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The Piñata Maker

Generalizing

REVIEW

Directions: Read the story. Then read each question about the story. Choose the best answer to the question. Mark the space for the answer you have chosen.

Super Sombreros

My uncle, Juan Sanchez, makes sombreros. Sombreros are Mexican hats. His sombreros are the most beautiful in all of Mexico. He has been making them since he was thirteen years old. Nobody can make sombreros as well as he can.

Uncle Juan makes each sombrero differently for each person. Everybody knows that this is the only way to make sombreros. He always spends at least a week on each sombrero. Sometimes he takes more time on a hat if it is for a special occasion. Either way, all of his customers are pleased with their specially made sombreros.

1. Which sentence is a generalization?
   - ⬭ A sombrero is a Mexican hat.
   - ⬭ My uncle makes sombreros.
   - ⬭ His sombreros are the most beautiful in all of Mexico.
   - ⬭ He has been making them since he was thirteen years old.

2. Which sentence is **not** a generalization?
   - ⬭ He has been making them since he was thirteen years old.
   - ⬭ Nobody can make sombreros as well as he can.
   - ⬭ He always spends a week on each sombrero.
   - ⬭ His sombreros are the most beautiful in all of Mexico.

3. Which of the following words signals a generalization in the second paragraph?
   - ⬭ always
   - ⬭ either
   - ⬭ sombreros
   - ⬭ pleased

4. Which of the following words does **not** signal a generalization in the second paragraph?
   - ⬭ everybody
   - ⬭ differently
   - ⬭ all
   - ⬭ always

5. A generalization about this passage could be—
   - ⬭ Juan Sanchez makes sombreros.
   - ⬭ The author is proud of her uncle.
   - ⬭ Juan Sanchez makes a special hat for each customer.
   - ⬭ Juan Sanchez makes the best sombreros in all of Mexico.

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The Race for the North Pole

Generalizing

REVIEW

Directions: Read the passage. Then read each question about the passage. Choose the best answer to each question. Mark the letter for the answer you have chosen.

Born to Fly

When Beryl Markham was just three, her parents left England to start a farm in Kenya, East Africa. Most European farmers were quite successful in Kenya, but Beryl's father found his talent in breeding and training horses.

Beryl's life was always full of interesting adventures. While some daughters of European farmers may have been sent to school in England, Beryl was raised in Africa. She learned to speak several African languages and hunted wild game with a spear. She became a horse trainer like her father. Later, she learned to fly an airplane and became a bush pilot.

Few women in the 1930s had the adventures that Beryl did. She became the first person to fly a plane solo nonstop from London to North America. She wrote a best-selling book about her experiences called *West with the Night*.

1. Which word in the first paragraph signals a generalization?
   - A. when
   - C. Kenya
   - B. most
   - D. just

2. Which of the following statements is a valid generalization from the first paragraph?
   - F. Beryl's parents moved when she was three.
   - G. Her father became a horse breeder and trainer.
   - H. Her father always disliked farming.
   - J. Most European farmers did quite well in Kenya.

3. Which word in the second paragraph signals a generalization?
   - A. while
   - C. later
   - B. always
   - D. full

4. Which of these statements is a faulty generalization?
   - F. Beryl had many adventures.
   - G. Beryl was raised in Africa.
   - H. All horse trainers learn to fly.
   - J. Flying was one of Beryl's many adventures.

5. Which word in the last paragraph signals a generalization?
   - A. few
   - C. wrote
   - B. fly
   - D. nonstop

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Out of the Blue

REVIEW

Generalizing

Directions: Read the story. Then read each question about the story. Choose the best answer to each question. Mark the letter for the answer you have chosen.

Lydia LaRue: Great Inventor

Lydia LaRue wanted to be a great inventor. Her first invention was a new kind of alarm clock. A rooster crowed, which was supposed to wake up a mouse, who started running on a little wheel. The little wheel made a ball fall into a glass of water. Being splashed by the water woke the person up.

The first day Lydia tried out her invention, the rooster overslept. The second day, the mouse didn't wake up. By the third day, the water had dried up.

Lydia's second invention was a special kind of washing machine. In the bottom of the machine were three big fish. They were supposed to swim and splash, moving the water. However, the fish got sick from the laundry soap, so Lydia set them free.

"I'll never give up" Lydia vowed. "A person who works hard can always succeed."

1. Which generalization about Lydia's inventions is valid?
   - **A.** They are complicated.
   - **B.** They are simple.
   - **C.** They work well.
   - **D.** They are expensive.

2. Which generalization about Lydia's inventions is faulty?
   - **F.** They involve electricity.
   - **G.** They involve animals.
   - **H.** They involve water.
   - **J.** They imitate existing machines.

3. Which generalization about Lydia's first invention is valid?
   - **A.** Each part involved animals.
   - **B.** Each part involved water.
   - **C.** Each part involved electricity.
   - **D.** Each part failed to work.

4. Which of the following statements is a generalization?
   - **F.** Lydia has animals.
   - **G.** Lydia invents machines.
   - **H.** Lydia and Ben Franklin are both inventors.
   - **J.** Complicated ideas often do not work.

5. What clue word tells you that Lydia's last statement is a generalization?
   - **A.** I'll
   - **B.** works
   - **C.** hard
   - **D.** always

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The Extra-Good Sunday

Generalizing

REVIEW

Directions: Read the story. Then read each question about the story. Choose the best answer to the question. Mark the space for the answer you have chosen.

Bake Sale

Almost everyone in Mrs. Kennedy's class was excited about this year's bake sale. This time, it was Gary's dad's turn to help the children bake. Once again, Mrs. Kennedy had dressed for the occasion. She wore a chef's hat.

All the children lined up outside the school kitchen except for Seth. He had never baked before. He was sure that whatever he made would be awful. He had volunteered to wash dishes the whole time, but Mrs. Kennedy said he should try to bake something. Seth wished he hadn't agreed.

The children got busy right away. They worked as a team and in no time they had batter and dough ready to cook. Even Seth smiled when he tasted the brownie batter he had helped make. It was delicious. Seth now knew that baking could be fun.

1. _____ of the children were excited about the bake sale.
   - ⬭ All
   - ⬭ A few
   - ⬭ Most
   - ⬭ None

2. It is most likely true that Mrs. Kennedy wears—
   - ⬭ the same hat all the time.
   - ⬭ only dresses.
   - ⬭ lots of hats.
   - ⬭ special clothes for special occasions.

3. It is most likely true that—
   - ⬭ parents had helped with other bake sales.
   - ⬭ this was the first time a parent helped with a bake sale.
   - ⬭ Gary's dad always helped.
   - ⬭ Seth's dad never helped.

4. It is most likely true that Seth—
   - ⬭ would never be a good baker.
   - ⬭ is always willing to try something new.
   - ⬭ would never bake again.
   - ⬭ would bake again.

5. What can you generalize from Seth's experience?
   - ⬭ It can be fun to try new things.
   - ⬭ Never try anything new.
   - ⬭ Everyone likes to bake.
   - ⬭ All baked goods taste delicious.

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