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Instructions: **Read each question carefully and select the correct answer.**

1. What is the best definition for the word grin?

- A. to be sad
- B. to be in pain
- C. to smile

2. What is the best definition for the word injure?

- A. to protect
- B. to do harm to
- C. to serve in a courtroom

3. Which answer means the same or almost the same as the underlined word.

There are a dozen eggs in this carton.

- A. twelve
- B. thirteen
- C. many

4. Which answer means the same or almost the same as the underlined word.

I will remain with him tonight.

- A. visit
- B. leave
- C. stay

5. What is the prefix of the word?

semisweet

- A. se
- B. sweet
- C. semi

6. What is the prefix of the word?

misplace

- A. mis
- B. place
- C. ce

7. Choose the word that is the opposite of the underlined word.

The teacher will reward the student.

- A. help
- B. delay
- C. punish

8. Choose the word that is the opposite of the underlined word.

The jar is empty.

- A. clear
- B. full
- C. closed

9. Choose the answer with the correct suffix for the given word.

drive

- A. driver
- B. drivest
- C. driveous
- D. drively

10. What is the meaning of the word?

childish

- A. like a child
- B. like an adult
- C. old

11. Which answer could be added to the end of the word air to make a compound word?

- A. smog
- B. port
- C. clouds
- D. ing

12. Which answer could be added to the end of the word down to make a compound word?

- A. going
- B. town
- C. below
- D. up

13. Read the following definitions:

- a pack of 52 playing cards
- the floor of a ship

Which answer matches both definitions?

- A. surface
- B. deck
- C. set

14. Read the following definitions:

- to look
- an item worn on the wrist to tell time

Which answer matches both definitions?

- A. watch
- B. bracelet
- C. inspect

15. What is the base word?

unhappiest

- A. est
- B. happy
- C. unhappy

16. What is the base word?

misfired

- A. fired
- B. mis
- C. fire

17. Choose the best answer.

Jacob raised his _____ hand.

- A. write
- B. right

18. Choose the best answer.

Mona _____ the alarm clock.

- A. herd
- B. heard

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

My name is Chelsea and I am ten years old. I have black hair and dark brown eyes. My older brother's name is Bob. I also have a younger brother named Damien. My favorite hobby is playing the flute. I really like music. I would like to learn how to play the drums, but my father won't let me. He says they are too loud.

My favorite subject in school is math. I like addition the best. My brother Bob or my father helps me with my homework when I have questions. At recess I play games with my friends, or I help take care of the class pet.

My favorite animal is a fish. I have a pet goldfish named Marv. I feed him every day before school. It is fun to watch Marv swim near the top of his tank and eat his food. If I put my hand in the water, he will even nibble on my finger.

19. Which of the following best summarizes the story?

- A. A girl talks about her favorite pet.
- B. A girl talks about playing the flute.
- C. A girl talks about her family members.
- D. A girl talks about things that she enjoys.

20. What does Chelsea look like?

- A. Chelsea has black hair and brown eyes.
- B. Chelsea does not tell us what she looks like.
- C. Chelsea has a flute, and she is ten years old.
- D. Chelsea has brown hair and black eyes.

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

"Did you see Marge at the park?" Jim asked.

"No, but I did see Hank. He asked us to meet him for pizza. Do you want to go?" Kim asked.

"I love pizza," said Jim with a smile. "I told my mom I would be home by seven. What time does Hank want to meet?"

"He said he would be at the pizza place around five. He is going to play video games until we arrive at the restaurant. They just opened a game center with new video games to play while you wait for your pizza."

"That sounds like fun," Jim said. "Do you think Hank will want to play a video game with me?"

"I think so," said Kim, laughing. "What is your favorite video game?"

"Mouse Maze."

"I like that game, too!" said Kim.

Jim exclaimed, "I almost forgot about pizza! What toppings should we get?"

"How about ham and cheese?" asked Kim.

"I don't like ham," said Jim.

"How about pepperoni and cheese as the toppings for the pizza?"

"I don't like pepperoni on pizza, either!"

"Then a cheese pizza would be best. I'm not sure what kinds of toppings Hank likes on pizza, anyway," said Kim.

"Talking about pizza makes me hungry. Let's hurry to meet Hank. If we start walking right now we should arrive just in time," said Jim.

21. Where are Kim and Jim meeting Hank?

- A. Jim's house
- B. a pizza place
- C. the park
- D. Marge's house

22. Who needs to be home by seven?

- A. Kim
- B. Jim
- C. Hank
- D. Marge

Star Skunk was feeling blue. Her only friend had moved away. Star and Sam Skunk had been friends for a very long time. They met when Star had come to Sam's rescue. Star had been walking in the forest. In her path, she saw a young fox. It had another skunk cornered.

