

31. How did Tía Lola help the family cope with the news of bacteria contamination in the town's water supply?
- A) She called the authorities for help.
 - B) She suggested they spend the day at the lake.
 - C) She locked herself in the house.
 - D) She scolded the children for being afraid.
32. How did Tía Lola handle the situation when the sheriffs arrived at their home?
- A) She called the police to report the robbery.
 - B) She panicked and hid.
 - C) She used her charm and wit to persuade the officers to leave.
 - D) She confessed to the theft.
33. What did Tía Lola emphasize when she reminded the family about what truly matters in life?
34. How did the family's attitude change after spending a day at the lake with Tía Lola?
35. What impact did Tía Lola's arrival have on the family's understanding of cultural differences and family values?
36. How did the family feel about Tía Lola's presence, especially when they grieved the loss of their stolen belongings?
37. What role did Tía Lola's presence and actions play in helping the family overcome the challenges they faced in Vermont?

Answer Key

Reading Comprehension

1. C) Volcanic Rock
2. B) A war among the island's people
3. C) They symbolized leadership.
4. C) Through experimentation and observation
5. The stone giants on Easter Island are 10 to 35 feet tall, with a common visage featuring deep-set eyes, elongated ears, and once adorned with massive red stones on their flat heads.
6. The outdoor workshop, located several miles inland, appears frozen in time with half-finished figures still on the mountainside. The mysterious aspect lies in the sudden cessation of work, leaving tools scattered where they fell.
7. Scientists believe that a group of people could drag the statues with ropes across the island's plains. To raise them, pushing with poles and gradually placing rocks underneath was employed—an arduous but feasible process.
8. The abrupt stop in creating the stone giants

could be linked to various factors, such as societal changes, resource depletion, or the aftermath of war. The unfinished figures on the mountainside might signify a sudden and unforeseen event that disrupted the completion of the statues, leaving them as enduring testaments to an unfinished legacy.

Carnivorous plants

9. B) Tube-shaped leaves
10. B) Rainforests
11. C) Sticky hairs
12. C) Leaves with parts that look like mouths with teeth
13. Pitcher plants like *Sarracenia* and *Cephalotus* have tube-shaped leaves that act like pitchers. Insects slip on the slippery sides and fall inside, where special liquids break them down, providing the plant with nutrients.
14. Tropical pitcher plants, or *Nepenthes*, attract insects with colorful traps and sweet smells. Once inside the pitcher, insects are trapped, and the plant digests them for nutrients. They thrive in warm and

humid places like rainforests.

15. Sundews have leaves covered in tiny, sticky hairs. When insects land on the leaves, they get stuck, and the sundew wraps its leaves around them. Special juices are released to break down the insects.
 16. Carnivorous plants like bladderworts are compared to underwater magicians because they use tiny traps called bladders to create a vacuum that sucks in insects when they swim by. The analogy suggests a magical and skillful aspect to their insect-catching strategy in the aquatic environment.
 17. N/A
- ## Tia Lola's Impact on A Family In Vermont
18. media
 19. wolves
 20. thieves
 21. dominoes
 22. echoes
 23. cuff
 24. shelves
 25. tornadoes
 26. bacteria
 27. sopranos
 28. C) She missed her family and wanted to be with them.

29. B) She remained calm and collected, offering support.
30. D) All of the above
31. B) She suggested they spend the day at the lake.
32. C) She used her charm and wit to persuade the officers to leave.
33. Tía Lola emphasized that the things that matter most in life can't be taken by anyone and that they should be grateful for their safety.
34. The family's attitude changed as they went from meek voices and fear due to contamination to laughter and enjoyment as they played and swam in the water.
35. Tía Lola's arrival helped the family appreciate their cultural differences and value the importance of family.
36. The family felt grateful for Tía Lola's presence, knowing that they were fortunate to have her love and wisdom, especially when they grieved the loss of their stolen belongings.
37. Tía Lola's presence and actions served as a source of strength, wisdom, and positivity for the family. She helped them cope with the tornado, theft, and water contamination by remaining calm, suggesting activities to lift their spirits, and using her charm to handle difficult situations. Tía Lola's love and wisdom brought about a positive transformation in the family's perspective, helping them appreciate their cultural differences, value family, and find joy in simple pleasures.

