Cindy will notice and be impressed.



Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning.

1. Every week my parents give me \$5 for my pocket money.
a. allowance b. brand c. pair d. size
2. If you buy three apples, you can get a lower price.
a. cash b. discount c. moment d. advertisement
3. She is jealous of her friend's chance to travel in Europe.
a. envies b. fits c. laughs d. notices

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Why does he save his money for a long time?
a. to buy expensive shoes b. to get a good gift for Cindy
c. to help his family d. to impress his father.
2. What are Ushnats?
a. a band he likes b. a chain of shoe stores
c. a cheap kind of shoes d. an expensive kind of shoes
3. How does he probably feel after buying the shoes?
a. angry b. disappointed
c. lazy d. proud
4. If you "have your heart set on" something, it means you _____.
a. enjoy using it b. hope for it
c. remember it well d. worry about it

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

allowance bought brand enough pair

Scott saved his _____ so that he could buy a new pair of shoes. His father wanted to buy him a cheap _____ of shoes, but Scott wanted a more fashionable _____ that would impress his friends and especially Cindy. When he had _____ money, he thought about buying a new CD instead, but he _____ the shoes that he had been saving for.

Charlie Chaplin was born in London in 1889. His parents were very poor and his father died when Charlie was still very young.

5 His mother was an actress, but was often sick and couldn't look after Charlie very well. Charlie started working as an actor in a traveling show when he was just ten years old.

10 The company he worked for went on a tour of America when Charlie was about twenty years old. He loved the American theater, and a few years later he returned to the US and started to work in the film industry. His first film was *Making a*

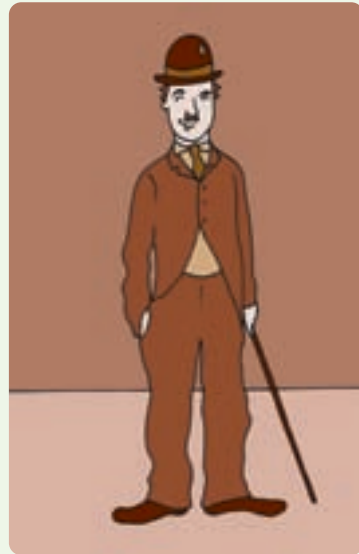
15 *Living* in 1914. It was very successful, but he didn't like the style of the movie. The actors only acted like clowns. He thought that the movies could show more about the feelings of the people in them. Some of his most famous movies were *The Kid* (1921), *The Gold Rush* (1925) and
20 *The Circus* (1928). Perhaps his most famous movie was *City Lights* (1931). All these movies were silent.

Charlie was very popular because he was able to play a poor person in his movies and seem attractive and likeable. It always made Charlie happy to see ordinary people enjoy his movies.

25 The first popular talking movie was made in 1927, but Chaplin didn't like talking movies. He didn't make a movie with sound until 1940. By then he was over fifty years old and he wanted to try a new challenge. He succeeded so well that the movie he made then, *The Great Dictator*, is still regarded as a masterpiece today.

30 Charlie Chaplin married three times and lived in England and Switzerland after the Second World War. He returned to America for occasional visits. On one of those visits, in 1972, he received a special Oscar award. He died in Switzerland in 1977.

35 In 1995 a worldwide survey of film critics voted him the greatest actor in movie history.



Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. attractive | a. business |
| 2. industry | b. good-looking |
| 3. regarded | c. thought of; seen |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- Which is true about Charlie Chaplin?
a. He acted on stage and in movies. b. He grew up in New York.
c. He only made silent movies. d. His parents were famous in England.
- What kind of person did Chaplin play in his films?
a. a clever thief b. a poor young man
c. a silly father d. a strong, brave hero
- What kind of movies did Chaplin not like until he was old?
a. color ones b. funny ones
c. silent ones d. talking ones
- If something is a “masterpiece,” it means that thing is _____.
a. a great work of art b. difficult to understand
c. very expensive to make d. very long or big

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

actor

movies

poor

silent

star

Charlie Chaplin was a great and funny actor. He was the star of many _____ movies. He was born in London in 1889. His parents were very _____, so Charlie had to work to earn money when he was young. He became an _____ and eventually went to America and became a _____. He died in 1977, but his _____ still make people laugh.

Dear Joy,

Thank you for agreeing to water our plants for us while we are away. Here is what you need to do.

- 5 1. The vegetables in the garden need to be watered every day unless it rains. There is a large area of bare soil, but this needs to be watered, too. Steve planted some corn there. Please pick any vegetables that are ripe and use them. It's a shame for them to go to waste.
- 10 2. The garden at the front of the house only needs to be watered every two or three days. The plants there are quite strong and will survive a few days without water. The roses are starting to bloom, so please pick some and take them home. If you look after them, they should be all right for a week or more. They will last a bit longer if you put a little
15 sugar in the water. That's a piece of advice my grandmother gave me a long time ago.
- 20 3. There are a few plants in the pots on the porch, and these need to be watered well every day. I've left a couple of pots out in the sun because they have strawberries in them. They need the sun, but they also need lots of water. You can pick
25 any strawberries that are ripe and eat them. You'll find they are delicious.
4. You don't need to do anything for the lemon tree. If you see any ripe lemons, just pick them and take them home. You can use
them in cooking or to make lemonade.

Thanks again for helping out. We'll see you in two weeks. You've got our telephone number, so please call us if there are any problems or if you need to ask any questions. We'll send you a postcard.

Lee

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blank.

1. There was a _____ spot in the middle of the yard where no grass grew.
a. bare b. blooming c. delicious d. ripe
2. Plants in the desert can _____ with very little water.
a. boil b. pick c. survive d. waste
3. She liked to sit on her _____ in the evening and watch the sun go down.
a. advice b. porch c. seed d. sugar

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Lee wrote these instructions to Joy because Lee _____.
a. can't grow plants well b. gave Joy the garden
c. sold the house d. went on vacation
2. Which plants do NOT need water every day?
a. the corn b. the lemon tree
c. the strawberries d. the tomatoes
3. Which is probably true?
a. Joy lives far away from Lee. b. Lee hates flowers.
c. Lee likes to grow his own food. d. Lee's house is not very big.
4. If fruit is "ripe," it means the fruit is _____.
a. hard and bitter b. ready to eat
c. rotten d. starting to grow

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

care exactly plants pots watered

Lee asked his friend Joy to water the _____. Lee left some instructions for Joy to tell her _____ what she needed to do. He told her the vegetable garden needed to be watered every day. The front garden did not need to be _____ as often. The plants in the _____ can easily dry out. The lemon tree did not need any special _____.

She told me she was too sick to go out with me tonight!

That looks like Shirley over there!



Alex is surprised to see Shirley at the bowling alley.

Yes, she looks like Shirley. I'm certain it's her.

What are you going to do?



Dave asks Alex what he is going to do.

We should leave before she sees us.

I think you should talk to her and ask her why she lied to you.



Alex and Dave disagree about what Alex should do.

Look, Shirley. Isn't that Alex and Dave over there?

Oh no! It's Alex. I told him I wasn't well! What if he sees me?



Shirley sees Alex and is worried that he will see her.

I can't talk to her. It would be too embarrassing for both of us. Let's go before she sees me!



Alex decides what to do.

If Alex sees me, he will know I lied to him. Quick! Let's go before he sees me!



Shirley decides to leave the bowling alley.

Thank goodness she didn't see me.



Alex and Dave go out the front door.

Thank goodness he didn't see me.



Shirley and her friends go out another door.

Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks.

certain

lied

quick

1. I think he _____ to me about his age. He is not really eighteen.
2. She was _____ it wouldn't rain, so she didn't take her umbrella.
3. The dog was not _____ enough to catch the rabbit.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. How did Alex feel at the bowling alley?
 - a. bored
 - b. happy
 - c. relieved
 - d. upset
2. How did Shirley feel when she saw Alex?
 - a. angry
 - b. excited
 - c. pleased
 - d. worried
3. What did Dave tell Alex to do?
 - a. go out of the bowling alley
 - b. leave a note for Shirley
 - c. pay for another game
 - d. talk to Shirley
4. Another way to say "thank goodness" is to say _____.
 - a. I am glad.
 - b. I am satisfied.
 - c. I am OK.
 - d. I am finished.

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

alley

also

embarrassing

leave

reason

Dave and Alex went to the bowling _____. They saw Shirley and some of her friends there. They decided to _____ before Shirley saw them, because it would be _____ for everyone. They didn't know that Shirley _____ saw them. She left the bowling alley for the same _____.

Here are six famous players from Brazil's 2002 World Cup soccer team. They are all great soccer players, but each one is also different from the others.

