

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Flying with a Green Frog

1 "It's like the first time I ever drove in a car," Granny said as she turned to Kelsey. "I thought the steering wheel would break off and we would all go crashing into a ditch. Of course, it didn't happen that way. I just didn't know what to expect."

2 Kelsey appreciated what her grandmother was trying to do, but it didn't make her feel any better about the situation. Her heart was pounding so loudly she thought everyone on the plane would hear it. "I know, but this is different, Granny. If the engine fails when we're in the car, Mom can just pull over and stop. If a pilot stops the plane in midair..." She didn't finish her sentence.

3 Kelsey gazed out over the tarmac at the planes waiting to take off. She knew that at any moment, their plane would start backing away from the gate and head toward the runway. She took a deep breath, closed her eyes, and tried to pretend she was just in a car.

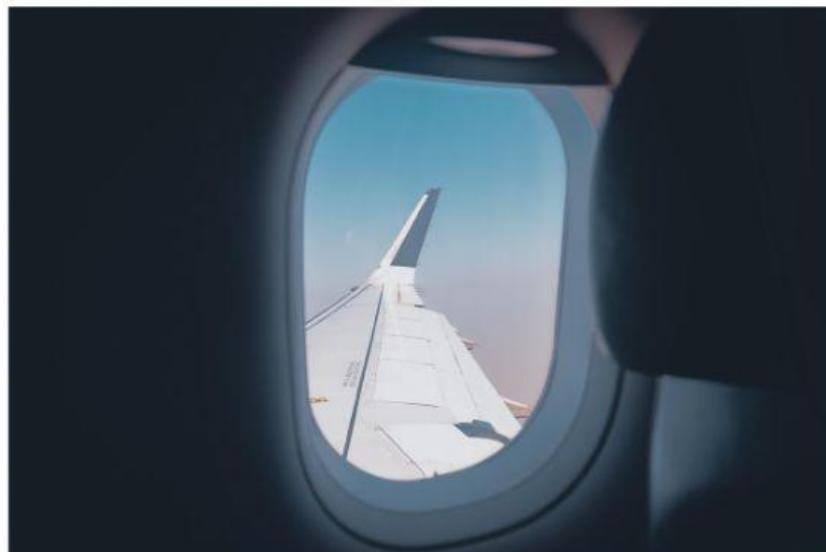
4 "Excuse me, miss," said an unfamiliar voice. Kelsey opened her eyes and looked up at a woman holding a little girl. "I think Lauren and I have those seats next to yours."

5 The woman slid past Kelsey and Granny, and strapped her daughter into the seat right beside Kelsey's. The little girl looked at Kelsey and grinned, revealing green teeth. "I Lauren. Want pop?" she asked holding out her half-eaten lollipop.

6 "Uh, no thanks," Kelsey said shaking her head. "You eat it. It matches your green teeth."

7 The little girl looked puzzled, so Kelsey reached into the side pocket of her purse. She retrieved a small mirror that fit perfectly into the palm of her hand. Its golden edges sparkled, and the little girl reached out for it.

8 "Look at your mouth in the mirror," Kelsey suggested as she handed it to Lauren.



9 Lauren looked at the reflection of her teeth and giggled. Then, she stuck her tongue out and turned to her mother. "Mommy, I look frog. Green book frog." Lauren made a chomping sound with her teeth that made us all laugh.

10 Lauren's mother pulled a small book with thick, cardboard-like pages out of her bag and handed it to Lauren. It had a picture of a green frog on the cover and the words, "A is for Animal," written in big red letters. "I think she is referring to this frog. It's her favorite book."

11 Lauren's little hand, sticky from her forgotten lollipop, held the book out to Kelsey. Kelsey opened the cover and began reading the alphabet book aloud. As each page was turned, the girls made the sound of the next animal. Lauren knew all the sounds and enjoyed talking about the pictures she saw. Lauren begged Kelsey to read the book again and again.

12 Just as Kelsey turned to "V is for vulture," for a third time, Lauren dumped her backpack full of toys onto Kelsey's lap. She entertained Kelsey with funny stories about her puppets and animal figurines, and convinced Kelsey to play "Barbie dolls" with her.

13 Suddenly, the girls felt a bump and heard a roaring sound from behind their seats. Lauren's eyes grew wide and she said, "What that sound?"

14 Granny turned to the girls and smiled. "Well, little Lauren, that's the plane. We just landed on the runway, and the engines are slowing it down. We're in North Carolina, now!"

15 Kelsey looked out the window with eyes wider than Lauren's. "We're here? I was so busy playing with Lauren. I didn't even realize we had left Virginia. I guess flying isn't so bad after all!"

16 Lauren just giggled and shouted, "Rrrribbit!"

1.) Which detail would be most important to include in a summary of the story?

- a.) Granny told Kelsey a story about her first time driving.
- b.) It was Kelsey's first time in a plane and she was scared to fly.
- c.) The lollipop made Lauren's teeth green, so she looked like a frog.
- d.) Kelsey read Lauren's favorite book to her several times.

2.) What is the best summary of paragraphs 12-15?

- a.) The two girls played Barbie dolls and told funny stories with puppets.
- b.) The two girls were so distracted playing and reading that they didn't realize they had landed.
- c.) The bump and loud roaring of the landing frightened the two girls.

d.) The two girls sat together on their flight from Virginia to North Carolina.

3.) Which of these is the best summary of the story?

- a.) Granny tries to make Kelsey feel better by sharing a story about a time when she was scared.
- b.) A little girl named Lauren is busy reading and playing while traveling to North Carolina.
- c.) Kelsey forgets her fear of flying when she is busy playing with a little girl on the plane.
- d.) Kelsey reads a book and plays with toys while she is on a plane.

Directions: Read this paragraph and select **FOUR** correct answers.

Stuck

Jake tried to unzip his backpack, but no matter how hard he tried, he could not move the zipper. Several of his friends tried. They pulled and tugged. They even tried pulling a string that was tied to the zipper's tab. Jake's friend Hunter offered a pair of scissors. Just before Jake tried to cut his backpack open, Ms. Smith, his teacher offered to help. First she rubbed a bar of soap over the zipper. Then she gently pulled on a piece of fabric that was stuck in the zipper. The zipper finally worked! Jake thanked Ms. Smith, and then he gave her his homework.

4.) Which details would be best to include in a summary of the paragraph? Select **FOUR** correct answers.

Jake was able to turn in his homework to Ms. Smith
Jake almost cut open his backpack.
Jake's backpack zipper got stuck.
Jake's friends tried to help open his backpack.
Jake's friend, Hunter, gave him a pair of scissors.
Ms. Smith got Jake's backpack unstuck.