Answer Key

Reading Comprehension

1. D
2. B
3. D
4. B
5. The initial group of English settlers on Roanoke Island explored the area, drew maps, and wrote descriptions. Due to food scarcity, they sailed back to England. The subsequent settlers faced challenges like abandoned structures, overgrowth, food shortages, threats from unfriendly natives, and diseases.
6. The word “CROATOAN” carved in a tree is a cryptic clue left behind by the Roanoke settlers. It suggests the possibility that they might have moved to Croatoan Island, but their fate remains unknown, adding to the enduring mystery of their disappearance.
7. The revived Roanoke colony faced challenges such as food shortages, threats from unfriendly natives, and diseases. Despite these hardships, the settlers experienced moments of joy, like celebrating the birth of Virginia Dare. One of the leaders went back to England for help, indicating their efforts to overcome the challenges.
8. Possible theories for the disappearance of the Roanoke settlers could include relocation to Croatoan Island, assimilation with local communities, or encounters with external threats. However, the passage leaves the fate of the settlers open to interpretation, contributing to the enduring mystery.
13. Durability is essential in a backpack because it ensures the bag can withstand wear and tear, lasting for a long time. A durable backpack provides a reliable and consistent experience, preventing issues like tears or breakages, and ensures that it can handle the weight and demands of daily use.
14. Eco-friendly and sustainable features contribute to the appeal of backpacks by addressing environmental concerns. These features make the backpacks attractive to individuals who prioritize environmentally conscious choices, offering them a product that aligns with their values.
15. Versatility in backpacks refers to their ability to adapt to different situations and purposes. A versatile backpack can be used for various activities, from school and work to outdoor adventures. It’s an important factor as it allows individuals to have a single backpack that meets multiple needs, enhancing convenience and practicality.
16. A person’s choice in selecting a specific brand might be influenced by factors such as design preferences, durability needs, environmental values, and intended usage (school, outdoor adventures, sports, etc.). The chosen brand reflects their lifestyle, values, and the specific features that matter most to them in a backpack.

Selecting Backpacks

9. B
10. C
11. A
12. A
17. N/A
18. thaw
19. vault
20. snoozed
21. blouse
22. browse
23. employ
24. scrawl
25. rookie

26. corduroy

27. slouch

Words needed in the passage:

corduroy

blouse

rookie

browse

vault

snoozed

scrawled

slouch

that

employ

28. A

29. B

30. A

31. C

32. A

33. Anna felt excited and ready to start her new job as a rookie employee at the local bookstore.

34. Anna was given the task of sorting books, and she approached it with determination, scrawling notes and organizing the shelves.

35. Anna refused to give up because she wanted to make a good impression on her first day at the job.

36. At the end of her first day, Anna felt a sense of satisfaction and pride in all that she had accomplished. She was excited to apply her passion for books in her new role.

37. Anna's passion for books likely motivated her to approach her tasks with enthusiasm and determination, even when she felt exhausted. Her love for books may have contributed to her sense of satisfaction and pride in her accomplishments at the end of the day.