Marcos

Number: 1 **Position:** Goalkeeper
Age: 28 **Games:** 22

Marcos was chosen as Brazil's goalkeeper at a late age. He is not spectacular, but is very good at stopping shots on goal. He is better than most of the Brazilian goalkeepers of the past.

Lucio

Number: 3 **Position:** Center back
Age: 24 **Games:** 22

Lucio is a consistent player who rarely makes a mistake in defense. He can surprise the other team with a sudden attack.

Roberto Carlos

Number: 6
Position: Left back
Age: 29
Games: 90

Roberto Carlos is famous for his free kicks, which he hits very hard. However, he has scored very few goals from his kicks. The spectators are in more danger than the goalkeeper when he shoots for a goal.



Ronaldo

Number: 9
Position: Striker
Age: 25
Games: 63

Ronaldo played his first international game for Brazil when he was just seventeen. He has played for several European clubs, scoring in almost every game. He is a feared striker.

Rivaldo

Number: 10 **Position:** Striker
Age: 30 **Games:** 35

Rivaldo is a brilliant but inconsistent player who often makes Brazilian fans angry. Sometimes he scores spectacular goals, but at other times he makes careless mistakes. His opponents have to keep a close eye on him.

Ronaldinho

Number: 11 **Position:** Striker
Age: 22 **Games:** 29

Ronaldinho is the youngest player on the team and one of the most exciting. He can quickly cut through a team's defenses, who are too busy watching Ronaldo and Rivaldo.

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning.

1. Everyone thought the show last night was amazing.
a. dangerous b. famous c. spectacular d. sudden
2. The scientist was happy because the test results were always the same.
a. consistent b. feared c. injured d. skillful
3. He was not careful and forgot to lock the door when he went out.
a. cared b. careless c. caring d. uncaring

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. The players in the reading _____ in the 2002 World Cup competition.
a. all had injuries b. all won awards
c. were all on Brazil's team d. were the best players
2. Which player might disappoint fans during a game?
a. Marcos b. Roberto Carlos
c. Ronaldinho d. Ronaldo
3. Who has played the most soccer games?
a. Marcos b. Roberto Carlos
c. Ronaldinho d. Ronaldo
4. What do you do when you "keep a close eye on" someone?
a. go with them b. see with one eye
c. stand near them d. watch them

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

among players position strikers world

Brazil won the World Cup in 2002. This reading is about six of their most important _____ on their team. Marcos was the goalkeeper. Lucio's _____ was center back. Carlos was the left back. Three _____ were Ronaldo, Rivaldo and Ronaldinho. These players are _____ the best in the _____ and people love to watch them play.

One day Noel received an invitation to visit his friend in Riverhill, a city about one hundred kilometers to the north. However, Noel didn't have a car and he didn't have any money for a bus or train ticket. He wondered how he could get to his friend's house.

He decided to hitchhike. He wrote his destination, Riverhill, on a big piece of paper and went to the main road. He held the paper up so that all the cars and trucks that were traveling north could see it. He thought that one of them might stop and then he could ask for a ride. But nobody stopped.



After four hours he was still standing on the side of the road. Nobody had stopped. Noel had an idea. He went home. He

wrote Melwood, a town about one hundred kilometers to the south on the back of his piece of paper. Then he went back to the road.

He stood exactly where he stood before, as if he was traveling north and held the paper up for drivers to see. The drivers saw him standing there holding up the paper with Melwood written on it and thought he was going the wrong way. It wasn't long before someone stopped.

Noel ran up to the car and opened the door. He started to get in. "No, no," the driver said. "I only stopped to tell you that you are on the wrong side of the road. You are going the wrong way."

"Oh, how silly of me," said Noel. "I was showing the wrong side of my piece of paper. This is where I really want to go." And he showed the driver the other side of his piece of paper. "Are you going to Riverhill? Can you give me a ride?"

"Well, now that I've stopped, you might as well get in," said the driver.

Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. ride | a. place you are going to |
| 2. destination | b. sitting on or in a vehicle |
| 3. invitation | c. a letter asking someone to visit |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- How did Noel get someone to stop for him?
a. He acted like he was hurt. b. He pretended to make a mistake.
c. He threw a rock in the road. d. He took off his shirt.
- How did Noel feel when he was standing by the side of road in the afternoon?
a. frustrated b. glad
c. relaxed d. silly
- What was the driver planning to do when he stopped?
a. give Noel a ride b. ask Noel where Riverhill was
c. give Noel some water d. tell Noel to cross the street
- What do you do when you “hitch hike”?
a. ask strangers for a ride b. go over mountains
c. pick up cars d. walk a long way

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

driver

held

side

sign

wrong

Noel wanted to visit his friend in another city. He tried to hitch hike and _____ up a sign with the name of the city on it. Nobody stopped for him. He changed the _____ to look like he was going the _____ way. A car stopped to tell him he should be on the other _____ of the road, but Noel asked him for a ride. The _____ agreed.

Smithville, Thursday. Thirty-four excited school children from Smithville High School left yesterday for a trip to Indonesia. Their teacher, Mrs. Guildford, and two parents are accompanying the children on the trip.

5 The first stage of their trip took them to the airport by bus. From there they boarded a flight to Denpasar, where they will arrive about lunchtime today.

10 Mrs. Guildford said, "This is the third time we have done this trip, and it is a very valuable experience for the children. They learn about Indonesian customs and traditions and see first-hand how Indonesian people live."

15 It is a big change from their regular school lessons. The children have already written to the Indonesian children they will meet on their trip, and for the next ten days they will sit in the same classrooms as their Indonesian friends.

20 Mornings will be taken up with lessons, while afternoons will offer electives in Indonesian dance, painting, cooking, or woodcarving. There will also be lots of visits to interesting places. They will visit markets and tourist attractions, and they will eat in the homes of their Indonesian hosts.

25 Angela Berg, 16, said she has been saving for this trip for about two years, and doing chores to earn extra money. She thought the trip would be "lots of fun and very interesting." Her friend Amanda Rose agreed. "I can't wait to get there," she said. "It's just so exciting!"

Angela's mother Catherine Rose is accompanying the students on the trip.

30 "It's a fantastic opportunity for them," she said. "We are so pleased that Mrs. Guildford has organized the trip. She even managed to get some money from the government so that the cost for each child is very reasonable. I'm looking forward to the trip."

35 If you hear Indonesian spoken in the streets of Smithville, you can be sure it is some of the high school students who have returned from the trip but forgotten they are no longer in Indonesia.



Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning.

1. He asked Sally to _____ him to the dance on Friday night.
a. accompany b. carve c. offer d. pack
2. This could be a great _____ for you to meet new people.
a. flight b. government c. opportunity d. tradition
3. It is our family _____ to eat a big dinner for Christmas.
a. attraction b. elective c. tradition d. trip

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What kind of paper would this article be in?
a. a local paper b. a large city's paper
c. a national paper d. an international paper
2. How many adults will travel with the children?
a. none b. one
c. two d. three
3. Which is probably true about the children's language lessons?
a. The teacher can't speak English. b. They will be in an Indonesian school.
c. The lessons will focus on writing. d. They will be for only one hour a day.
4. Angela got money for the trip from "chores." What are these?
a. government money b. relatives
c. small jobs d. special businesses

Summary

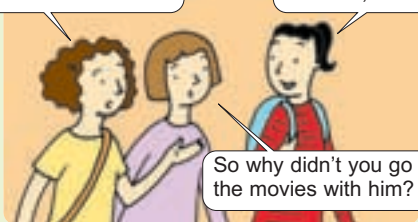
Fill in each blank with the correct word.

learn organized parents travel trip

Mrs. Guildford is a teacher at Smithville High School. She has _____ a trip to Indonesia. Some of the _____ are going on the trip, too. Everyone is very excited. They will _____ to the airport by bus and then fly to Indonesia. They are all looking forward to the _____. They hope it will be fun and they can _____ a lot.

Don't you like Alex?
I think he's cute.

Yes, I do. I think
he's cute, too.



So why didn't you go to
the movies with him?

Shirley's friends ask her about Alex.

My friend Janet told me
that I shouldn't say yes
every time Alex asks me
out. She said that Alex
might lose interest in me
if I always say yes.



Shirley tells them why she didn't
go to the movies with Alex.

You shouldn't
listen to
Janet. I think
she likes
Alex too and
wants him to
ask her out.

Yes, you should be careful.
You can't trust Janet.



Shirley's friends tell her something
very interesting.

Hi Shirley. Are you
feeling better today?

Hi Alex, it's
Shirley.



The next day, Shirley calls Alex.

Yes, thanks.

That's good.
Do you want
to go and
see *Formula
One Hero*?
Or would you
rather see
something
else?



Alex offers to take Shirley to a
movie.

Yes. I've
heard
about it.
It
sounds
good.

Yes, I'd like to
see a movie.
What do you
think about see-
ing *Return Ticket*.
Is that okay? It
has lots of good
music in it.



