

## Reading Comprehension

**Multiple Choice.** Choose the best answer for each question.

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| <b>Gist</b>       | 1. Another title for this reading could be _____.<br>a. Dangers to Ground Creatures<br>b. The Importance of Tiny Organisms<br>c. Saving Small Animals in Cubes<br>d. The Life of Nutrients   |
| <b>Vocabulary</b> | 2. In line 4, <i>miniature</i> means _____.<br>a. very small<br>b. very large<br>c. very beautiful<br>d. very important  |
| <b>Detail</b>     | 3. Where do most organisms on Earth live?<br>a. in the sea<br>b. on or just below the ground<br>c. deep underground<br>d. in the air   |
| <b>Main Idea</b>  | 4. Liittschwager and his team used the cube to _____.<br>a. collect different species for research<br>b. count and photograph animal species<br>c. test the quality of the soil and water<br>d. protect animals from human activities                    |
| <b>Reference</b>  | 5. In line 17, <i>their</i> refers to _____.<br>a. scientists<br>b. ground organisms<br>c. cubes<br>d. nutrients   |
| <b>Detail</b>     | 6. Why was it difficult to identify the creatures at the coral reef?<br>a. Many were new to science.<br>b. The water was cloudy.<br>c. They were too small.<br>d. Many of them looked the same.  |
| <b>Inference</b>  | 7. Why does Liittschwager call the organisms <i>little gems</i> in line 27?<br>a. They are difficult for him to see.<br>b. He thinks they are valuable and precious.<br>c. Many of the organisms are shiny.<br>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.

