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Test Passage

Ted and Len Get Gas

Len: Get set, Ted. Here is the bus. Let's get the gas.

Ted: Yes! Let's get the gas.
Len: The gas lets us go. This is the best.

Ted: Yes, this is the best. No tents!
Len: No tents, no bats, no bugs.

   It is a slug. It is a slug in the bag.
Len: No slugs in the bags! Let it go.

   The slug is on Len's leg.

Len: No!

5

Word List (20 points)

1. Let's _________________ the eggs.

2. The _________________ is a ball.

3. Get a _________________ to snag a bass.

4. The tent _________________.

5. The _________________ is in the tent.

Word Bank

sun      sags      cook
bat      net

4

Short Answer (20 points)

Is a bat in the bag?
1

Spelling Test (30 points)

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Dictation (30 points)

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Test Passage

Snap Shots of Africa

Here is a snap shot of a hippo. It eats grass on the grass lands in Africa.

Here is a snap shot of a big croc. The croc hunts from the water. It grabs animals in its jaws.

In this snap shot the hippo is in the water. Will a croc eat a hippo? Will it jump and grab the hippo in its jaws?

No. The hippo’s skin is hard. The hippo’s jaws are big. The croc will not eat the hippo.

Here is a snap shot of my tent. A big cat sits next to it. I left the tent to get a drink. But I will stop and sit here by the water. Uh-oh. A big croc sits here! Oh no!

4

Short Answer (20 points)

Will a croc grab a big hippo?

5

Word List (20 points)

1. I see the grass lands of _______________.

2. The animal gets a drink of _______________.

3. A big cat jumps on an _________________.

4. The ant eater ________________ in a ball.

5. Here is a snap ________________ of a big cat.

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Test Passage

Back Home

It is time to go back home.
Pam and Rob pack up all their stuff.
Pam’s back pack is full.

Rob’s back pack is full.
They tell the kids “bye.”
The kids tell Pam and Rob “bye.”

They put the back packs on top of the cab.
Pam and Rob get back in the cab.
Then they get back on the plane.

The trip back home is long.
Pam and Rob get back home.
The trip was fun, but they are glad to be home.

5

Word List (20 points)

1. Pam and Rob swim in
   the ________________.

2. The ________________ play with Pam and Rob.

3. Pam’s back ________________ is full.

4. Rob looks at ________________ of Mexico.

5. The sun ________________ in the west.

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A Visit With Fish
3

Test Passage

On the Ship

It is time to go to the ship.
Jim and Calvin swim up.
They grab a rope on the side of the ship.

Calvin and Jim pull on the rope to get up.
They take off masks and tanks.

Jim looks at his snap shots.
“Look at this, Calvin. I think the shot of the cute fish is best.”

“No, Jim. I like my close up shots.
The shot of the fish with spines is best.”

“Let’s take a shot of us, Calvin.
Move close to the side of the ship.”

Jim tricks Calvin.
“Calvin! Watch out!
It is a big fish that bites!”

Calvin moves like a flash.
But he sees no fish that bites.
“Cute trick, Jim!”

4

Short Answer (20 points)

Does Calvin see a fish that bites?

5

Word List (20 points)

1. This animal _________________ small fish.
2. Some fish _________________ in holes.
3. They see a _________________ that sank.
4. Jim and Calvin _________________ to the side of the ship.
5. Look at this _________________ up.

Word Bank

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Dictation (30 points)

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Test Passage

The End of the Trip

Jason meets his dad by the river. They pull the kayak onto the bank.

“Did you have a good trip?” asks his dad. Then he sees the rag. “Is your head bleeding?”

Jason takes off the rag. “Look, it is not bad. The slit in the kayak is bad. But I did fix it with sap.”

His dad looks at the kayak. “That was good thinking. I see the sleeping bag is wet. All the gear is wet.”

“A big wave was the problem, Dad. I went under water and hit my head on a rock. The rocks put a slit in the kayak.”

“That is bad luck. But we can fix it at home. Did you get many fish to eat?”

“No problem, Dad. The fish were jumping into the kayak. I had so many fish to eat that I let an eagle have one.”

Short Answer (20 points)

What does Jason tell his dad about the fish?