Shirley accepts his offer but sug-
gests a different movie.

Forget about it. I'm looking
forward to this movie.

I'm sorry about
last night.



Alex and Shirley meet outside the
movie theater.

That was a good movie, wasn't it? I think I'll go to see
Formula One Hero next week. Do you want to come?



Yes, of course.
I'd love to.

Alex still wants to see *Formula
One Hero*.

Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks.

cute

lose

trust

1. He put his papers into a special file so that he would not _____ them.
2. She told her brother the secret because she knew she could _____ him.
3. The baby tigers at the zoo were so _____! I wanted to take one home.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Why did Shirley not go out with Alex at first?
 - a. Her friend told her to say no to him.
 - b. Her parents do not want her to see him.
 - c. She doesn't like him.
 - d. She thinks he doesn't like her.
2. Who may have told a lie to Shirley?
 - a. Alex
 - b. David
 - c. her mother
 - d. Janet
3. What is a good point about the movie *Return Ticket*?
 - a. the acting
 - b. the music
 - c. the story
 - d. the time
4. Another way to say "of course" is to say _____.
 - a. maybe
 - b. over there
 - c. sure
 - d. why

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

enjoyed

decided

should

suggested

together

Shirley's friends told her that she _____ go out with Alex, so Shirley called him. They _____ to go to the movies together. Shirley _____ that they see *Return Ticket* because she liked the music in it. Alex agreed and they _____ the movie. They decided that they would see *Formula One Hero* _____ later.

Many people think *Casablanca* is one of the best movies ever made. It was filmed in 1942, during the Second World War, and starred Humphrey Bogart as Rick, and Ingrid Bergman as Ilsa. The movie is set in Casablanca, a place the Germans hope to take from the French. Rick owns a bar there.

In the movie, the German army is coming towards Casablanca. People who live there are trying to escape before they arrive. Rick has two tickets for the last plane out of Casablanca. His former lover Ilsa arrives in Casablanca with her husband Victor Lazlo. Lazlo is a leader in a secret group, and his escape will help win the war against Germany. Rick decides to give his tickets to Ilsa and Lazlo rather than use them himself. Rick really loves Ilsa, but he knows that it is more important for Lazlo to get out of Casablanca. Rick is a very tough character but he is not selfish. He is very good to people who need his help.

Some famous lines from the movie are, “Here’s looking at you, kid,” and “This could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship.” Many people think that the line, “Play it again, Sam,” is in the movie. Actually, the line is “Play it, Sam.” Both Rick and Ilsa ask the piano player, Sam, to play the song, *As Time Goes By*. It was originally recorded in 1931 and became very popular because of this movie.

The movie was filmed almost entirely in the Warner Brothers film studios in Hollywood, using special effects. It won several Academy awards and is well worth seeing. If you’ve already seen it, see it again, Sam!



Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning.

1. We got a new dog. Our last dog ran away.
a. best b. famous c. former d. important
2. No one likes to play with him because he is not happy to share.
a. beautiful b. popular c. romantic d. selfish
3. The first owner of the house did not take care of it very well.
a. last b. original c. several d. tough

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What information is NOT in the review?
a. facts about the movie b. famous lines in the movie
c. the director's other movies d. the movie's story
2. What is the relationship between Rick and Ilsa?
a. business partners b. ex-lovers
c. husband and wife d. spies
3. Which of these lines is NOT in the movie?
a. Here's looking at you, kid. b. Play it again, Sam.
c. Play it, Sam. d. This could be the start of a beautiful friendship.
4. What does the word "escape" mean in this reading?
a. hit powerfully b. leave secretly
c. meet privately d. run quickly

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

decision

escape

spy

war

win

Casablanca is a famous movie set in WWII. It has the themes of both love and _____. The hero, Rick, has a difficult _____ to make when his old girlfriend arrives with her husband, who is a famous _____. He wants to escape with her, but finally he allows her to _____ the city with her husband. He believes this will help _____ the war.

Cindy wanted a job. She thought that if she had a job after school, she could earn her own money. Then she wouldn't have to ask her parents for money.

Some of her friends worked when school was finished for the day.
5 So Cindy went to some of the stores and asked for work. She finally got a job in a cafe. She was very happy.

She came home and told her parents, "Mom, Dad, I got a job at the cafe. Now I will have my own money."

"Congratulations!" they said. They asked her lots of questions about
10 the job and about the people who owned the store.

"Don't worry, Mom," Cindy said. "I think they are nice people and I will be very happy there."

Her parents gave her permission to take the job.

After the first day, they asked her if it was good.

15 "It was wonderful," said Cindy. "The owners were very friendly.

They showed me how to do things and helped me all the time."

Two weeks later,

20 Cindy's parents saw her come home from the job. She looked very unhappy.

"What's the matter?" they asked her.

25 "I'm tired," she said.

"The owners of the cafe are making me work too hard. When I started, they were very friendly but now they are bossy. They watch me all the time and complain when something goes wrong, even if it isn't my fault. Sometimes they even
30 criticize me in front of the customers. Today a friend from school came into the cafe and I was telling her what was on the menu, and the owner told me to stop talking to my friends and get on with my work. It isn't fair!"

"Don't you like working there now?" asked her mother.

35 "Yes, I do like working there," said Cindy. "I don't like the owners working there!"



Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. congratulations | a. find bad things about |
| 2. criticize | b. equal; with justice |
| 3. fair | c. a way to say “good job” |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- What did Cindy not like about her job?
a. the clothes she had to wear b. the dirty work
c. the long hours d. the people she worked for
- What kind of work did Cindy do?
a. sell clothes b. serve food
c. take tickets at a theater d. watch children
- How did Cindy feel after working for two weeks?
a. annoyed b. satisfied
c. very happy d. wealthy
- If you ask someone, “What’s the matter?” you are asking, “_____”
a. How are you? b. Is it important?
c. What is the problem? d. Why is it this way?

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

criticized helpful job owners working

Cindy got a _____ in a cafe. She was very happy there at first. The owners were friendly and _____ and she enjoyed her work. However, they soon became bossy and _____ her a lot. Cindy became unhappy. Her parents asked her if she still liked _____ in the cafe. She said she did, but she didn’t like the _____.

From : tfolger@speedmail.com

To : sfolger@speedmail.com

Date : July 1

Hi Mom and Dad,

I found an Internet cafe here, so I thought I would let you know how I am doing in Indonesia.

5 Ubud is a very crowded city. And everybody here seems to ride on motor scooters. Sometimes there are four or five people on one scooter!

10 Yesterday we went by boat to the Japanese caves on the other side of the lake. It's where the Japanese soldiers kept their ammunition during the Second World War. The caves are not really caves like the ones near our home. They are just big holes dug into the side of the mountain by the soldiers. There is nothing in them now.

15 When we got back, we went to the markets at Bedugul. Nothing has a price on it. You have to bargain. Mrs. Guildford said you should try to get things for about half the price they first tell you. I bought a T-shirt for about \$3. The shopkeeper wanted about \$5 for it at first. I said I would pay \$2. He said \$4, and I was going to leave, but then he said \$3. I thought that was a good deal so I bought it. It's red and has "Bali" written on it in big yellow letters. It fits me very well. Mrs. Guildford said I did a good job.

20 After the markets, we went to a coffee plantation, which was kind of boring. Then we went to a big waterfall which was a lot of fun. I had frog's legs for dinner last night, because Trent dared me to! I made him have some, too. They tasted better than I thought they would.

25 The language classes are good, too. The teacher makes us practice lots of practical things, like how to bargain for a lower price at the markets.

30 I'd better go now, because there are other students who want to write e-mails to their parents, too.

Bye,
Terry

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blanks.

1. The army had to save its _____ because there was not much.
a. ammunition b. holes c. letter d. scooter
2. Many of the _____ in the South grew cotton in the 1800s.
a. plantations b. soldiers c. tunnels d. waterfalls
3. This table is very pretty but not _____. We can't put anything on it.
a. crowded b. lower c. practical d. tired

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What happened in the market?
a. He ate interesting food. b. He bought something at a good price.
c. Someone stole his money. d. He heard a funny story from a seller.
2. Which has he NOT seen?
a. a busy city b. a natural site
c. a palace d. a school
3. How did he like the frog legs?
a. They were delicious. b. They were gross.
c. They were not bad. d. They were terrible.
4. You might "dare someone to do" something that is _____.
a. a little frightening b. kind of easy
c. really boring d. very interesting

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

bargain language markets practical sent

Terry went to Indonesia on a class trip. He _____ an e-mail to his parents. He told them that he went to some caves, the _____, a coffee plantation, and a waterfall. He bought a T-shirt at the market and was proud of the _____ he had made. He also told them that he enjoyed the _____ classes. He thought they were very _____.

