Reading Comprehension

Multiple Choice. Choose the best answer for each question.

Gist

1. Another title for this reading could be _____.
   a. Dangers to Ground Creatures
   b. The Importance of Tiny Organisms
   c. Saving Small Animals in Cubes
   d. The Life of Nutrients

Vocabulary

2. In line 4, *miniature* means _____.
   a. very small
   b. very large
   c. very beautiful
   d. very important

Detail

3. Where do most organisms on Earth live?
   a. in the sea
   b. on or just below the ground
   c. deep underground
   d. in the air

Main Idea

4. Liittschwager and his team used the cube to _____.
   a. collect different species for research
   b. count and photograph animal species
   c. test the quality of the soil and water
   d. protect animals from human activities

Reference

5. In line 17, *their* refers to _____.
   a. scientists
   b. ground organisms
   c. cubes
   d. nutrients

Detail

6. Why was it difficult to identify the creatures at the coral reef?
   a. Many were new to science.
   b. The water was cloudy.
   c. They were too small.
   d. Many of them looked the same.

Inference

7. Why does Liittschwager call the organisms *little gems* in line 27?
   a. They are difficult for him to see.
   b. He thinks they are valuable and precious.
   c. Many of the organisms are shiny.
   d. The organisms look like little stones.

Did You Know?

Many thousands of species—mostly different types of bacteria—live in a single gram of garden soil. Most are still unknown to science.

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