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INFERENCE

As you read the story, think about what you already know in addition to what the story says. Try to figure out what the story means by thinking about what makes the most sense.

The King Lion

The animals of the field and forest had a Lion as their King. When anyone had a problem, he took it to the Lion King, and the Lion King helped to solve it. When anyone had an argument, they took it to the Lion King, and he helped to settle it. The Lion King never made demands that were in his own interest. He wanted only what was best for each and every animal. Day after day, the Lion King thought about nothing but the animals who were his subjects. Then he sat down and wrote out a Royal Order. He called all the animals to come before him. He stood on a hilltop and watched the animals come together from far and near. He waited for them to settle. "Hear ye, hear ye!" the Lion began, in his deep and rumbling voice. "I have written out my orders for a new way of doing things that will be better for all. From this day forward, the Wolf and the Lamb shall agree to live in peace. The Panther and the Goat shall live in peace. The Tiger and the Deer, and the Dog and the Rabbit— all shall live together in perfect peace and harmony. The Rabbit said, "Oh, how I have longed to see this day, in which the weak shall take their place without fear, by the side of the strong." And after the Rabbit said this, he ran for his life.

1. Why did the animals bring their problems to the Lion?

- A. The animals knew the Lion was powerful.
- B. The animals knew the Lion was fair.
- C. The animals feared that the Lion would punish them.

2. Why did the Lion write a Royal Order?

- A. The Lion wanted the best for each and every animal.
- B. The Lion was tired of the animals bringing their problems to him.
- C. The Lion wanted to be King of the field and forest.

3. Why did the Lion call all the creatures together to hear the Royal Order?

- A. The Lion wanted to show off his power.
- B. The Lion wanted to punish the strongest of the creatures.
- C. The Lion wanted every creature to hear the new rules.

4. What was the purpose of the Lion's Royal Order?

- A. Natural enemies would live together in peace.
- B. Natural enemies would live in different places of the forest.
- C. Natural enemies would have to settle their own differences.

Think about what makes the most sense, to draw a conclusion:

The Rabbit said, "Oh, how I have longed to see this day, in which the weak shall take their place without fear, by the side of the strong." And after the Rabbit said this, he ran for his life.

5. This is probably because:

- A. The Rabbit was afraid that the Lion was trying to trick all the creatures.
- B. The Rabbit did not think the Lion's new rules would work.
- C. The Rabbit did not want to be friends with the Dog.

Hi

I've been meaning to write for ages and finally today I'm actually doing something about it. Not that I'm trying to make excuses for myself, it's been really hard to sit down and write, as I've been moving around so much. Since we last saw each other I've unpacked my bags in four different cities. This job has turned out to be more of a whirlwind than I expected, but it's all good!

I went from London to Prague to set up a new regional office there. You know I'd always wanted to go, but maybe I was imagining Prague in spring when I used to talk about that. Winter was really hard, with minus 15 degrees in the mornings and dark really early in the evening. But at least it was blue skies and white snow and not days on end of grey skies and rain, like at home. It's tough being away from home over Christmas, though, and Skype on Christmas Day wasn't really the same as being with everyone.

From there I was on another three-month mission to oversee the set-up of the office in New York. Loved, loved, loved New York! It's like being in one big TV show, as everywhere looks just a little bit familiar. I did every tourist thing you can think of when I wasn't working, and must have spent most of my salary on eating out. It was really hard to leave for the next job, especially as I kind of met someone (!) More about Michael later ...

So then I was posted to LA, which felt like a whole other country compared with the East Coast. I could definitely get used to that kind of outdoor, beach lifestyle, but I didn't spend as much time getting to know California as I could have because I was flying back to see Michael every other weekend. He came to see me when he could, but his job means he's often working at weekends, so he couldn't make the flight very often. Those three months flew by and then I was off again, to Frankfurt, which is where I am now. And ... so is Michael! He got a month off work and we're trying to work out how we can be in the same place at the same time for a while. We figure the first step in that direction is getting married, which is also why I wanted to write – I can't get married without my oldest friend there! The wedding's going to be at home in London in September and I hope you can come!

