Pop Quiz: READING

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UNIT 2 ❯❯❯

Name _____ Date _____

First read the text. Then answer the questions.

The rainbow-colored bird

1 A long time ago in a distant land, there was a bird whose feathers were the colors of the rainbow and whose song was the most beautiful thing ever heard. She lived deep in a forest, and some people thought she was the spirit of the forest itself. When she sang her song, the forest came to life and all the animals would ***join in with her***.

2 The forest was in the middle of a great kingdom and provided the people with all the food they needed: rabbits, sweet berries, and succulent mushrooms. One day, the king and his servants were looking for food when they heard the bird's heavenly song. They walked deeper into the dark forest in search of the bird until there she was, right in front of them. They stood ***fixed*** by her beauty for a few moments, and then the king spoke. He ordered his servants to capture the bird and bring her to his palace, where she would entertain the queen.

3 The servants rapidly obeyed the king, catching the bird with a net and taking her back to the palace. She was placed in a golden cage while the king rushed off to find his wife. However, when he returned, the bird's vibrant colors had become dull and faded and her song was full of melancholy. The queen was very disappointed and asked the king, "Why have you brought me this sad bird instead of the feast you promised me?" The king ***was at a loss for words*** and apologized to his wife.

4 Although he was puzzled by what happened, the king gathered his servants and went back to find the food he had promised his wife. But when they got to the forest, they saw that it was ***as quiet as a cemetery***. The wild animals were nowhere to be seen, and the berries and mushrooms were dry and inedible. At once, the king realized the bird *was* the spirit of the forest and that her beautiful song and rainbow colors kept the forest alive. He immediately ordered that the bird be returned to her home, and as if by magic, the forest came back to life.

Choose the correct answer, A, B, or C.

1 This story is a(n) _____ .

A folk tale B urban legend C myth

Put the events in the story (A–E) in the correct order (2–6).

2 _____ A The bird starts singing a sad song.

3 _____ B The servants bring the bird back to the palace.

4 _____ C The forest returns to life.

5 _____ D The king goes to the forest to find food.

6 _____ E The king has the bird released.

What do the words in *bold italics* in the text mean? Choose the correct answer, A, B, or C.

7 The phrase ***join in with her*** in paragraph 1 means:

A speak with her B meet her C sing with her

8 The word ***fixed*** in paragraph 2 means:

A unable to move B unable to see C unable to hear

9 The phrase ***was at a loss for words*** in paragraph 3 means:

A didn't know what she meant B didn't know what to say C didn't know what to do

10 The phrase ***as quiet as a cemetery*** in paragraph 4 means:

A There were no signs of life. B There were ghosts. C The animals were dead.

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