SECTION A: READING AND VIEWING

TEXT 1: STORY

A PROMISE IS A PROMISE by Wendy Hartman

Storks are birds with long orange legs and long beaks, that fly from the North to the South and back again. A long time ago, storks were the noisiest birds in the world. 1

They used to talk all the time. All of them used to talk at the same time about different things, but about nothing interesting. Their chattering made the ostrich very angry. He felt that the stork's chattering prevented him from flying. 2

He practised for days, but he never lifted off the ground. "That's it," he said. "Those storks talk too much. They need to be punished." 3

"We can't stand it either," complained the other animals. "You want silence?" asked the lizard. "Just whisper the magic words at midnight and you will have silence. At midnight on the third day the spell will end. After that you must come up with your own plan." The animals followed the lizard's advice. 4

The next day they were amazed because there was no sound coming from the storks as their beaks were shut tightly. At last the animals could talk to each other without having to shout. 5

The ostrich was delighted about the silence! He ran about, flapping his wings and practising flying in peace and quiet, but he never left the ground. He went to the storks who sat, huddled together with their feathers fluffed and their beaks shut. 6

"Oh dear," said the ostrich, "they look so miserable and hungry. They may be irritating, but they must eat. I wish they could eat without all the talking." 7

Just before midnight the animals gathered around the storks. "Do you want to end the spell that keeps your beaks from opening?" they asked. The storks nodded eagerly. "Well, we can arrange that," said the ostrich. "You will each promise never ever to speak again. A promise is not be broken." The storks nodded. 8

From that day on storks have been silent. You will still see them clacking their beaks together, pretending to make a noise, but a promise is a promise and they have not broken their promise yet. 9

You will also still see the ostrich running at full speed, flapping his wings trying to fly. Until today he has never been able to fly.

[Adapted from https://nailbali.org-library/multilingual-stories/promise-promise]

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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Fill in the missing words to describe the stork.

   Storks have long, (1.1) _____ legs and long (1.2) _____. (2)

2. Which animal also appears in the story other than the storks and the ostrich?

   A animals
   B eagle
   C lizard
   D stork

   _____ (1)

3. Choose the letter of the correct answer.

   The biggest problem with the storks was that they … too much.

   A complained
   B talked
   C flew
   D ate

   _____ (1)

4. Name the author of the story.

   _____ (1)

5. What was the ostrich's greatest wish?

   _____ (1)

6. What advice did the lizard give to the animals?

   _____

   _____ (2)

7. State if the following statement is **True** or **False**.

   The next day the ostrich could fly higher than the storks.

True			False	

   Give a reason for your answer from the text.

   _____

   _____ (2)

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8. Why did the ostrich feel sorry for the storks?

_____ (1)

9. Give **ONE word** from the passage that means the following:

9.1 talking a lot _____ (1)

9.2 to speak softly _____ (1)

10. What important lesson can you learn from this story?

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_____ (2)
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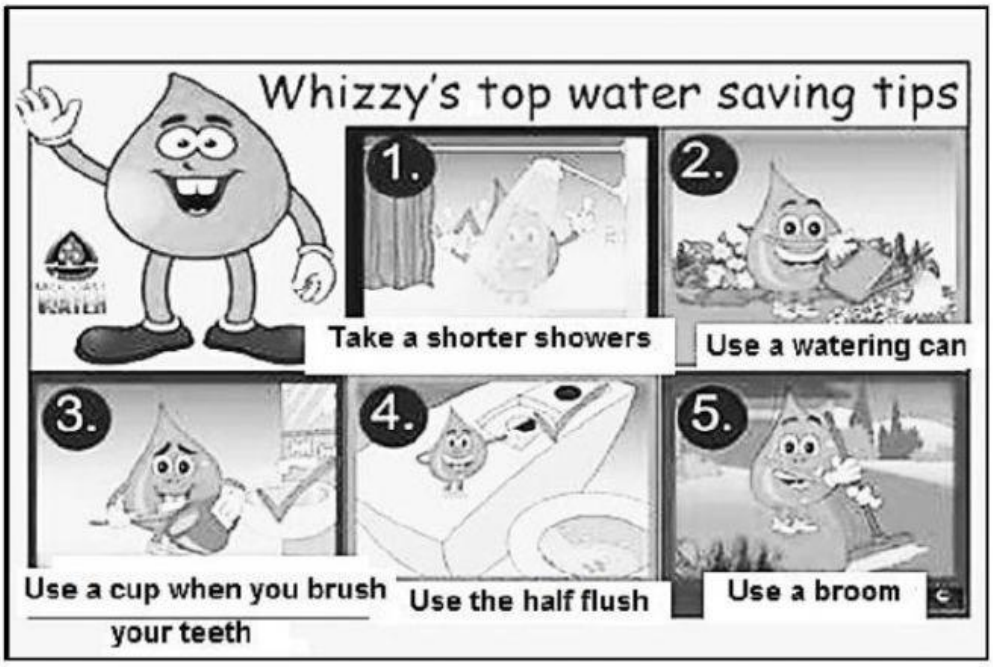
TEXT 2: POSTER