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________________________________________________________________________

Word List (20 points)

1. The ________________ from the sun dried his socks.
2. He put ________________ on the fishing line for bait.
3. Todd was ________________ on the seat.
4. The cat was ________________ on the bed.
5. Britt ________________ the bus to get to the mall.

Word Bank

sleeping       takes       jumping
flies          heat
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Test Passage

Mike Gets Soaked

Hal and Mike left the rain forest. They got a bus back to the coast.

Hal showed Mike his home on the water. “This is a fine spot, Hal.

Here is the water. Here is the beach. I will rest on the sand. Will you bring me drinks?”

“No, Mike. Let’s get in my boat. We can sail to Luna Park. We can go on thrill rides.”

“Hal, I do not need thrills. I need rest. We can just lie here and toast in the sun.” But Mike got in Hal’s boat. They sailed across the bay.

A big ship went past the boat. The ship was going fast. It made a tall wave that smacked the boat.

Mike got soaked. His coat was like a wet rag. He was mad. “Hal, next time let’s stay on land!”

4
Short Answer (20 points)

Did Mike like the boat ride?

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5
Word List (20 points)

1. They did not see the animal on the _________________.

2. Hal sails his boat on the _________________.

3. Mike ________________ Hal the big rock.

4. The croc had a long _________________.

5. Hal was on the train for two _________________.

Word Bank

trail  tail  days
showed  bay
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**Spelling Test** (30 points)

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Test Passage

Genna

Genna won the cycle race.
They gave her a gold cup.
Genna wanted to say thank you.
“Roy, you speak French.
Tell them thank you for the cup.”
Roy talked to the race people in French.
The people cheered for Genna.

Then Roy picked up the bike gear.
Genna got Ace and her cup.
They went back to the hotel.
Roy asked, “Do you want to rest?”
“No, Roy. Let’s go out for a bite of
French food.”

They sat outside at the café.
Roy called to the waiter.
“Please bring a boiled hot dog for Ace.”
Genna smiled. “You spoil him, Roy.”
Roy had a huge slice of cheese pie.
Genna enjoyed a meat dish.

“This is a fine meal, Roy.
I am glad we came to France.”

4

Short Answer (20 points)

What did Ace have to eat at the café?

5

Word List (20 points)

1. Genna went to France for a
cycle _______________.

2. Did you hear that _______________?

3. Bring me a huge _______________ of pie.

4. You will _______________ the meal.

5. She _______________ up the small path.

Word Bank

slice walked noise

race enjoy
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Test Passage

Back at the Ranch

I rode Bones back to the ranch. It was a long, LONG ride! “Ouch!” The bushes scratched my legs. I wished I had chaps.

The cows walked and walked. It got late. The stars came out. Then came that sound. It was a loud howl. “Is that a wolf?” I asked Mack.

Mack pointed to a spot. “I think the wolf is by that bush. See, now it is sniffing around,” he said.

I looked hard but did not see the wolf. “Will the wolf get the cows?” I asked. “No, not a lone wolf,” said Mack. “It takes a pack to bring down a cow.”

At last we got back to the bunk house. I called the boss on my cell. “Did you get photos of the ranch?” she asked.


4

Short Answer (20 points)

Can a lone wolf bring down a cow?

________________________________________

5

Word List (20 points)

1. The wolf made a ________________ sound.

2. The cowboys ate in the bunk ________________.

3. They got up at ________________.

4. The ________________ horse ran around the cows.

5. Put some hot ________________ on the beans.

Word Bank

house      dawn      sauce
brown      loud
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Test Passage

A Home in Japan

At the track, Pete and I met a guy named Ken. Ken was on the pit crew. He called us at the hotel. “Come by my place and have some home cooking,” he said.

We got on the subway by the hotel. It was only a few stops away. Then we strolled down the street to Ken’s place.

Ken was glad to see us. Just inside, Ken pointed to our feet. Pete said, “I think we take off our kicks here.” “Yes,” said Ken. “In Japan we all take off our kicks in the house. It keeps the place clean.”

Ken slid open a screen. We walked into the main part of his place. Ken’s place was new and very nice. There were photos of cars on the walls.