"You're a smelly skunk! No one in the forest will ever play with you," teased the fox. The scared little skunk began to weep. Star went over to help.

"If you don't leave him alone," Star yelled, "then *you'll* be the smelly one!" Understanding exactly what Star meant, the young fox quickly fled. From then on, the two little skunks had become the best of friends. The two played together every day. No one else ever played with them.

Now, Sam was gone. Star felt she would be friendless forever. This saddened her greatly. She knew she had to do something about it. Sitting on a stump in the forest, she began to ponder. "Could it be that I'm too bossy?" No, she knew that could not be true. She and Sam always took turns being in charge. "Could it be that I don't share enough?" Of course not, she decided. Star was always willing to share her toys. "Then it must be because I'm a skunk," she guessed. "Well, from this moment on, I'm giving up my skunk membership," said the sporty skunk. "But if I'm not a skunk anymore, what shall I be?"

Bravely, Star set off. She planned to discover her new identity. Soon she came upon a family of bears. She watched them from afar. She liked how the two cubs played happily together. "That's it, I'll be a bear!" Star yelled. Star copied all the cubs' activities. Then the bears went in their den to nap. So Star settled in to nap right outside the den. The bears rested for many hours. Finally Star could sleep no longer. "I guess I won't make a very good bear, after all," she figured.

Moving along, she came across a family of squirrels. "I'm sure I'd be a terrific squirrel," she thought. Star began doing everything like the squirrels. For hours, she ran around from tree to tree collecting nuts. Then she gathered berries from different bushes. Worn out, Star stopped to rest. She decided that she was not very good at being a squirrel either.

So on she went. At last Star came across a family of opossums. "Oh, I know I can be a swell opossum," she stated. Then she tried to climb a nearby tree so she could hang upside down like the opossum family. But as soon as she began climbing, Star fell to the ground with a loud THUMP! "Ouch," she cried. "I guess I'm not very good at being an opossum," she said.

Feeling low, Star walked on. Soon she came upon a new scene. In a corner of the forest, she saw the young fox. He was teasing another small animal. "You're smelly! Plus, you look really dumb with that shell sitting on top of your back," the fox said.

At that moment Star knew exactly what she was good at. She hurried over and stood between the fox and the small animal. "You should really stop teasing others," she began. "Otherwise I'll just have to show you how marvelous I am at being a skunk!"

23. Where does this story take place?

- A. in a bears' den
- B. in a tree
- C. in a forest
- D. in a zoo

24. What will Star do the next time she sees the fox teasing someone?

- A. spray him with her skunk scent
- B. call her mother for help
- C. pretend she does not see him
- D. ask the fox to play with her in the forest

25. Read the short story. Then answer the question that follows.

Jaime kept thinking about tomorrow. He knew his mother would make his favorite breakfast. He would also bring treats to school. Best of all, he had heard his father wrapping a present. It took him a long time. Jaime hoped he knew what his father had wrapped. He had been begging for a new building set. He wanted the set with the shiny, metal tools in it. It would take a long time to wrap that set. Jaime sighed. He wished he could blow out the candles on his cake right now. Then he could wish for the building set!

Why is Jaime having a hard time sleeping?

- A. His birthday is tomorrow.
- B. He is scared that his father got the wrong gift.
- C. He wants to wrap presents.
- D. His mother forgot to make treats for school.

- 26.** Read the short story. Then answer the question that follows.

When Alma arrived home, she saw a big mess. Her mother had left a bag of flour on the kitchen counter. She saw that the bag had been ripped open. Its contents had fallen all over the floor. Next she noticed that the flour trailed across the kitchen floor and into the next room. She followed the trail, noticing the little prints it made on the floor. When the trail stopped, Alma yelled, "Sneakers! What did you do?"

What probably happened to the bag of flour?

- A.** Alma's mother had ripped it and not cleaned up.
- B.** Alma had opened it and sprinkled it on the floor.
- C.** The bag had fallen off the counter.
- D.** The family pet had gotten into it.

Elmer loved being in the second grade. His teacher was really nice. On the first day of school, she let each student pick a seat at a table. Elmer chose a chair at the red table. Then three girls chose seats that were left over. Elmer had hoped some of the boys would sit at his table. Since they had not, he just smiled at the girls.

At recess Elmer and some of the boys decided to play tag. David, from the green table, was "it." David sat at the green table with three other boys. Just as David tagged Elmer, two girls came over. One girl was from Elmer's table, and the other sat at the yellow table.

"We want to play," said Dawn, who was one of the girls.

"This game is for boys," David shouted at the girls.

"You just don't want us to play because we run faster," said the second girl named Jessica.