From Scott's diary

I am very happy to write in my diary tonight. I haven't written in my diary for about two weeks because I couldn't find it. At first I thought I must have misplaced it. But when I looked, I couldn't find it anywhere.

5 I asked my parents and my sister if they knew where it was, but nobody had seen it. I thought that maybe my sister had taken it, and I was very angry. She kept saying that she didn't have it, but I didn't believe her. She started to cry and my mom told me to stop bothering her.

10 I tried to remember if I had taken it to school or put it in my bag. I checked my bag but it wasn't there. When I got to school the next day, I looked in my desk, but it wasn't there, either.

I thought I would have to start a new diary. I was very disappointed because my diary had lots of memories in it. It also had some secrets, and I didn't want anybody else to read it, especially my sister.

15 Then today, when I got home from school, it was on the table in my room! There was an envelope on it with a card that said "Sorry." It was from Mom. There was a ticket to the movies in the envelope, too.

20 Mom told me that she forgot that she took my diary and put it in her room. She was cleaning my room and had my diary in her hand to put it on the shelf. The phone rang in her bedroom and she went to answer it. She put my diary down while she was talking on the phone. It fell behind the table, and she forgot all about it.

25 Today she found it and recalled what happened. So I can write in my diary again and I can go to see *Formula One Hero*, too!



Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks.

bothered

recall

secret

1. I can't _____ the name of the movie we saw last week.
2. She promised not to tell her friend's _____ to anyone.
3. The teacher told the boys to stop talking because it _____ the other students.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. How did he lose his diary?
 - a. He dropped it by accident.
 - b. He left it at school.
 - c. His mother moved it.
 - d. His sister hid it.
2. Why did his mother give him a movie ticket?
 - a. She found the ticket in his diary.
 - b. She wanted to show she was sorry.
 - c. She was trying to cheer him up.
 - d. She wanted to see it with him.
3. Where did he not look for his diary?
 - a. at school
 - b. in his room
 - c. in his sister's room
 - d. on a shelf
4. What does "misplace" mean in line 3?
 - a. do incorrectly
 - b. have more than enough
 - c. put in the wrong location
 - d. write a lot about

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

forgot

mistake

searched

sister

upset

Scott couldn't find his diary. I wasn't on his desk. He _____ many places in the house. He asked his mother and his _____, but nobody knew where it was. It was gone. He was _____. Later, his mother found it. She had moved it by mistake and _____ to put it back. She gave him a ticket to the movies to make up for her _____.

Dear Kim,

We had a holiday from school today. It was to celebrate the Queen's birthday. There is nothing special, like a parade or a festival or a big party. It's just a holiday. People don't go to work
5 and children don't go to school.

I wonder if the Queen gets presents like we do. I guess her presents would be much better than ours. Her friends are rich and they can buy really expensive gifts.

My mom said that some children make things for the Queen
10 and send them to her for her birthday. Mom explained that the Queen likes to get things that show how much the people love her. I wouldn't like someone to make something I didn't need and give it to me for my birthday. I would rather have something I can play with.

When it's my birthday, I'm allowed to choose what we have
15 for dinner. Do you do that on your birthday? I wonder what the Queen does. I guess she can eat whatever she wants every night. How can her birthday dinner be a special treat?

Mom said that everyone, even the Queen, likes birthdays
20 because then her family and friends all come to visit her. She said that is the best part of a birthday. I don't agree because I think the presents are the best part. If you didn't get presents, you wouldn't have anything to be happy about, except maybe a party with lots of nice food.

It would be nice if you could have a holiday on your birthday
25 as well as on the Queen's birthday. The best part of the Queen's birthday is that I have a holiday.

Do you have a holiday from school when the leader of your country has a birthday? Please write and tell me about it.

30 Your friend,
Jason

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning.

1. The line of cars and bands walked down the main street of the town.
a. gift b. holiday c. parade d. present
2. Sometimes I think about how life will be different in the future.
a. celebrate b. explain c. wish d. wonder
3. He gave the dog a special gift because it did a very good trick.
a. festival b. leader c. party d. treat

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What did Jason write about in the letter?
a. a special birthday party b. his parents' favorite holiday
c. how he spent his holiday d. thoughts about the Queen's birthday
2. What did Jason do on the Queen's birthday?
a. He went to a big party. b. He made a gift for her.
c. He did not go to school. d. He saw a parade.
3. What does his mother like best about birthdays?
a. eating cake b. getting presents
c. seeing relatives d. singing songs
4. What is another way to say "as well as"?
a. so what b. but for
c. or else d. and also

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

birthday

holiday

presents

tell

wondered

Jason wrote to Kim about his _____ from school. It was because of the Queen's birthday. He _____ what the Queen did for her birthday. What sort of _____ would she get and what would she have for dinner? He compared his _____ with the Queen's birthday. He asked Kim to _____ him about birthdays in her country.

Formula One Hero opened in the local movie theater yesterday. This is the latest movie starring Ryan Devlin.

Devlin began his remarkable career seven years ago in *Top Speed*, a movie that broke box office records at the time, and since then he has made at least one movie every year. Devlin's exciting driving and tough talk make him a favorite with teenage boys, while his good looks and charming habits appeal to the girls.

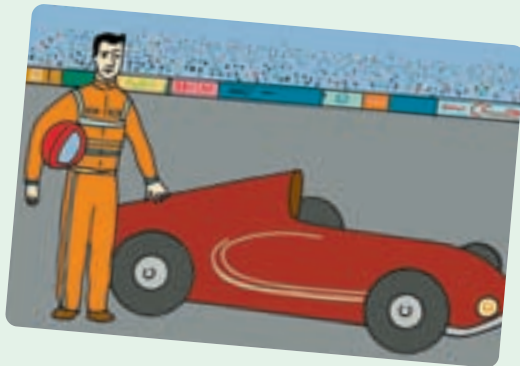
The story in this movie continues the battle between Devlin's character, Rory Hunter, and the evil Rick Hinkler. Hinkler again tries to cheat his way to victory, this time making use of the fact that his initials are identical to those of the hero. Devlin's fans will not be disappointed with the exciting surprises of the movie's plot.

The action shots in this movie have been well directed by James Warner and will keep the audience on the edge of their seats. Warner makes better race sequences than any other director. Once again, Devlin performs all his own stunts.

The heroine, Wendy White, is played by Jill Halliday. Halliday does well in her first movie, playing her character with enthusiasm and intelligence. She has already signed a contract for another movie in which she will act in a more challenging role.

Devlin's fans will have to wait a while before they see another Rory Hunter racing movie. According to the latest Ryan Devlin Fan Club newsletter, Devlin has told his producers that he needs a rest. In fact, this may be the last Rory Hunter movie since Devlin wants to try a different character in his next movie.

If this is the last Rory Hunter movie, you'd better get out and see it. It's not a great movie, unless you're a fan, but it is a good movie, even if you are not.



Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 1. remarkable | a. amazing; incredible |
| 2. battle | b. exactly the same |
| 3. identical | c. fight |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- Where would you find this reading?

a. in a book about movies	b. in a diary
c. in a fan club chat room	d. in a newspaper
- What is the writer's opinion of the movie?

a. It is a waste of time.	b. It is awful.
c. It's Devlin's best.	d. It's good.
- Which is true about the actress in the movie?

a. She drives very well.	b. She never made a movie before.
c. She will marry the director.	d. She knew Devlin from school.
- If something "appeals" to you, it means you _____.

a. hear it	b. like it
c. accept it	d. take it apart

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

driver

fans

film

next

plays

Formula One Hero is a movie starring Ryan Devlin as Rory Hunter, a race car _____. Jill Halliday _____ the woman Rory falls in love with. This is her first _____. The reviewer says that the movie is not great, but Devlin _____ will like it. Devlin may not make another racing movie. He wants to play a different role in his _____ movie.

From : sfolger@speedmail.com

To : tfolger@speedmail.com

Date : July 2

Hi Terry,

Thanks for your e-mail. It was really great to hear from you! We were wondering if you were okay over there. I'm glad you were able to find an Internet cafe. I hope you will be able to
5 find another one so that you can read this e-mail and send us some more!

There are lots of things you didn't tell us. What is the weather like over there? Is it hot? Is it rainy? I remember that Mrs. Guildford said it would rain almost every day but it wouldn't
10 be cold. Is it true?

How did it feel when you arrived? What is the hotel like? Is your room big? Do you have your own bathroom? Are the Indonesians polite? Do many of them speak English?

What sort of food do you get? Don't eat too many frog legs.
15 They sound awful! Don't forget what Mrs. Guildford said. "Don't eat any fruit that you don't have to peel. Never drink anything that is not in a sealed bottle. Use bottled water all the time, even to brush your teeth." Do you still have your list of rules?