Study the poster and answer the questions.



11. Which important natural resource is discussed in the poster?

_____ (1)

12. What is the name of the character in the poster?

_____ (1)

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13. Name TWO **ways** that we can save water according to the text.

_____

_____ (2)

14. Why is it important to save water?

_____

_____ (1)
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TEXT 3: POEM

Read the poem and answer the questions that follow.

Words are cruel
by Ellie P.

1 Everyone is different
No one is the same
We are entitled to our opinions
We are allowed to think outside of the box

2 Stop, stop judging others
For doing what they want to do
Wearing what they want to wear
Thinking how they want to think
Daring how they want to dare

3 Instead of judging others
Judge yourself
For not treating others right
For not letting someone live their –
Life
The way they want to

4 It doesn't matter
What you think
Your opinion is like a balloon without air
Your words are meaningless
Yet you sit there
Judging justifying and jabbing at others
Just because you are jealous
That they have something
That You have always wanted

5 Confidence

[Source: kid-lit.net/singlestory.cfm?entryid=773]

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Answer the following questions.

15. Complete the following sentence.

In stanza / verse two, the poet tells us not to … others.

_____ (1)

16. Write down the letter of the correct answer.

What is the **figure of speech** in the following line?

"your opinion is like a balloon"

A alliteration
B simile
C metaphor
D synonym

_____ (1)

17. Which word in stanza/verse 4 means 'without purpose or reason'?

_____ (1)

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SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF TEXT 1.

19. Write down the correct word in brackets.

    The storks may be irritating, but they (has / have) to eat.

    _____ (1)

20. Match the saying in COLUMN A with the correct meaning in COLUMN B.

    Write only the correct letter.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
20.1	A promise made is a promise kept.	A	If you do something on time, you will reap the benefits of it.
20.2	The early bird catches the fattest worm.	B	To accomplish two things at the same time.
20.3	Kill two birds with one stone.	C	When one makes a promise, it should be done with the intention of following through.
		D	When you suspect something is not right.

    20.1 _____ (1)

    20.2 _____ (1)

    20.3 _____ (1)

21. Write down ONE **adjective** from the sentence below.

    The beautiful stalks looked miserable.

    _____ (1)

22. Complete the following sentence using the **conjunction** in brackets.

    The ostrich was happy. He can learn how to fly. (because)

    _____

    _____ (3)

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23. Write down ONE **adverb** from the sentence below.

The animals gathered together at midnight.

_____ (1)

24. Rewrite the sentence below with the correct **punctuation marks.**

the animals were upset because the storks were chattering so much said the lizard.

_____

_____ (3)

25. Write the following **contractions** in full.

Let's go see the wise wizard.

25.1 _____ (1)

That's why storks don't talk.

25.2 _____ (1)

26. Identify the **Subject** and **Object** in the following sentence.

Just before midnight the animals whispered the magic words.

26.1 Subject: _____

26.2 Object: _____ (2)

27. Identify the **verb** in the sentence.
He did not like their chattering.

_____ (1)

28. Write down only the correct word in brackets.

Storks **28.1 (is / are)** birds that **28.2 (fly/ flies)** from the North to the South and back again. They used to **28.3 (chat / chatted)** continuously and this upset the other animals.

28.1 _____

28.2 _____

28.3 _____ (3)

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