"No one runs faster than me," David answered.

"Yes, we can," yelled the two girls.

"No, you can't," David said.

"Yes, we can," the girls shouted again.

"Just let them play," Elmer said. He wanted to finish the game.

"Fine," said David, frowning.

Since Elmer was "it," he counted to three, and the chase was on. Elmer ran as fast as he could. When he got closer to Jessica, she slowed down. It was as though she wanted to be tagged. So Elmer tagged her gently. As soon as he had, Jessica took off running. She ran as though she were unstoppable, and she ran directly toward David. All the other players stopped running. Clearly, Jessica was only after David. And in no time at all, she had tagged him.

"I told you I was faster," she said. All the boys giggled, pointing at David. Just then, their teacher blew her whistle. All the children lined up. Then they followed her to the classroom.

Elmer got to school early the next day. When he arrived, he saw small envelopes on some of the seats. This made him very curious. At recess, Elmer listened as some of the other boys talked. They had all been invited to David's birthday party.

"This is going to be a great party," one boy said.

"Yeah, he's even going to have a pony," said another.

Elmer did not understand. What could have happened to his invitation? It was not under his chair. He even looked all around his table. Elmer decided that David must have forgotten his invitation.

The next morning, Elmer ran to his desk. But there was still no invitation. Elmer began feeling sad. He felt as though David did not like him. After school, Elmer's mother picked him up. He told her about not being invited to the party.

"That's okay, Elmer," his mother said. "We'll just go to the park instead." Elmer tried very hard to get rid of the dark cloud that hung over his head. When he awoke the next day, he still felt glum.

While everyone else was at the party, Elmer went to the park with his mother. When he got there, he saw Jessica. She was playing on the swing.

"Hi, Elmer," she called.

"Hi, Jessica," he answered. "What are you doing here?"

"My dad brought me here since I wasn't invited to David's party," she said.

"Yeah, me too," said Elmer. "My mom brought me here."

"My dad and I are going to the movies. Then we're going to camp out in my backyard. Would you like to come?" Jessica asked.

"Sure," Elmer said. "I'm sure my mom won't mind."

Excited, the two friends went to find their parents. The day was beginning to look a lot brighter.

27. What happens right after the boys begin a game of tag?

- A. The teacher blows the whistle.
- B. Elmer sits down at the red table.
- C. Two girls ask to join the game.
- D. David sits down at the green table.

28. Why were Elmer and Jessica most likely not invited to David's party?
- A. because only the people who sit at the green table are invited
 - B. because they had not shared their lunch with David the day before
 - C. because only the people who sit at the yellow table are invited
 - D. because David is upset about what happened during a game of tag

Read the passage carefully and answer the question(s) that follow.

Nalo was a poor, young goat herder. He loved his goat dearly. Her name was Muna. The two were best friends. Nalo liked to talk to Muna. He would tell her all of his dreams. Every day he would take Muna out to graze. She would eat until her stomach was almost full. Then the two would race. Nalo wanted Muna to stay healthy. Often, he would race her to the mulberry bush, but she would always get there first.

After each race, Muna would pick mulberries with her teeth. Then she would eat them quickly. One day as Nalo sat watching Muna eat berries, a village messenger ran by.

"What news do you have?" Nalo called out.

"Haven't you heard?" the messenger answered. "The village chief wants a new robe. He will give gold to the person who brings him the softest fabric." Then the messenger was off again.

Watching the messenger disappear in the distance, Nalo thought aloud. "I wish I knew where to find the softest fabric," he began. "Then our family would be rich, Muna. I could take better care of you, my mother, my father, and my three sisters." Just then something strange happened. The small horns on Muna's head began to glow. Then Nalo heard a soft voice.

"The silkworms could help."

Spinning around, Nalo asked, "Who said that?"

"I did," Muna said.

"Muna, you can talk?" Nalo asked, surprised.

"Only when someone who truly loves me makes a wish," answered the goat. Amazed, Nalo stared at his speaking friend. "You have been good to me, Nalo," Muna continued. "So, now my friends and I are going to help you."

"But how?" Nalo asked.

"Come with me," Muna said. Nalo followed his friend to the mulberry bush. Muna paused in front of the bush. Then she began speaking.

"Are you talking to the bush?" Nalo wanted to know.

"No," said Muna. "I'm talking to my friends. They are silkworms, and they live in this bush." Nalo stood and waited for Muna to finish talking.

"They've agreed to help," Muna said. "In three days we'll return here. Then we can take the softest fabric in all the land to the chief."

Three days later, Nalo and Muna returned to the bush. Lying in front of it was beautiful, soft, white fabric. Nalo quickly thanked the silkworms and ran off to deliver the fabric to the chief. Greatly pleased, the chief rewarded Nalo with gold.