Are the other children enjoying it? Are any of them sick yet?
20 Are you looking forward to coming home? I'm looking forward to seeing you soon. I miss you!

Don't go into too many caves. They sound dangerous! There might be bits of old ammunition lying around. Please be careful! Don't go on any motor scooters. They sound dangerous,
25 too, especially if there are so many people on them. Don't argue too much with the shopkeepers and always be careful with your money and traveler's checks. Watch out for thieves and robbers.

Everything is okay here, and we are all well and looking forward to seeing you home safe.
30

Love,
Mom and Dad

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blanks.

1. The book was _____. I didn't enjoy reading it at all.
a. awful b. polite c. rainy d. safe
2. It is very funny to see the monkey _____ the banana before it eats it.
a. argue b. miss c. peel d. wonder
3. He _____ the letter in the envelope and then put a stamp on it.
a. bottled b. extra c. frightened d. sealed

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. In the e-mail, the mother mostly writes about _____.
a. how much she misses him b. things she wants to know
c. what happened at home d. when he will come back
2. What emotion does the mother express in her e-mail?
a. anger b. embarrassment
c. regret d. worry
3. The mother is afraid her son might find _____ in the caves.
a. bats b. bullets
c. fruit d. robbers
4. When you tell someone to "watch out," you want the person to _____.
a. be careful b. look at you
c. tell you the time d. see something interesting

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

careful much parents questions worried

Terry is in Indonesia on a school trip. He sent an e-mail to his _____ and they replied. They didn't tell him very _____ about what was happening at home. They just asked him lots of _____ and gave him lots of instructions about being _____. They are obviously _____ about him and look forward to having him home again.

Ted and Doug were good friends. But even though they were friends, they were also rivals. They were always trying to outdo each other. One day Ted would get a higher score than Doug on a test. The next day Doug would get a higher score than Ted.

5 They would often run races against each other to see who could run faster. They also dared each other to do things.

“I dare you to climb that tree,” Doug would say. Ted would always try because he didn’t want Doug to think he was afraid.

10 “I dare you to knock on that door and run away,” said Ted one day. Doug went to the door and knocked on it and both boys ran away.

One night they were walking near the graveyard and they dared each other to walk through it.

“We’re not scared of ghosts,” they told each other.

15 They started to walk through the graveyard. It was dark. It was quiet. Then they heard a tapping noise. Both of them were scared, but they pretended that they were not afraid at all.

20 “What is that noise?” whispered Ted.

“Oh, nothing,” whispered Doug. “It’s probably just some ghost.” He tried to laugh. Ted tried to laugh, too.

25 The tapping got louder as they kept on walking, and the two friends were frightened. They walked very carefully and didn’t talk to each other.

Suddenly, they saw something move. They started to shake.

“Look!” said Doug. He pointed to a gravestone. There was somebody there, bending over the grave and making the tapping noise.

30 Both boys were very frightened now, but Ted said, “I’m not afraid. It’s just a worker fixing the grave.”

“Yes,” agreed Doug. “There’s no reason to be afraid.”

They walked up to him. He was changing the letters on the tombstone.

“Hello,” they said. “What are you doing?”

35 The man turned around. “They spelled my name wrong!” he said.



Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks.

graveyard

ghosts

grave

1. I'm not afraid of _____. I don't believe in them.
2. My mother visits her grandfather's _____ once a year.
3. They could not go into the _____ because the gate was locked.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Why were the boys scared of the man?
 - a. He had a hammer.
 - b. He knew their names.
 - c. He was a ghost.
 - d. He worked in the graveyard.
2. What made the boys afraid in the graveyard?
 - a. animals
 - b. sounds
 - c. other boys
 - d. the weather
3. Why was the man tapping on the gravestone?
 - a. He wanted to scare the boys.
 - b. He wanted to take a piece of it.
 - c. He was changing the name.
 - d. He was hiding something.
4. How do you act when you "try to outdo" another person?
 - a. try to do better
 - b. try to do the same way
 - c. try to stop
 - d. try to take apart

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

graveyard

dared

gravestones

spelled

tapping

Ted and Doug often _____ each other to do things that were a little frightening. One night they dared each other to walk through the _____. They heard a strange _____ noise. They saw a man working on one of the _____. He told them that he was changing the spelling because they had _____ his name wrong.

Four bedroom house for sale

This magnificent house is on a quiet street only a few meters from the beach. It has a wonderful view of the ocean and would suit a family or an investor. The location will provide a lifestyle that is very enjoyable.

5 There are many international cafes and restaurants nearby, and it is only a short walk to the local stores. Public transportation is close. The location is ideal for families.

The house has two stories. On the first floor there are a modern kitchen, a large family room, a formal dining room, a
10 lounge room and a play room. There is also a renovated bathroom. Upstairs you will find four bedrooms, all with built-in closets. There are also two bathrooms upstairs. The main bedroom has a walk-in closet. All the bedrooms open onto a balcony.

15 The house also has a double garage, a swimming pool, and a tennis court, all surrounded by beautiful gardens.

You can arrange a tour of this property by calling Jim Watson at 014-735-8383.

One bedroom apartment for sale

This apartment is on the top floor of a six-story building and has a wonderful view of the surrounding city. It is conveniently located near all the city's attractions, and will make an ideal investment or first home for a young couple.

5 The apartment is spacious and freshly painted. A modern kitchen and recently remodeled bathroom make this a very attractive property. There is parking in an underground garage.

The current owners are eager to sell and will consider any offer.

10 Contact Julie Kelly at 014-735-8484 for more information.

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning.

1. The restaurant is very good, but it is in a bad place.
a. closet b. floor c. location d. property
2. She has a very large office at her new job.
a. formal b. local c. magnificent d. spacious
3. The children often played in the park close to the school.
a. from b. nearby c. upstairs d. with

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Which is NOT true about the house?
a. It has a lot of land with it. b. It is by the beach.
c. It is by a busy street. d. It is large.
2. Which is true about the apartment?
a. It is good for a family. b. It is in a city.
c. It is in an old building. d. It has a garden beautiful
3. If you wanted to see the house, how could you see inside of it?
a. Call Jim and he will show you. b. Ask people living there to show you.
c. Go there. The door is open. d. You can only see pictures.
4. What does it mean if you are “eager” to do something?
a. You are careful doing it. b. You must do it.
c. You often do it. d. You want to do it.

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

for including public spacious beach

There are two homes _____ sale. One is a large house by the _____ that would be good for any family. It has everything that a family could want, _____ a swimming pool, and it is very close to _____ transportation. The other ad is for a one bedroom apartment that is very _____ and convenient. It would suit a young couple looking for their first home.

Tom, the kitchen tap is dripping.



Sarah noticed that the kitchen tap was dripping.

Do you think you can fix it?

Yes, I think I can. It probably needs a new washer. I'll get my tools.



Tom thought he could fix it.

I think this will fix it.



Tom put a new washer in the tap.

We'd better ask the plumber to fix it.

Tom, it's still dripping.



The tap wasn't fixed.

I tried to fix it but I couldn't. It is still dripping.



Tom asked the plumber to fix the tap.

It's a very old tap. I can fix it, but it would be cheaper to buy a new one.

I'll tell Tom. He has gone to work.



The plumber came to fix the tap.

The plumber said that he could fix it but it would be cheaper to buy a new one.



Sarah called Tom to tell him what the plumber said.

That's better. Now the dripping has stopped.

Yes, it's much better.



The plumber installed a new tap in the kitchen.

Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. install | a. hammer, wrench, screwdriver |
| 2. washer | b. put in |
| 3. tools | c. a small ring of plastic or metal |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- What is the main idea of this story?
 - The house is old.
 - The plumber fixed the problem.
 - Tom is good at fixing things.
 - Tom loves Sarah.
- What was wrong with the tap?
 - It did not have a washer.
 - It was not put in correctly.
 - It was old.
 - It was very cheap.
- What did the plumber do?
 - He changed a washer.
 - He painted the pipe.
 - He put in a new tap.
 - He turned off the water.
- When a drop of water comes out from time to time, it is a _____.
 - drip
 - fix
 - tap
 - washer

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

decided dripping easier installed plumber

Tom and Sarah had a problem. The tap was _____, and Tom couldn't fix it. They called the _____. He tried to fix it and told them that it would be _____ and cheaper to buy a new one. Tom and Sarah discussed it. They _____ to buy a new tap. When the plumber _____ the new tap, the dripping stopped.

From Scott's diary

Today was not a good day. Everything went wrong. First, I slept late and Mom yelled at me to wake up. I tried to wake up but I couldn't. I just went back to sleep, and she had to come and yell at me again.

5 When I finally got out of bed, I went to the kitchen for breakfast, but there was no cereal. I decided to have some toast instead, but I burned it. I had to eat it anyway because there was no more bread. There was no juice, either. I just had a glass of water.