Answer Key

A Brave Encounter with a Thief

1. boost
2. scoot
3. sooty
4. poise
5. sought
6. fraud
7. groove
8. noodle
9. scowl
10. cowl
11. B
12. B
13. B
14. B
15. C
16. Sophie approached the man in the sooty cowl hoping to offer a friendly boost. However, she discovered that he was a fraud and a thief.
17. Sophie's actions led to the apprehension of the thief and the community was grateful for her bravery in alerting the restaurant staff, who then called the police.
18. Sophie realized that even the smallest acts of kindness could make a big impact on the world around her. This realization renewed her sense of purpose and gratitude for the opportunity to help someone in need.
19. Sophie's encounter with the thief changed her mood and attitude from feeling down and lacking poise to feeling renewed and grateful for the unexpected opportunity to help someone.
20. This experience with the thief may inspire Sophie to be more proactive in offering assistance and support to those in need. It may reinforce her belief in the impact of small acts of kindness and encourage her

to continue making a positive difference in the world around her.

Reading Comprehension

21. B
22. B
23. C
24. A
25. When President and Mrs. John Adams moved into the White House in 1800, the surroundings were far from lovely. The lawn was unfinished and resembled a sea of mud, with many rooms still awaiting completion.
26. The exterior walls of the White House were saved from the fire during the War of 1812 by a violent thunderstorm.
27. Tad Lincoln, the son of Abraham Lincoln, once used his toy cannon to blast open a door in the White House.
28. The mention of using sheep to "mow" the lawn during World War I suggests a practical and resourceful approach to maintaining the White House grounds. It implies a shift in practices over time, highlighting the adaptability and changing traditions within the White House.

Investigating a String of Burglaries

29. photos
30. wives
31. sheriffs
32. data
33. scarves
34. loaves
35. solos
36. buffaloes
37. volcanoes
38. staffs

Words needed in the passage:

- data
loaves
staffs

volcanoes
buffaloes
scarves
sheriffs
wives
photos
solo

39. B
40. A
41. A
42. C
43. C
44. The sheriffs were stumped and perplexed when they discovered the strange clues during the investigation.
45. The town's resident baker explained that the photos of buffaloes, loaves of bread, and women's scarves were part of his solo photo collages from his travels. This information helped the sheriffs connect the clues to the new employee, solving the case.
46. The new employee had been using the stolen funds to purchase their own collection of scarves.
47. The wives of the town felt relieved, safe, and secure once the mystery was solved, and the burglar was arrested.
48. The baker's actions of creating solo photo collages of his travels and continuing to explore

Answer Key

The Encounter of a Young Girl

1. ragged
2. prosperous
3. formal
4. necklace
5. mental
6. muffler
7. ponder
8. victim
9. pantry
10. snapshot
11. B
12. B
13. A
14. A
15. C
16. The girl's determination to assist Bumpkin in his work leads to her physical transformation as she works tirelessly, causing her hands to swell.
17. The girl's creative talent, especially her skills in painting and creating a banner, makes her famous and a symbol of hope and prosperity in the kingdom.
18. Despite facing accusations, jealousy, and adversity, the girl doesn't give up and continues to work on her creative projects, ultimately becoming a celebrated figure in the kingdom.
19. The story suggests that human nature, including jealousy and envy, can lead to challenges and setbacks in one's journey, as the girl is accused of fraud due to jealousy and is forced to hide.
20. The story highlights themes of creativity, perseverance, and the impact of human nature on one's journey. It suggests that determination and creativity can lead to success and recognition, but jealousy and adversity may also be encountered along the way.

Reading Comprehension

21. B
22. B
23. D
24. B
25. Birds are less likely to be electrocuted because of their diminutive size, which limits their contact with objects beyond the wire. They rarely touch anything besides the wire.
26. Squirrels face a greater danger on power lines due to their larger size and their ability to leap from one wire to another. If their tail touches one line while their feet reach another, the circuit is completed, leading to electrocution.
27. Accidents with power lines involving people can occur during storms when lines are knocked down, or when individuals attempt to use poles to retrieve objects like kites or model airplanes caught in power lines.
28. The passage suggests that electricity is both a valuable resource and a potentially lethal force. While birds and squirrels navigate power lines relying on luck, humans should respect the power of electricity and take thoughtful measures to safeguard against potential perils.

