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Reading Comprehension

News

TIJUANA: Nine people in Mexico were caught redhanded on Tuesday digging a tunnel that was apparently to be used to sneak drugs into California, officials said. The detainees had been digging from inside a house in the norths west border town of Tijuana and tried in vain to flee, the National Defence secretariat said. The tunnel was about 20m underground and reachable by climbing down a · ladder through a closet in the house. Army troops also seized a truck that the detainees had been using to take away soil from the digging operations. APP

1. The headHne of this news story is likely to be_____.
1. Digging operations in Mexico
2. 9 caught tunneling drugs to US
3. 9 digging tunnel in US
4. Tunneling drugs in California
5. Mexicans caught underground

2. All of the following statements are true EXCEPT_____.
1. The purpose of the tunnel digging is illegal
2. The entrance to the tunnel was a closet
3. The truck used for removing soil was seized
4. Tijuana is a border town in California
5. The crime was committed by people in Mexico

3. In the end, the detainees _____.
1. failed in their digging operations
2. ·could escape by climbing down a ladder
3. were caught in a house in California
4. seized a truck to run away
5. succeeded in digging a tunnel

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4. The word that refers to the _____ .

1. tunnel
2. ladder
3. closet
4. truck
5. house

5. The word sneak can best be replaced by _____ .

1. hijack
2. ransack
3. smuggle
4. trade
5. remove

6. The phrase caught red-handed means"_____ ".

1. captured while doing something wrong
2. seen with blood-stained hands
3. observed using red paint
4. noticed wearing red gloves
5. arrested while spraying their hands

7. It can be inferred that the nine Mexicans _____.

1. could flee from arrest
2. would finally end up in jail
3. were imprisoned in California
4. were seized by army troops
5. earned a lot of money from selling soil

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Letter

This story shows that there are some terribly mean people around in the world today.

My son went on holiday to Holland. It was a struggle to find the cash to send him, but in the end off he went with a bit of pocket s money.

On his first day there, he bought his younger brother and sister a present each -a dog that yaps and picks up paper and a clown which does tricks.

On the day of his departure, he was told to leave the presents in the hotel lobby with his luggage, so he tied the toys to his case.

When it came time to go home, the toys had disappeared. Can anybody imagine the disappointment on my son's face when he couldn't give his brother and sister their presents?

Mrs. L. Slater, Codnor, Derbys

WRITE TO: Mirror Woman, Holborn Circus, London ECIP IDQ

1. This letter _____.
   1. describes a trip to Holland
   2. reflects people's unkindness
   3. informs about a boy's adventure
   4. tells us how a boy enjoyed his holiday
   5. warns us about the hotel security in England

2. The word mean can best be replaced by_____.
   1. cruel
   2. stingy
   3. strange
   4. difficult
   5. Common

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3. The word presents refers to_____.
    1. toys in the hotel
    2. a dog and paper
    3. tricks in the case
    4. a clown and tricks
    5. a dog and a clown

4. The boy was unhappy with the trip because_____
    1. he spent too much money on the presents
    2. he did not have much time to enjoy himself
    3. he had to travel alone and carry a lot of luggage
    4. the gifts for his brother and sister were stolen
    5. the gifts he bought were left in the hotel lobby

5. It can be inferred that _____.
1. the boy's mother is not rich·
2. the boy comes from a well-to-do family
3. the boy's grandmother paid for his trip ·
4. the boy carried a lot of money to Holland
5. the boy saved up money for the trip himself

6. The title of this letter is likely to be_____.
    1. Holiday in Holland
    2. Travelling Alone
    3. Frightening Experience
    4. Gifts for Loved Ones
    5. Robbed ofKindness

7. The letter was written by _____ .
    1. the unlucky boy
    2. Mrs. L. Slater
    3. the boy's brother
    4. the boy's sister
    5. Mirror Woman

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8. The purpose of this letter is to _____ .
   1. complain about the hotel services
   2. admire the boy's generosity
   3. describe a boy's unpleasant experience ·
   4. warn people not to buy souvenirs
   5. comment on the irresponsibility of the hotel staff

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