10 Then I got dressed for school and began walking to the bus stop. When I was almost at the bus stop, I realized that I had forgotten my wallet, so I had to go back home and get it. Of course, I missed the bus and had to wait for the next bus.

15 I was late for school and the teacher told me to stay in the classroom at lunchtime to catch up on the schoolwork I had missed.

20 After lunch, it was time to give the teacher our homework. I reached into my bag to get it but it wasn't there. I had left it at home. I was in trouble again. The teacher gave me extra homework for tonight.

25 After school, Paul asked me to play soccer with him. But I stepped on the ball and fell over. I tore my pants and hurt my ankle. I limped home.

30 When I got home, I went straight to my room to catch up on my homework. Mom cooked fish for dinner. She knows I don't like fish, but she thinks it is good for me. I am going to bed early so that nothing else can go wrong. It was a horrible day. I hope tomorrow will be better.



Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blank.

1. I suddenly _____ that I was lost!
a. burned b. realized c. slept d. yelled
2. The girl is _____ because her brother stepped on her foot.
a. dressing b. limping c. missing d. reaching
3. The movie was _____. I did not enjoy it at all.
a. better b. funny c. horrible d. main

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What happened to him on this bad day?
a. He argued with his parents. b. He heard some terrible new.
c. Many small things went wrong. d. Part of his house was on fire.
2. When did his bad day begin?
a. in the morning b. at school
c. at lunchtime d. in the afternoon
3. What did he do after he went home?
a. He did some work for school. b. He made a telephone call.
c. He had fun with his friend. d. He was tired, so he went to bed.
4. When you “burn” something, you _____.
a. cook it too long b. eat it too fast
c. give it away d. make it very well

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

forgot missed nothing playing wrong

The boy had a bad day. Everything went _____. He slept in, burned his breakfast, _____ the bus, arrived late for school, _____ to take his homework to school, and hurt himself _____ soccer. He decided to go to bed early so that _____ else could go wrong.

What should we do tonight, Tom? There's nothing interesting on TV.

Let's go to a movie. We haven't done that for a long time.



Tom and Sarah decided to go to a movie.

The Governor's Lady or *Formula One Hero* both look like interesting movies.

I don't think I would enjoy *The Governor's Lady*. It's a romance. I prefer action movies.



They had to choose a movie to see.

The bus is late. If it doesn't come soon, we'll miss the start of the movie.



Tom was concerned because the bus was late.

Excuse me. The bus seems to be late. Would you like to split the cost of a taxi?

What do you think, Tom?

That's a good idea.



Another couple was waiting at the bus stop. They offered to share a taxi.

Taxi!



Tom hailed a taxi.

What a coincidence! We're going to see *Formula One Hero*, too!

We should be on time for the beginning of *Formula One Hero*.



The two couples discovered that they were going to see the same movie.

Yes, that's a good idea.

We could take a taxi home together after the movie.



They decided to go home together after the movie.

I thought it was very good.

I enjoyed it, too.

Yes, it was great.

Did you enjoy the movie?



Riding home, everyone praised the movie.

Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks.

coincidence

praised

split

1. I can't eat this whole piece of pizza. Do you want to _____ it?
2. John? What a _____ meeting you here!
3. The teacher _____ the students for their excellent work.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. In this story, Tom and Sarah _____ to a movie.
 - a. were invited by friends
 - b. invited their friends
 - c. went with friends
 - d. went with another couple
2. Why did Tom and Sarah share a taxi with the other couple?
 - a. They paid for Tom and Sarah.
 - b. The movie would start soon.
 - c. Tom did not have money.
 - d. They all missed the bus.
3. Who liked the movie?
 - a. both men
 - b. the other couple
 - c. Tom and Sarah
 - d. all of them
4. What do you do if you "hail" a taxi?
 - a. get into a taxi
 - b. get out of a taxi
 - c. make a taxi stop
 - d. pay for a taxi

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

Everyone

couple

rode

same

shared

Tom and Sarah decided to go see a movie. They both thought *Formula One Hero* would be good. The bus was late, so they _____ a taxi with another _____. The other couple was also going to the _____ movie. After the movie, Tom and Sarah _____ home with the couple. _____ thought the movie was very good.

Dear Kim,

Everybody in Australia is very excited because we have won our first ever Winter Olympics gold medal. It is on the news on television and on the radio. Everybody is very surprised because
5 Australia doesn't have much snow and most Australians never ski or skate. Our winters are too warm for snow, and our mountains aren't very high.

The way we won our first gold medal was very funny. Our speed skater was coming in last, and it was near the end of the
10 race. Suddenly all the other skaters fell down, and our skater crossed the line first. He was very surprised. Did you see it on your television news?

The next day we won another gold medal. This one was won by a girl who did ski jumping with lots of twists and turns in the air.
15 It looks very difficult to do. The most important part of the jump was to land properly when it was finished. Some of the other girls didn't land properly, so they got much lower scores. The Australian girl was very excited when she won. She couldn't stop smiling and laughing. When she was presented with the medal and heard the
20 national anthem, she cried, but we all knew she was happy.

I watched some of the other sports on television, too. I liked the slalom skiing where the skiers go very fast. When they fall over, they slide a long way down the hill!

Some of the sports are a bit boring to watch, and it must be
25 very cold for the people who are there. I wonder what the organizers of the games would do if the snow melted? Does it snow where you live? Is it cold? What do you do when it snows? Please write and tell me.

That's all for now.

30 I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Jason

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning.

1. A helmet will not protect your head if it is not correctly worn.
a. happily b. properly c. quickly d. suddenly
2. She avoided the bicycle by quickly turning out of the way.
a. sliding b. organizing c. scoring d. twisting
3. He gave her two dozen roses on her birthday.
a. fell b. landed c. melted d. presented

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Why was Jason surprised the Australian athletes won?
a. Australia doesn't get much snow. b. Nobody in Australia likes winter.
c. The athletes were not good. d. The Winter Olympics are boring.
2. Which of these Olympic sports would he probably like?
a. bob sledding b. cross-country skiing
c. figure skating d. ice hockey
3. Why did the Australian ski jumper cry?
a. She hurt herself. b. She was embarrassed.
c. She was sad. d. She was happy.
4. What is an "anthem" in this reading?
a. a kind of prize b. a national song
c. a person doing a sport d. a winter sport

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

cried

gold

medal

skater

won

Jason wrote to his friend Kim about the winter Olympics. Australia had _____ their first ever gold _____ and he was very excited. He told the story of how the medal was won by a speed _____ when all the other skaters fell over. The next day Australia won another _____ medal in ski jumping. The winner was a girl who was so happy that she _____.

Dear Nancy,

My name is Nick and I hope you can help me solve a problem that I have at school. I used to be very happy at school. I had a good group of friends, and I always did well in class and at sports. I don't want to boast, but I was very popular. Everyone wanted to be my friend.

Then a new boy called Alan came to the school. First, he got a higher score than me on a test. Then he joined the school soccer team and scored two goals. The other students started to think he was better than me.

Some of my best friends became his friends. If I suggest things for us to do, they ask Alan what he thinks. It's getting worse every day! Yesterday I gave the wrong answer to a question in class, and Alan gave the correct answer. Now everyone thinks that Alan knows more than I do.

What can I do to get my friends back?

Nick

Dear Nick,

Your letter shows us all how difficult it is to adjust to a changed situation. You are used to being the most important person in your group of friends, and suddenly this has changed.

You are obviously a very smart boy, and you are used to being better than most people at lots of things. You are very lucky, but you cannot be the best in the world at everything. Learning how to deal with this will make your life a lot happier.

This is my advice. You should not try to compete with Alan. You should continue to do your best in everything, but if Alan is better than you at some things, then you should congratulate him and be happy for him. When your friends see that you can adjust to the changed situation, they will respect you and still be your friends.

Good luck!

Nancy

Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. adjust | a. change to fit better |
| 2. obviously | b. honor; think highly of |
| 3. respect | c. clearly; as everyone can see |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is Nick's problem?
a. He is getting bad grades. b. He has a problem with his teacher.
c. He is very lonely. d. He wants to meet a girl.
2. What is Nancy's advice?
a. Ask Alan to change his mind. b. Find a new group of friends.
c. Stop competing with Alan. d. Try to avoid Alan.
3. Which word describes the new boy, Alan?
a. friendly b. mean
c. selfish d. shy
4. What do you do if you "deal with" a situation?
a. You forget it. b. You handle it well.
c. You remember it. d. You suffer from it.

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

best compete leader popular unhappy

Nick had a problem at school. He was _____ because he was not as _____ as before. A new boy started at the school and soon replaced Nick as the _____ of the group. Nancy reminded Nick that he couldn't be the _____ in the world at everything. She advised him to be himself and not _____ with Alan to get his friends back.