The Life And Struggles of a Young Amira

29. credited
30. marveling
31. opportunity
32. devastation
33. captivating
34. glimmering
35. curiosity
36. encounters
37. confiding
38. disappeared
39. stumbled
40. sipped
41. pomegranate

- 42. unravel
- 43. wielding
- 44. revealed
- 45. revelations
- 46. stifled
- 47. permitting

Words needed in the passage:

- captivating
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- revelations
- encounters
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- pomegranate
- devastation
- wielding

- 48. C
- 49. B
- 50. B
- 51. B
- 52. C

- 53. Amira initially felt fear but stood her ground, and as the night unfolded, she confided in them, sharing stories of her life and her love of science fiction.
- 54. The night with the thieves left Amira hovering between awe and terror. She took away seashells as a parting gift and placed them on her shelves as a reminder of the night's events.
- 55. Amira felt a sense of reassurance and realized that despite the chaos of life, some things are worth protecting and allowing to yield in their own time.
- 56. Amira's encounter with the thieves showed her willingness to connect with

others, even in unexpected circumstances, and her curiosity and courage in sharing her passion for science fiction.

- 57. The seashells may symbolize the unexpected and valuable connections Amira made with the thieves and the enduring memories of that night. They relate to Amira's journey by highlighting the importance of embracing unexpected encounters and finding beauty in the midst of chaos. The message of the story suggests that life's treasures, like the seashells, can be preserved and valued even in challenging times.

Answer Key

A Farmer's Journey

1. dwelling
2. ballot
3. kingdom
4. banner
5. barren
6. fabric
7. pumpkin
8. funnel
9. wallet
10. factor
11. B
12. A
13. A
14. A
15. B
16. The farmer's skill with his hands allowed him to create a detailed and magnificent pumpkin sculpture, which ultimately led to his success in the contest.
17. The most significant reward was the banner he could display in his home. It was important because it symbolized his achievement and his newfound reputation as a pumpkin sculptor.
18. The farmer's success in pumpkin sculpting provided his family with a new source of income and happiness, improving their living conditions and alleviating worries about their barren land.
19. The farmer felt a sense of pride and happiness in his heart for creating something so beautiful, and winning the contest boosted his self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.
20. The story suggests that determination, skill, and hard work can lead to personal fulfillment and improve one's circumstances. It illustrates how pursuing one's passions and talents can bring about positive change and happiness.

Reading Comprehension

21. C
22. C
23. B
24. C
25. Mushrooms start as spores produced in thin slits under the cap. If a spore lands in a suitable spot, it absorbs moisture and transforms into a mass of white threads resembling roots. This mass feeds on decaying matter and can remain hidden for months or years. When conditions are right, mushroom lumps form on the mass, eventually pushing up through the ground.
26. Examples of mushrooms with diverse shapes include earth stars, Jack O'Lanterns, and destroying angels, as indicated by their names.
27. Distinguishing between safe and poisonous mushrooms is challenging, as deadly mushrooms can taste delicious. Reliable knowledge from reputable sources or experienced individuals becomes crucial to ensure safe consumption and avoid potentially fatal consequences.
28. The diverse colors and sizes of mushrooms suggest their varied ecological roles, possibly in decomposition and nutrient cycling. The need for caution arises from the potential dangers of misidentifying mushrooms, as some may be edible while others are poisonous. Understanding and respecting these differences are crucial for human safety.

A Personal Journey

29. accused
30. labored
31. stifling
32. encouraged
33. hovered
34. uttered

- 35. reviving
- 36. sipped
- 37. sloped
- 38. unraveling

reignite one's sense of purpose and determination.