Anyway, tell me all your news and I promise not to leave it so long this time!

Lots of love,

Kath

6. Recently, Kath has been ...

A. making an effort to email people she knows.

- B. too busy to even think about writing emails.
- C. thinking about writing an email to her friend.

7. Prague was ...

- A. better than Kath imagined.
- B. just as Kath imagined.
- C. not as nice as Kath imagined.

8. Kath says Christmas was ...

- A. exciting because she was in a new place.
- B. difficult because she missed her family.
- C. as good as usual thanks to technology.

9. In New York, she spent most of her money on ...

- A. tourist attractions.
- B. restaurants.
- C. a TV.

10. How did Kath feel about LA?

- A. It's nice for a holiday but not to live.
- B. She would have enjoyed spending more time at the beach.
- C. She didn't really like the beach part of the LA lifestyle.

Make Inferences and Draw Conclusions

When you make inferences and draw conclusions, you put details together to figure out the meaning of a passage. Read the paragraph below. Then answer the questions that follow.

As soon as Virgil walked into the shop, he began to sneeze. The little shop was lined with cages full of furry little creatures or feathery ones, as well as colorful fish in their bubbling blue glass tanks. A woman wearing horn-rimmed glasses and a worried look stepped from behind the counter. Virgil said hello, but then he sneezed once more. And sneezed again—and again. Each time he sneezed, the animals in their cages seemed to vibrate with agitation. Before Virgil could get out the word *birdseed*, the woman in the glasses asked him if he could please come back another time.

11. Where does this story take place?

- A. A pet store
- B. A farmhouse
- C. A feed store
- D. An aquarium

12. Why is Virgil sneezing?

- A. He is allergic to something in the shop
- B. It is very cold in the shop
- C. The woman behind the computer has on too much perfume.
- D. The animals in the shop need to get a bath

13. What does vigil want to do?

- A. He wants to look at the animals.
- B. He wants to interview for a job.
- C. He wants to buy a parakeet
- D. He wants to buy some birdseed

14. Why do you think the woman asks Vigil to leave?

- A. She doesn't want his business
- B. She knows he is a troublemaker
- C. His sneezing is agitating the animals.
- D. He doesn't take good care of his pets.

Directions: Read the passage. Then use the information from the passage to answer

Where the Buffalo Roam

For centuries, Native Americans of the Great Plains relied on wild buffalo herds for their food, shelter, and tools. In 1865, more than 12 million buffalo lived on the Great Plains. But then more and more settlers moved west. By 1890, most of these animals were gone. There were only 750 buffalo left. Fortunately, the number of buffalo has grown since then. The animal that we call buffalo is also called American bison. Today there are about 80,000 of these big, shaggy animals in the United States. They live in parks and reserves. One herd of free-ranging buffalo lives in Yellowstone National Park. "Free-ranging" means that the animals are allowed to roam throughout the park. This is their natural way of life. Many people hope that this herd will continue to grow. Some cattle ranchers who live near Yellowstone do not like having the buffalo there. They worry that the buffalo could come onto their land and make their cattle sick. Because of this, the government has slaughtered more than 3,500 buffalo. But many people do not believe the buffalo can actually pass diseases to cattle. In 2003, a law was passed to make it harder for the government to kill buffalo. The buffalo once were the center of many Native Americans' way of life. They were the source of most of the things that these Native Americans needed to live. Protecting the buffalo is important. It preserves part of our natural history.

15. You can infer that buffalo live in parks and reserves so that _____.

- A. they will not have to travel much
- B. they have protection while their numbers grow
- C. it is easier for people to see them
- D. they do not hurt people who want to watch them

16. You can infer that millions of buffalo disappeared in the late 1800s because _____.

- A. Native Americans hunted them
- B. they caught a disease from cattle
- C. herds of buffalo moved away
- D. they were killed by settlers