Florence Nightingale's parents were on vacation when she was born in Florence, Italy, in 1820. They were a well-to-do family who lived half the year in their summer house and the other half of the year in their winter house.

5 Florence and her sister never went to school. They were taught at home by their father. Florence wanted to go to school, but her parents believed it was the duty of girls to marry and have children. They considered it improper for girls to go to school.

10 When Florence was seventeen years old, she decided to become a nurse. Her parents said nursing was a job for poor women. However, Florence was determined, and during a visit to Germany, she went to a training school and learned about nursing.

15 When she came back to England, she got a job as a nurse in London.

20 When she was about thirty-five years old, England was fighting a war in Russia. Florence was asked to lead a team of female nurses in

Russia, to care for the sick and injured English soldiers. Florence accepted this position and went there with thirty-eight nurses. It was

25 the first time that female nurses had worked in a military hospital. Florence taught the nurses to take careful observations of their patients and to be sensitive to their needs. The nurses were a great success, and all the soldiers were happy with the care the nurses gave them.

30 After the war, she went back to London and continued to work for the army. A few years later, she started a training school for nurses where she taught her methods. She also wrote a book called *Notes for Nurses*. This book was very popular and helped to change the way that nursing was done.

35 She never married and lived until she was ninety years old. She died in London in 1910.



Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blank.

1. You can't go to the party if you wear _____ clothes.
a. careful b. injured c. improper d. well-to-do
2. The guide had to _____ the explorers through the jungle.
a. believe b. care c. fight d. lead
3. She is very _____, so I have to be careful about her feelings.
a. clean b. female c. popular d. sensitive

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. When did Florence Nightingale decide to become a nurse?
a. after the war b. before she went to Italy
c. during her visit to a hospital d. when she was a teenager
2. Why did her parents name her Florence?
a. Her sister chose the name. b. It was her grandmother's name.
c. It was where she was born. d. They thought the name was pretty.
3. Which is not true about Florence Nightingale?
a. She lived to be very old. b. She never had children.
c. She ran away from home. d. She wrote a book.
4. Florence Nightingale was "determined." This means she _____.
a. followed her parents' wishes b. had a clear goal
c. was kind and gentle d. let others make decisions

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

eventually injured nurse training wealthy

Florence Nightingale was born in Italy in 1820. Her parents were _____ and lived in England. Florence wanted to help sick people and _____ became a nurse. She showed her skill as a _____ when she led a group of nurses to take care of _____ soldiers in the war with Russia. After the war, she started a school for _____ and wrote a book about nursing.

Look, Tom, I think it's a bill.

It's probably from the plumber.



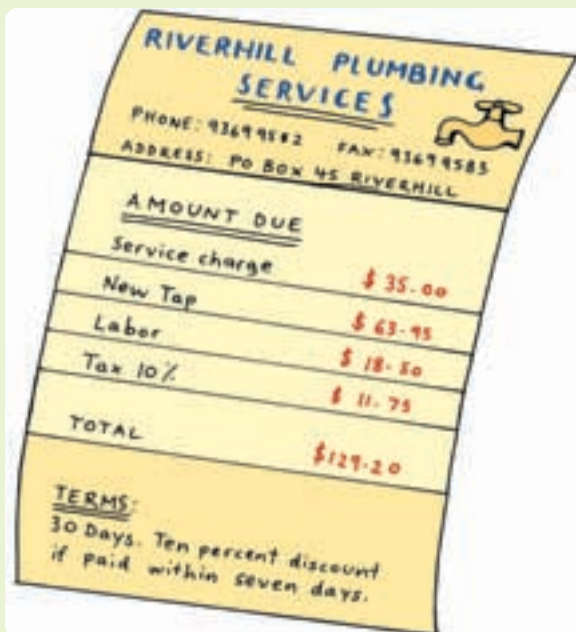
Tom and Sarah received a bill in the mail.

Yes, it is.

How much do we owe him?



The bill was from the plumber.



It's almost one hundred and thirty dollars.

That's expensive!



Sarah told Tom how much it was.

Yes, but there is a ten percent discount if we pay right away.

Good. I'll pay it tomorrow.



They decided to pay the bill immediately.

Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks.

labor

owe

total

1. He was not strong enough to do heavy _____.
2. She thought the _____ on her receipt was not correct.
3. When can you pay the money you _____ me?

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What will Tom and Sarah do?
 - a. complain to the plumber
 - b. pay the bill
 - c. throw the bill away
 - d. wait until Tom gets paid
2. What is the most expensive part of the bill?
 - a. the fee for paying the bill late
 - b. the money for the plumber's time
 - c. the part used to fix the sink
 - d. the tax on the work
3. How do Tom and Sarah probably feel about the plumber's work?
 - a. He did a bad job.
 - b. He is cheating them.
 - c. It is worth the cost.
 - d. It will not stay fixed long.
4. If you do something "right away," you do it _____.
 - a. after a while
 - b. at that time
 - c. in the past
 - d. slowly

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

bill

discount

plumber

sink

total

Tom and Sarah received a bill from the _____. The plumber put a new tap in their _____ because the old tap dripped. The _____ amount was almost \$130. Tom thought it was expensive, but there was a _____ for paying within seven days. They decided to pay the _____ the next day.

Tommy loved ice cream. It was his favorite food. He wanted to have ice cream every day. He wanted ice cream for breakfast, ice cream for lunch, and ice cream for dinner.

5 One day his mom and dad gave him a pet turtle for his birthday. He kept it in a box, and let it walk around the house in the evenings after school.

Other children at school had pet cats or dogs. They talked about their pets and how friendly they were. Tommy's friend Carl had a pet dog and he taught it all kinds of tricks. He taught it to fetch a ball when he threw
10 it. He taught it to beg for food. He taught it to walk behind him when he walked along the street.

Tommy tried to teach his turtle tricks, but it couldn't carry a ball in its mouth. It couldn't beg for food and couldn't walk along the street with him. The turtle couldn't do anything. It just walked slowly around
15 the room or slept in its shell. Tommy didn't really like his turtle. He thought it was a boring pet.

One day he took it out of its box, but when he put it on the floor, it didn't move. Its head and its legs stayed in the shell. He took it to his mom.

20 "Mom," he said, "My turtle is not moving. I think it's dead."

His mother thought Tommy must be sad and wanted to cheer him up.

"Don't be sad," she said. "We'll put him in a box and bury him. Then we'll go to the store and have some ice cream to make you feel better."

25 Ice cream! Tommy began to feel better immediately. Then his mother saw the turtle move.

"It's all right!" she said.

30 "Your turtle isn't dead after all!"

"Oh," said Tommy. "Can I kill it?"



Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning.

1. The dog ran to catch and bring back the stick.
a. bury b. fetch c. please d. teach
2. The poor man sat in the park asking with pity for money.
a. begging b. carrying c. moving d. throwing
3. He tried to make her feel happy by telling her a joke.
a. cheer her up b. stay her in c. take her out d. walk her along

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is funny about this story?
a. He gave his turtle ice cream. b. He loved ice cream more than his pet.
c. The turtle moved very fast. d. The turtle understood the boy.
2. How did he feel about his turtle?
a. He didn't like it. b. He loved it very much.
c. He thought it was ugly. d. He wanted to see it often.
3. What trick could his turtle do?
a. catch a ball b. roll on its back
c. beg for food d. nothing
4. When you "bury" something, you _____.
a. build a house for it b. pick it up
c. put it in the ground d. train it

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

cheer

dead

kill

tricks

turtle

Tommy had a pet turtle. He thought it was a boring pet because it couldn't do _____ like a dog. One day the _____ didn't move when Tommy took it out of its box. He thought it was _____. His mom said they would have ice cream to _____ Tommy up. Then the turtle moved. Tommy asked if he could _____ it so he could still have ice cream.

From Scott's diary

Today I broke Arnold's remote controlled car. Of course it was an accident. This is how it happened.

Mom asked me to clean the windows at the front of the house. I was cleaning the windows when I saw Arnold from next door. He was walking along the street with his new remote controlled car. He asked me to come and look at it, so I did. It was beautiful. It had really big tires and was bright red. It looked as if it would go very fast.

I asked him how fast it would go, and he made it race up the street. I had to run very fast to keep up with it. I asked him if I could make it go for a while. He showed me how to use the controls and then let me steer the car slowly down the sidewalk.



I soon got used to the controls. I decided to make it go a bit faster. We were going further and further away from the house, but I had forgotten all about cleaning the windows. It was fun to make it go fast in one direction and then try to turn it around to go in the opposite direction without stopping first.

We took turns making it spin around faster and faster. Then it happened. I tried to spin it around at top speed, but it didn't turn right. It went onto the road, right in front of a real car. The real car ran over the remote controlled car and squashed it flat.