Ken told us he liked to take photos of race cars. He has sold some of his photos. His dream is to drive in a race. It is a dream that may come true some day.

We sat on mats at a low table to eat lunch. There were bowls of hot soup. We also had the best shrimp salad I ever tasted.

Then Ken put a blue plate on the table with pieces of grilled fish. Pete and I ate a lot.

Pete said, “I am so full, you will have to roll me back to the hotel.”

4

Short Answer (20 points)

What did Pete and Dan have for lunch at Ken’s place?

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5

Word List (20 points)

1. Dan _________________ on the hot soup.

2. Pete was the boss of the pit _________________.

3. They _________________ the car on the track.

4. _________________ on to the rope so you do not fall.

5. Give me a _________________ about what is in the box.

Word Bank

blew hold crew
cue rolled
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Spelling Test (30 points)

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Test Passage

At the Beach

The day was mild. Boon said, “Let’s go to the beach.”

“I have my swim suit,” said Sam. “Did you pack a swim suit?”

“No, but I will find a swim suit at a shop. We can stop on the way,” said Boon.

They took a bus to the beach. Near the beach was a side walk with shops. Boon zoomed in and grabbed a swim suit.

“I am not in the mood to choose a suit. This kind of suit will do for me.”

“That is a wild suit,” said Sam. “If you goof, you will be stuck with it.”

“I do not mind,” said Boon. He paid for the suit.

Sam and Boon walked down to the beach. They could hear the boom of the waves. “Here is a rest room,” said Boon. “I will put on my suit here.”

When he came out of the rest room, Sam cracked up. His swim suit was green with big dots. “You look kind of like a frog, Boon.”

Boon did not mind. “I get to be at the beach. I get to swim and jump in the waves. If I look like a frog, it is fine with me.”

“I am glad you feel that way, Boon,” said Sam. “This trip to L.A. has been a lot of fun. Leaving will be hard to do.”

Boon ran yelling into the waves. He did look like a frog.

Short Answer (20 points)

What made Boon look like a frog?

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Word List (20 points)

1. He got a glass of ______________ from the table.
2. We saw a ______________ animal run into the tent.
3. Help me ______________ my lost ring.
4. ______________ it will be time to go to sleep.
5. It was past ______________ when we had lunch.

Word Bank

soon       noon       find
juice      wild
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Test Passage

Fish Pie

Carl and Fern were under the ice. They had an Arctic swim. The suits kept them warm in the cold water.

Soon it was time to come up. Carl burst through the hole in the ice. Burt pulled him up.

“I feel like a large seal,” said Carl.

“You look like a large seal,” said Burt.

Just then, Fern came up through the hole. She had a smile on her face. “This was better than the swimming pool,” she said.

Carl, Fern, and Burt went back to the ship. They had to start the next meal in the kitchen. “What will we fix?” asked Fern.

Burt leaned back. “The people had lots of burgers,” he said. “Let’s serve them fish pie.”

“Fish pie!” said Carl. “What is fish pie?”

“Well first you take some fish,” said Burt. “You put them in pie crust. That is fish pie.”

Fern did not want to make fish pie. She put on the charm. “I like pie,” she said. “I like pie with meat and cheese on it.”

Carl smiled. He was thinking of pizza too. Carl and Fern showed Burt how to make a pizza. They cut a slice for Burt. “Man!” said Burt. “This is much better than fish pie!”

Short Answer (20 points)

What did Burt want to fix?

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Word List (20 points)

1. The ship was on a trip to the __________ Pole.

2. It was __________ to find the kitchen.

3. Do not __________ the burger.

4. In __________ the sun is hot.

5. __________ the drink with this spoon.

Word Bank

summer hard burn
stir North
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Spelling Test (30 points)

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Test Passage
A Good Try
Al and Brook were in the truck. They were keeping the balloon in sight. “Look,” said Al. “Dwight is first to the target. He might hook the ring on the pole!”

Dwight held the black ring in his hand. The balloon was right over the pole. He leaned out of the basket.

Just then, a slight breeze blew the balloon. It moved to the right. “Blast!” said Dwight. He threw the ring at the pole.