Words needed in the passage:

- sloped
- unraveling
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- stifling
- hovering
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- sip
- reviving
- encouraged

- 39. B
- 40. B
- 41. C
- 42. B
- 43. D

- 44. Emily noticed the butterfly's beauty and its fluttering wings in the warm summer air, which encouraged her and helped her feel a renewed sense of purpose.
- 45. Emily's mentor played a supportive role by encouraging her to keep going. He reminded her of all the hard work she had already accomplished.
- 46. Emily felt overwhelmed by the stunning view at the top of the hill, and she was grateful for the small moments and the beauty of nature that had inspired and motivated her.
- 47. Emily realized that her work was far from over, indicating that she had a renewed sense of determination and commitment to her goals.
- 48. The small moments in the passage, such as the encounter with the butterfly and the support of her mentor, symbolize sources of inspiration and encouragement that help individuals persevere through challenges. These moments emphasize the idea that even in difficult situations, finding beauty and receiving support can

Answer Key

Fishery Farm and Coastal Community

1. shrimp
2. through
3. sprout
4. screech
5. thrill
6. stranded
7. throb
8. straighten
9. splashing
10. straps
11. B
12. B
13. B
14. C
15. C
16. The farm was breeding a variety of seafood, including shrimp. The farm was divided into different sections to accommodate various types of seafood.
17. The workers took pride in their craft, and they were tending to the sprouts of seaweed and other plants.
18. The author was motivated to help the stranded fishermen out of goodwill. They helped by fixing the boat's motor, which was stuck in reverse.
19. The author felt a sense of pure joy due to the beautiful scenery and atmosphere. They enjoyed a plate of fresh seafood, including shrimp.
20. The coastal community likely plays a vital role in supporting the fishery by providing labor and assistance, as seen when the author helped the stranded fishermen. The sense of joy and community experienced by the author suggests that the coastal community values their work and appreciates the beauty of the northern coast, making it a welcoming and harmonious place to be.

Reading Comprehension

21. B
22. D
23. B
24. C
25. Play is crucial for baby deer and lambs in the wild as it allows them to practice behaviors, such as sudden bolting and running, that might save them from predators like wolves or mountain lions later on.
26. Wolf and lion cubs engage in pretend hunts during play, where they stalk imaginary prey, pounce, and mimic capturing. This playful hunting experience is vital for their education, as it prepares them for hunting as adults.
27. Certain baby monkeys spend a substantial amount of time in play to learn dynamics such as winning and losing games, engaging in make-believe fights, and acquiring essential social skills necessary for coexisting harmoniously with other members of their group.
28. The passage suggests that play holds broader significance in the animal kingdom, serving as a critical aspect of education for survival. It influences the development of physical and social skills, essential for the well-being, and harmonious coexistence of various species, emphasizing its multifaceted role beyond mere entertainment.

A Space Exploration

29. credited
30. regretting
31. referred
32. permitting
33. totaled
34. marveled
35. confiding
36. patrolling
37. orbiting

38. glimmering

Words needed in the passage:

orbited

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patrolling

glimmering

referred

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regretting

Confiding

totaled

39. C

40. C

41. C

42. C

43. B

44. The crew discovered a small stone tablet with inscribed symbols. The message on the tablet, warning about the consequences of not taking care of the universe, reminded them of the importance of their mission to explore new worlds and inspire responsible exploration.

45. The crew was moved by the message and realized that they too could face dire consequences if they didn't take care of the universe they were exploring. It made them reflect on the importance of their mission and their responsibility.

46. The crew wanted to inspire others to take care of the worlds they explored by sharing their discovery. They hoped to raise awareness about the consequences of irresponsible exploration and encourage a more responsible approach to space exploration.

47. The passage suggests that space exploration comes with a responsibility to preserve and protect the universe. The message on the stone tablet serves as a warning and a reminder of the potential consequences of neglecting this responsibility.

48. The crew's encounter with the ancient ruins and the translated message is likely to make them more conscious of the importance of responsible space exploration. It may lead them to adopt more sustainable and ethical practices in their missions, ensuring they do not repeat the mistakes of the long-dead civilization and take steps to preserve the universe they explore.