Arnold was angry and said I would have to buy him a new one. Just then my mother came up the street. She was angry, too. I was saving my allowance for a new bike, but had to give all the money to Arnold, and I still had to clean the windows. It was not a good day.

Vocabulary Review

Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 1. spin | a. control with a driving handle |
| 2. squash | b. make to go around and around |
| 3. steer | c. push hard to make flat |

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- Who broke the car?
a. a dog
b. Arnold
c. Scott
d. the boy's mother
- What was Scott doing when Arnold came to his house?
a. playing with the car
b. reading
c. talking to his mother
d. washing windows
- Where did Scott get money for a new car to replace the broken one?
a. from his parents
b. from Arnold
c. from his teacher
d. from washing windows
- What must the boy do to "keep up with" the car?
a. run at the same speed
b. run faster than
c. run in a different direction
d. run slower than

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

accidentally clean remote scolded sidewalk

Scott mother asked him to _____ the windows. But Scott saw his friend come by with his new _____ controlled car. The two boys went along the _____, taking turns controlling the car. Then the boy _____ made it go onto the street. A real car ran over it. Just then his mother came up and _____ him for not cleaning the windows.

One day Howard had to go to New York for a meeting. He flew to New York and called a taxi. He told the driver the address of the hotel and sat in the back seat. The driver turned around to speak to him.

“Congratulations!” he said.

“You are my first passenger.

This is my first day as a taxi driver, but you don’t have to worry, in my old job I had lots of driving experience and I know the city very well.”

“That’s good,” said Howard. “I’m sure you’ll be a good driver.”

“Thank you,” said the driver. He started driving the taxi towards the hotel.

Howard looked at his watch and noticed that he was early for his meeting. He decided to ask the driver to take him to a bookstore. He leaned forward and tapped him on the shoulder.

The driver screamed and made the taxi go suddenly across the road. It almost hit a bus and another car. Then it almost hit a pedestrian who was crossing the street. She screamed and jumped out of the way.

Howard was afraid. He shouted at the taxi driver. “Be careful!”

The driver screamed again, and the taxi went suddenly to the other side of the road. It almost hit a truck. The truck driver shook his fist angrily. Then the taxi went onto the sidewalk, just missing two more pedestrians. Then it crashed into a store window. Glass fell over the taxi.

The driver looked at Howard. Then slowly he began to laugh. He laughed and laughed.

“It’s not funny,” said Howard. “You could have killed somebody!”

“I’m sorry,” said the driver, when he stopped laughing. “I thought I was still in my old job. When you tapped me on the shoulder and talked to me, I got really scared!”

“What was your old job?” asked Howard.

“Didn’t I tell you?” said the driver. “I used to drive a car that carried coffins to funerals!”



Vocabulary Review

Choose the word to put in the blank.

1. The door opened when he _____ against it.
a. crashed b. leaned c. screamed d. flew
2. Please do not _____ on the glass. The fish do not like it.
a. laugh b. scare c. shake d. tap
3. I went to my great-grandfather's _____ last week.
a. passenger b. fist c. funeral d. shoulder

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is funny about this story?
a. Howard did not pay. b. The driver thought a dead person spoke.
c. Howard was a policeman. d. The driver was good at avoiding accidents.
2. What did the taxi driver do?
a. ran over a dog b. killed a person
c. hit a store d. ran into another car
3. Why did the driver laugh?
a. Howard was scared. b. He was playing a joke on Howard.
c. He realized his mistake. d. He arrived at the book store.
4. What is a "pedestrian"?
a. a person driving in a car b. a person living in a city
c. a person walking d. a person working on the street

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

pedestrians previous tapped scared shoulder

Howard was the first customer for a taxi driver. On the way to the hotel, Howard wanted to stop at a bookstore, so he _____ the driver on the _____. The driver got _____ and almost had an accident. He almost killed some _____. Then the driver started to laugh. He explained to Howard that his _____ job was driving a hearse.

Chad was lazy. His mother always complained that his room was messy because he was too lazy to clean it. His teachers always complained because he didn't do any homework. Sometimes they threatened to punish him. At other times they promised him a reward. But it made no difference. He was too lazy.

His father made him join a tennis club. But when Chad was supposed to be practicing, he stood at the side of the tennis court and watched other people play. If people invited him to play, he would say, "No, thanks. I'll just watch. Maybe I'll play later."

When Chad got older, he married Margaret. Margaret loved Chad but she was worried about him being lazy. Chad loved Margaret, too, and at first he tried very hard not to be lazy. He helped with the housework, and with the cooking. He mowed the lawn and worked in the garden. But soon he began to get lazy again. He got lazier and lazier, until he was just as lazy as before. Margaret was very unhappy.

"Can you please mow the lawn?" Margaret asked him.

"I can't," he said. "The mower is broken."

Margaret asked him to get it fixed, and he said he would, but he didn't do it. She asked him every day for three weeks. Then she had an idea. She decided to make him ashamed. She took a pair of scissors outside and began to cut the grass.

She thought that if Chad saw her doing this, he would be ashamed and get the mower fixed.

Chad saw his wife in the yard. He watched her for a while and then he went back inside the house. A few minutes later he came out again, with a comb.

He gave the comb to Margaret.

"When you finish cutting the grass," he said, "you can use this to rake it up."



Vocabulary Review

Fill in the blanks.

ashamed

court

threatened

1. He was _____ because he did not know the answer to the question.
2. His sister _____ to tell their parents when he said a bad word.
3. The crowd cheered as the players walked onto the basketball _____.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is funny about this story?
 - a. The mower was not really broken.
 - b. His wife did the work very fast.
 - c. He gave his wife a nice gift.
 - d. He did not help his wife.
2. What is Chad's big problem?
 - a. He married a bad woman.
 - b. He is rude.
 - c. He is not smart.
 - d. He doesn't work hard.
3. Why did Margaret use scissors to cut the lawn?
 - a. The mower was broken.
 - b. She wanted to do a good job.
 - c. She wanted Chad to feel bad.
 - d. She didn't know how to use the mower.
4. What do you do when you "rake up" a lawn?
 - a. cut grass
 - b. cover the ground
 - c. collect leaves
 - d. check for insects

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

broken

comb

lawn

lazy

scissors

Chad was very _____ and wouldn't help his wife in the house or do any gardening. The _____ was getting very long, but he said the lawn mower was _____. Margaret started to cut the grass with a pair of _____ to make him feel ashamed, but it didn't work. He gave her a _____ so that she could rake up the grass when she was finished.



I don't know what to get for Sarah.

I bet she would appreciate a book. I know she likes reading.

Yes, that's a good idea. Why didn't I think of that? Thanks, Ken.

Tom was talking to Ken about Christmas.



Ken had an idea.

What do you suppose Tom would want for Christmas?

Why don't you get him a book? I know he likes reading.



Meanwhile, Sarah was talking to Marlene.

I wonder which book Tom would like to read.

I wonder which book Sarah would like to read.



Tom went to the bookstore to buy a book. Sarah was there, too.

I'm looking for a book. What are you doing here?

Sarah! What are you doing here?



They were surprised to see each other.

I'm buying a Christmas present for Ken. Which book should I get for him?

I think he'd like *Formula One Hero*. It's based on the movie.



Sarah didn't want Tom to know what she was doing.

I think she would like the novel *Lost in Paris*.

What a coincidence! I'm shopping for Marlene. What should I get for her?



Tom didn't want Sarah to know what he was doing, either.

Merry Christmas, Tom.

Merry Christmas, Sarah.



On Christmas Day, they realized what had happened. They thought it was funny.

Vocabulary Review

Choose the word with the same meaning.

1. This story comes from an old legend.
a. is afraid of b. is based on c. is made of d. is part of
2. She guessed he was late because of the traffic.
a. appreciated b. realized c. supposed d. wondered
3. The writer's most famous book is about a whale.
a. coincidence b. mower c. novel d. present

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Why did Tom and Sarah laugh after they opened the presents?
a. They felt bad about lying. b. They knew they had used the same trick.
c. They both got books they didn't like. d. The books were both very funny.
2. Who was Tom buying a book for?
a. Sarah b. Marlene
c. Ken d. himself
3. What kind of book did Tom get from Sarah?
a. one written by friend b. one based on a movie
c. one about a historical person d. a romance
4. What does the word "meanwhile" mean?
a. later b. before
c. at the same time d. after a short time

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

Meanwhile met presents realized secret

Ken suggested that Tom buy a book for Sarah for Christmas. _____, Marlene suggested that Sarah buy a book for Tom. Tom and Sarah _____ in the bookstore but tried to keep their ideas _____. They told each other that they were buying _____ for Ken and Marlene. On Christmas day they _____ what had happened and laughed.