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Unit 2

Reading Comprehension

Lesson 2a Reading Comprehension

Directions: Read the passage and the answer choices. Choose the best answer.

sample
A Robbie got up early without anyone waking him. Today he and the rest of the family were going fishing at Parker Lake. Robbie loved fishing, and Parker Lake had the best fishing around. They were going to rent a boat and spend the whole day on the lake. He was sure he would catch a big one.

How do you think Robbie feels?

- A** Worried
- B** Proud
- C** Excited
- D** Disappointed



- **Skim the passage quickly, then read the questions.**
- **Look back to the passage to find the answers to the questions. Key words in the question will tell you where to look.**

A horse and a dog sat talking one day. The dog said, "I have found a tree full of apples on the other side of the road. We will have all the food we need from the tree. We can leave our owners and be free to roam as we please."

The horse said to the dog, "My owner gives me an apple every day. When he runs out of apples, he feeds me other tasty food. Why would I leave my owner when he feeds me well and takes good care of me?"

The dog decided to leave without the horse. He crossed the road and sat under the tree, but he could not reach the apples there. He waited for the apples to fall. The only apples that fell from the tree were the rotten ones that tasted bad, so the dog returned to his owner.

1 What is the main point of this fable?

- A** Be sure a change doesn't make things worse.
- B** Don't listen to close friends.
- C** Don't be afraid to try new things.
- D** Think before you stay where you are.

2 In the first paragraph, what does the word "roam" mean?

- J** To hop up and down
- K** To watch closely
- L** To run freely
- M** To stay in one place

Unit 3

Spelling

Lesson 3a Spelling

Directions: Fill in the space for any word that has a spelling mistake. If there is no mistake, fill in the last answer space.

- sample
A
- A fresh
 - B smiling
 - C able
 - D trail
 - E (No mistakes)

- sample
B
- J rode
 - K baseball
 - L lower
 - M corner
 - N (No mistakes)



- **Don't spend too much time looking at the words. Pretty soon, they all begin to look like they have an error.**
- **Remember, in some items, all the words will be spelled correctly.**

- 1**
- A knit
 - B nickel
 - C answring
 - D offer
 - E (No mistakes)

- 2**
- J indoors
 - K camp
 - L after
 - M piese
 - N (No mistakes)

- 3**
- A hurrey
 - B apple
 - C spill
 - D shame
 - E (No mistakes)

- 4**
- J several
 - K floores
 - L member
 - M assist
 - N (No mistakes)

- 5**
- A bread
 - B mine
 - C fair
 - D about
 - E (No mistakes)

- 6**
- J horse
 - K office
 - L clere
 - M without
 - N (No mistakes)

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Unit 5

Usage and Expression

Lesson 6a Usage

Directions: Fill in the space for the answer that has a mistake in usage. Fill in the last answer space if there is no mistake.

- sample**
A
- A Stan can come
 - B to the game if he
 - C finishes his homework.
 - D (No mistakes)

- sample**
B
- J Work carefully so
 - K you don't get no paint
 - L on the floor or furniture.
 - M (No mistakes)



- Read each answer choice carefully. Use the meaning of the sentence to help you find the mistake.
- If an item is too difficult, skip it and go back to it later.

- 1**
- A Tonya and Ahmed will
 - B be here soon. Them was
 - C stuck in traffic for an hour.
 - D (No mistakes)

- 2**
- J It's a beautiful day.
 - K Let's walk over to the
 - L park and play ball.
 - M (No mistakes)

- 3**
- A My mother can't
 - B go to the meeting, but
 - C me and my sister can.
 - D (No mistakes)

- 4**
- J The team hasta play
 - K better if they are going
 - L to win the championship.
 - M (No mistakes)

- 5**
- A The books we
 - B buyed were on sale
 - C for half price.
 - D (No mistakes)

- 6**
- J My bestest friend will
 - K come this Friday. She
 - L will stay for three days.
 - M (No mistakes)

Test Yourself: Math Concepts and Estimation

Directions: Read each mathematics problem. Choose the best answer.

sample A mile is closest in value to

- A** A a meter.
B a kilometer.
C a centimeter.
D a millimeter.

sample Which number is smallest?

- B** J 8,972
 K 9,872
 L 2,987
 M 7,298

- 1** What is the missing factor in the number sentence below?

$$63 \div \square = 9$$

- A** 5
B 7
C 8
D 9

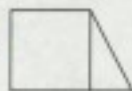
- 2** Which of the following best describes the group of numbers 18, 27, 36, 54, 72?

- J** They are even.
K They are odd.
L They are multiples of 9.
M They are multiples of 18.

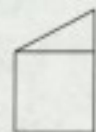
- 3** Which figure cannot be formed from these two shapes?



A



C



B



D



- 4** Which would probably be measured in yards?

- J** The length of a desk
K The length of a sports field
L The length of a car
M The length of a classroom

- 5** How many different ways can these letters be arranged in a row?

P Q R

- A** 1
B 2
C 6
D 9

- 6** One can of paint holds 12 ounces and costs \$3. Another can of paint holds 36 ounces and costs \$7. Which number sentence shows how much paint is in both cans together?

- J** $36 + 12 = 48$
K $7 + 3 = 10$
L $12 + 3 = 15$
M $36 + 7 = 42$

Unit 8

Math Computation

Lesson 13a Computation

Directions: Solve each problem. Choose the answer you think is correct. If the correct answer is not given, fill in the space for the last answer, N.

sample
A $619 + 32 =$

- A 627
B 651
C 661
D N

sample
B $63 \div 7 =$

- J 8
K 9
L 70
M N



- Look at the operation sign before you begin computing.
- Rewrite horizontal problems so you can solve them.

1 $\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$

- A 24
B 32
C 35
D N

5 $\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ - 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$

- A 4
B 5
C 23
D N

2 $\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$

- J 404
K 405
L 108
M N

6 $\begin{array}{r} 814 \\ + 14 \\ \hline \end{array}$

- J 828
K 838
L 855
M N

3 $\begin{array}{r} 318 \\ + 904 \\ \hline \end{array}$

- A 1,212
B 1,221
C 1,222
D N

7 $45 \div 9 =$

- A 3
B 4
C 5
D N

4 $81 \div 9 =$

- J 7
K 8
L 9
M N

8 $\begin{array}{r} 674 \\ - 213 \\ \hline \end{array}$

- J 451
K 457
L 462
M N

Answer rows

A A B C D 1 A B C D 3 A B C D 5 A B C D 7 A B C D
B J K L M 2 J K L M 4 J K L M 6 J K L M 8 J K L M

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