Al and Brook watched from the ground. “Did he make it?” asked Al. “Did the ring go on the pole?”

“It was close,” said Brook. “But I saw it fall. He missed it.” “I think I am going to cry,” said Al.

They drove the truck to the balloon. Dwight threw down two ropes. Al and Brook grabbed the ropes. They pulled the balloon down to the ground.

Al shook Dwight’s hand. “It was a good try, Dwight,” he said. “You are not a guy to give up,” said Brook. “We will be back next year.”

Dwight smiled. “You are right. For now, let’s pack up this balloon and get a big Texas meal.”

Dwight, Brook, and Al packed up the balloon. Then they went to the Big Sky Café. “This meal is on me,” said Dwight. “Good,” said Al. “I am going to eat lots of crisp beef with cream gravy!”

4
Short Answer (20 points)
Did Dwight’s crew win the $30,000?
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5
Word List (20 points)
1. She will _________________ the plane across the sea.
2. The _________________ sky was full of stars.
3. I like to shop and _________________ things.
4. He _________________ the box from the shelf.
5. Sam hung the shirt on a _________________.

Word Bank
night hook fly
took buy
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Spelling Test (30 points)

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Test Passage

Cape Town Night

That night, Uncle Walter took Phil and Gage into Cape Town. “I will take you where the boats come in,” said Uncle Walter. “There is a lot to do at the edge of the water.”

At the harbor in Cape Town, people were getting on boats to take cruises. Bands were playing music. There were many shops. One shop sold photos of whales.

Gage pointed to one of the photos. “That looks like the whale we saw when we were surfing,” he said.

There were photos of sharks too. “I think I will try cage diving,” said Phil. “It looks like a thrill.”

Gage nudged Phil. “You will change your mind when you see the first shark up close.”

Phil, Gage, and Uncle Walter had a good meal at a café. Then they went back to the lodge.

Gage found Large Marge sleeping on his bed. “Large Marge,” he whispered in her ear. “Go get on Phil’s bed.”

Large Marge got up. She moved to Phil’s bed. “Good cat,” said Gage. “Now I will get a good night’s sleep.”

Short Answer (20 points)
What did Phil and Gage see at the shop?

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Word List (20 points)

1. The road ran along the ____________.
2. The door was stuck and did not ____________.
3. _______________ do you keep your pet mouse?
4. I keep my pet mouse in a ____________.
5. Call me on your cell ____________.

Word Bank

where    cage     budge
phone    ridge
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Spelling Test (30 points)

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Eight Questions

It was time for the quiz show to begin. The crowd got quiet. The Blue Knights were on stage with the other team. The other team was called Quiz Guys.

A man in a blue suit asked the questions. The first question was for the Blue Knights. “What does a walrus eat?” asked the man in the suit. Alex whispered to Quinn. Quinn nodded. “A walrus eats clams,” Quinn said in a loud voice. “That is right!” said the man in the suit. “Your team has four points.”

The next question was for the Quiz Guys. “What is a balloon glow?” asked the man. “I know that one,” said a Quiz Guy. He had the right answer. Their team got four points. Now it was a tie. The crowd cheered.

It was back to the Blue Knights. “Here is your question,” said the man. “Where is the Walk of Fame?” Alex wanted to answer this one. “The Walk of Fame is in L.A.,” he said. “Right!” said the man. “The Blue Knights now have eight points.”

He turned to the Quiz Guys. “In Japan, what do they call lunch in a box?” The Quiz Guys did not know. They were stumped. “Your time is up,” said the man. “If the Blue Knights know the answer, their team will win.”

“Can we write the answer?” asked Knox. “Yes, you may,” said the man in the suit. Knox wrote the word bento and held it up. “I hope I am not wrong,” he whispered. The crowd was quiet.

“That answer,” said the man, “is the right answer!” The Blue Knights have won the quiz show!” Knox, Alex, and Quinn could hear people clapping. But one person was cheering, shouting, and stamping. It was Mr. Wright in the front row.

What question did Quinn answer?

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1. He cut the cake into ________________.

2. How much does your dog ________________?

3. She ________________ her car into the small space.

4. Dan was down on his ________________ looking for the ball.

5. The queen stayed in the ________________.
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