

## 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."

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.