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Edge Level C Unit 4 Cluster 2

"Breaking the Ice"

_____ 1. The author, Dave Barry, is an adult writing to respond to a question from a teenager. What phrase of Mr. Barry's lets the reader know he is an adult?

F. "So the first rule of dating is: Never risk direct contact with the girl in question."
G. "...would LOVE to go out with you. But YOU have to make the first move."
H. "So it was definitely a fun first date, featuring all the relaxed spontaneity of a real-estate closing..."
I. "The most sensible way to ask a girl out is to walk directly up to her on foot ..."

_____ 2. Read the sentences from the humor column.

If it had been legal, I think she would have got out and sprinted alongside the car, steering through the window. Judy and I, sitting in the back seat about seventy-five feet apart, were also silent unable to communicate without the assistance of Phil, Nancy, and Sandy.

What type of literary device does the author use in these sentences?

A. Metaphor, by comparing his inability to make conversation to the need to have several friends in the car with him.
B. Hyperbole, exaggerating the width of the back seat of a car.
C. Pun, by saying that his mother (she) is sprinting while steering.
D. Symbolism, representing his mother as a sprinter in order to get her out of the vehicle.

_____ 3. Both "They Speak Success" and "Breaking the Ice" are alike in many ways EXCEPT

F. Both authors use humor as a technique to engage and maintain the interest of the reader.
G. The selections address the concept that to succeed, the reader needs self-confidence.
H. The authors feel that some people are afraid of speaking to others whether individually or in a group.
I. Both articles use personal experiences to relate the authors' concepts to the reader.

_____ 4. Dave Barry, the author of "Breaking the Ice" is a columnist. Which statement below is NOT a quotation from Dave Barry?

A. "Eugene is located in western Oregon, approximately 278 billion miles from anything."
B. "The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude."
C. "I have been a gigantic Rolling Stones fan since approximately the Spanish-American War."
D. "To an adolescent, there is nothing in the world more embarrassing than a parent."

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_____ 5. Read the sentences from the column.

My mother was driving. This made for an extremely quiet drive, because my mother, realizing that her presence was hideously embarrassing, had to pretend she wasn't there.

What does the word *hideously* mean as used in the sentence above?

F. The state or condition of being in a place at a certain time.
G. To make uncomfortable or ill at ease.
H. In a very unpleasant way.
I. In a nice or engaging manner.

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