The next day, Nalo went to visit the silkworms. He promised to repay their kindness by planting a new mulberry bush every spring. This way the silkworms would always have a place to live and plenty to eat.

29. Which of the following answer choices is not a part of Nalo's culture?

- A. goat herding
- B. telephones
- C. a village chief
- D. a village messenger

30. Why does the chief give the treasure to Nalo?

- A. because Nalo's fabric is softer than any the chief has seen
- B. because Nalo is the chief's long lost nephew
- C. because the chief feels bad that Nalo's family is poor
- D. because the chief knows Nalo will become a hero one day

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The biggest fish in the sea is a shark. It is called the whale shark and it is longer than two classrooms. A whale shark has many rows of small teeth. It eats only small fish. As a whale shark swims, it opens its mouth and swallows fish. It swallows enough water to fill a swimming pool when it eats. A whale shark lays big eggs. Whale shark eggs are as big as soccer balls. Whale shark eggs do not look like regular eggs. They are shaped like a rectangle. You can see the baby whale shark through the shell of the egg.

Even though it is large, a whale shark cannot hurt people. People can get very close to a whale shark. A person can walk on a whale shark because its skin is very thick and hard. The whale shark is an interesting fish.

31. Why does the author say that whale sharks do not hurt people?

- A. so that people will not be afraid of whale sharks
- B. so that people will buy whale sharks for pets
- C. so that people will go fishing for whale sharks
- D. so that people will not go swimming with whale sharks

32. Which one of the following statements is not true?

- A. A whale shark egg is as big as a soccer ball.
- B. A whale shark eats very big fish.
- C. A whale shark does not hurt people.
- D. A whale shark's skin is thick and hard.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Once there was a little pig who lived on a farm. He loved the farm because all of his friends lived there too. Every morning he would wake up in his sty and march out to the field. He liked to say hi to all the animals each morning.

One morning he was making his daily rounds when he saw a duck. The duck was a new member of the farm. The little pig walked up to the duck and said, "Hi, my name is Pat the Pig. What's your name?"

The duck answered, "My name is Allison. I am new here. Do you want to be my friend?"

"Sure, that would be great. Why don't you come over to my sty and play this afternoon?" asked Pat.

"Okay. That sounds like fun!" answered Allison.

Later that afternoon Pat cleaned his sty. He wanted it to look nice for his new friend. His mom helped him clean. When Allison finally arrived, Pat was very excited. He loved making new friends. He was sure they would become close buddies. Allison and Pat played all afternoon. They rolled around in the straw, had mud fights, and ate some slop the farmer had left for them.

Pat and Allison decided to go to the far end of the barnyard. They found an empty log, which they decided to make into a fort. They called the fort Camp P&A after themselves. Pat and Allison made a deal not to tell anyone about their new fort. Then they returned back to the main area of the barnyard.

At the end of the day, Allison needed to return home to her mother and the rest of her duck family. She thanked Pat and his mom for the fun time and waddled home. From that day on, Pat and Allison played together. They became close friends.

33. When did Allison return home?

- A. before sunrise
- B. the next day
- C. at the end of the day

34. What did Pat and Allison do when they played together?

- A. raced in the field
- B. rolled in the hay
- C. cleaned the barn

The two boys screamed when they saw the big monster on TV. It was gray with brown spots on its face. Its eyes were covered with fur. Huge fangs stuck out of its mouth. It was carrying a doll in its mouth. It growled as it walked closer to the house where the little girl was hiding.

The monster broke down the front door. It threw the doll on the floor and looked around. It was dark in the house, but the monster kept going. It walked past the kitchen and into the bedroom where the little girl was hiding behind a bookcase.

Then it got dark! The lights went out and the TV went off. The two boys screamed again and ran to the kitchen. They could not see where they were going. They ran into the stove. Then they bumped into each other. They heard the kitchen door open, and they saw a small light moving toward them. They slowly backed away from the light. Then they heard a voice that said, "Are you two all right?" It was their mom carrying a flashlight. "The power went out. I brought you flashlights so you can see on your way to the bedroom."

"Thanks, Mom," the boys said, and they took the flashlights. They walked slowly to their bedroom, trying not to look at the creepy shadows on the wall. Every shadow looked like a huge furry monster or a little girl hiding behind a bookcase. How were they ever going to sleep tonight?

35. What is the solution to the power going out in the story?

- A. candles
- B. light bulbs
- C. night lights
- D. flashlights

36. Which happened first in the story?

- A. The boys' mother brought them flashlights.
- B. The lights went out.
- C. The two boys ran to the kitchen.
- D. The two boys walked to their bedroom.